



DALKEY - Deilginis 'Thorn Island'

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June: *In honour of the Goddess Juno, patroness of women, marriage and the home.*

A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.

A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon.

A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.

*Guímid Lá Shona, shuaireach do gach Athair in Deilginis!
We wish a happy enjoyable Father's Day to all the Dads in Dalkey
on June 19th!*



*Flower:
Rose*



Sorrento Terrace and Dalkey Island viewed from The Vico Bathing Place. Photograph by Dalkey resident John Fahy. See www.dalkeyphotos.com for more

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SUMMARY OF DCC MAY MONTHLY MEETING



The DCC May Meeting was held in the Harold Boys School on Tuesday 3rd May.

Treasurer: The annual subscription envelopes are being returned and Ed encouraged the Road Reps to collect outstanding envelopes as soon as possible.

DTT: The summer Litter Patrols will be commencing from the 1st June and new volunteers are most welcome. The litter bin at the entry/exit to the DART station has been removed and this matter will be investigated.

NW: Gardai have informed us to be vigilant and as the summer approaches parents should be aware of the whereabouts of their children. Gardai have said that they will disperse gangs of young people drinking and take the alcohol from them.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.



DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



There is an exciting time ahead in Dalkey for those interested in books, reading, literary pursuits and general festival atmosphere! Firstly we will have the Bloomsday Festival on Thursday 16th June, followed by the Dalkey Book Festival from 17-19th.

Bloomsday: Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre will present the **Dalkey Schoolroom Scene** from The Nestor episode (Chapter Two) of **Ulysses** on Bloomsday, Thursday June 16th at 15.30 hours. This celebrates the fact that James Joyce set this episode in the Clifton School on Dalkey Avenue. Clifton is now a private residence, called 'Summerfield'.



The performance will be followed by a **Joycean Walk** past places with a Joycean connection in Dalkey, led by Joe Dunne, expert Joycean Guide. The Walk will culminate in a lively sharing of Joycean experiences at the Queen's hostelry, where burgundy wine and gorgonzola cheese will be provided to walkers 'on the house'. (Keep your ticket for admission).

Some impromptu readings will be held too and you are invited to join in!

At 8pm all are invited to attend the highly popular **Joycean Evening** where a team of actors will perform enlightening, fun extracts from 'Ulysses' 'Dubliners,' 'A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man' and some of Joyce's poems. Tenor Simon Morgan and Soprano Donna Malone will be accompanied by Josh Johnston in songs that James Joyce sung or which feature in his work.

You can learn more about the work of James Joyce in a fun filled programme which will

whet your appetite for more! Tickets are €10 for afternoon show and €15 for the evening one available at the Heritage Centre.

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is one of the many venues for events in the second **Dalkey Book Festival June 17th -19th**. There is an exciting programme planned, with particular reference to the celebration of the centenary of the birth of writer Flann O'Brien. The team of actors from our series of 'Know your Flann from your Cruiskeen Lawn' will be on hand at festival time with readings, both planned and impromptu!

Award winning writer and Director of Deilg Inis Living History Theatre Company, Shay Linehan has written a play especially for the Festival, called '*Shopping in Chains*'. It features a woman who was once, as she ruefully admits a 'branded slave' but through circumstances in her life she has changed to shopping locally (in Dalkey). It is a compelling story of our times set in the area with fun and pathos excellently played by Brenda Mc Sweeney from Deilg Inis. Among the many events not to be missed! Elsewhere in this newsletter Sian Smyth gives an outline of the events of the Dalkey Book Festival. Check the website for up to date information www.dalkeybookfestival.org.

Back in the Castle we had widespread PR interest in our response from Buckingham Palace to our invitation to Queen Elizabeth II to visit her ancestors, the Tudors. At the time of going to print, we are still wondering if Her Majesty will make a secret visit! In the meantime, we have our Tudor Lords and Ladies who are royally entertaining all visitors who arrive at the Centre.



Living History Live Performances daily from 10.00-18.00 weekdays and 10.30-18.00 on Sat and Sun. Closed on Tuesdays. Please note: numbers on each tour are limited. Check availability before arrival as tours can be fully booked in advance by group bookings.

Zumba Fitness classes begin in Dalkey Town Hall on Wednesdays starting on May 25th. Classes will be taught by Zumba fitness instructors Lukasz Matuszak and Colette Bourke who are experienced and licensed teachers from ZIN (Zumba Instructor Network) and professional Latin American and Ballroom dance teachers. Cost €50 for six week course or you can pay as you go at €10 a class. **Times: Class one: 7pm-8pm and Class two: 8pm-9pm every Wednesday from May 25th.**

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Isn't it such an exciting time of the year to be a gardener? Ivies smother some of our walls with their smitten fresh limey growth. Midsummer's day falls this month. Our longest day of the year.

'We love June for...all those reasons that are for gardeners almost too obvious to state. Full-bosomed lushness of growth, rainbows of colour arcing over pretty much every garden, warm breezes, pollinators pollinating, roses dripping with scent and sensuality, lawns the colour of freshly-podded peas, late sunsets and the feeling of cold dew on bare feet'.

WORDS BY: JAMES ALEXANDER-SINCLAIR.

June certainly is a month of vigorous growth and flowering. So many of our plants take advantage of our warm weather and bright days. All our bedding plants and containers grow rapidly and come into flower, adding a new dimension of colour. The risk of frost is over especially here in Dalkey close by the sea. We can grow well, less hardy plants, such sea favourites as red hot poker (*Kniphofia*), agapanthus, sea holly (*Eryngium*). Escallonias too love coastal gardens - buddleja globosa, the orange ball tree and then there is a whole plethora of hebes. Our plants near the edge of our borders and around our hall doors are the first we see. They more or less say, Welcome right here:... They are rather like a good receptionist in a hotel, need to be pleasant and amenable at all times. Clever planting schemes using flowers and shrubs that can tolerate long dry spells, cut down the time we need to spend watering...using less water, means we'll be doing our bit to help the environment and we will ease the pressure on over-stretched water supplies. Sedums,



Kniphofia Caulescens
It's a perennial evergreen

cistus and silvery furry leaved strachys, artemisia, lavender, veronica and tanacetum are absolute favourites for long hot summers and don't our summer days provide the perfect excuse to gather friends and family around for an impromptu get together. Eating alfresco extends our living space - giving us the perfect outdoor room to enjoy our long hazy, lazy days.

They say a garden without a rose is a bit like a doughnut without jam. Roses as we know, have inspired poets, song writers and millions of love struck souls. I used to hear growing up, 'One rose given out of love is better than rooms full given out of duty'. I heard someone else say recently, 'don't grumble that roses



Eryngium – Sea Holly



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New Dawn Rose – a climber whose semi-double blooms are born in profusion

have thorns, be thankful that thorns have roses'. Everybody can find room for a rose no matter how limited their space. We can choose from ramblers to tiny varieties that will grow well in a patio pot. If you really love roses, then maybe, go for the climbing varieties. A climbing rose in bloom can have such a dramatic impact than almost anything else in the garden. You can even intertwine a miniature clematis viticella alpine variety with your climber. The viticellas won't engulf your climber and is so easily pruned. Really, there is a huge variety of roses to choose from, including ground cover, hybrid tea, patio, shrub, rambler and climbers. What an effective way to transform a bare grey wall, fence, arbour, arch, pergola or even tree. New Dawn with its

shell pink elegant semi-double blooms is considered to be one of our top favourites. Zéphirine Drouhin, which is thornless and easy to prune, almost fruity carmine - pink blooms and then, Dublin Bay, another delight has glorious deep red velvety blooms. Some gardening books will tell you that there is a rose that will grow for each month of our year.

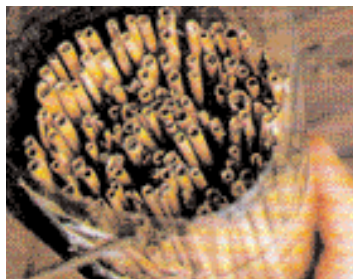
This year, I have grouped our herbs together in a pot by a nearby door so that they can be picked easily whatever the weather and let's admit it, we can't beat the taste of fresh, home grown herbs. For instant impact, use larger plants. I have rosemary, sage, two types of parsley and lemon thyme in ours. Camomile, creeping thyme, marjoram, sage and oregano are pretty effective for most vulnerable edges of our garden. Parsleys, cumin, basil, are more tender. Sorrel, tansy, lemon balm and mint tolerate moist shade but the latter two are invasive and rarely stay in their patch. Quite often, most amazing, intense and unusual perfumes come from some of our most ordinary looking leaves. Lemon verbena is one, pineapple sage is another, possibly 'a dark horse'!, ginger mint is another and menthe, 'Eau de Cologne', are two absolute winners.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE JOBS

1. Piles of logs, twigs and leaves all encourage insects and shelter wildlife. Maybe, plant a small ornamental tree this summer. The more trees the more wildlife and we'll have from birds and fungi to invertebrates and butterflies.
2. Camillias growing too large in pots can be pruned now that the last flowers have faded, thin out and shorten the stems.
3. Cymbidium orchids can be placed outdoors in a sheltered spot, kept moist and fed, occasionally.
4. Basil is best grown in a greenhouse as it needs extra warmth, seeds can still be sown for later in the summer.

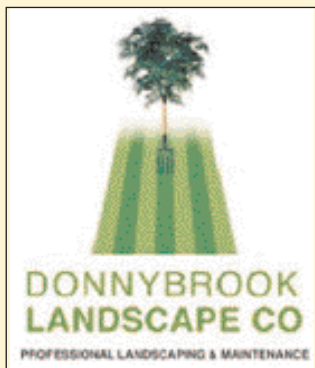


Lavender – its flowers contain a perfumed colourless oil that vaporises and can travel on a warm breeze



If you offer lacewings a suitable winter hideout now, they shouldn't fly off in search of alternative shelter. Simply cut off the base of a plastic bottle but don't wash it out as the sweet residues will act as a lure. Pack the bottle with rolls of tightly rolled corrugated cardboard. Hang it in a sheltered place about 6 ft. high with open end facing down.

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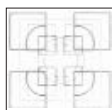
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a relatively recent blow-in to Dalkey I have been reading your monthly newsletter with interest, if with a level of frustration, so have decided to write in.

The reason for my frustration has nothing to do with the great format and content of the newsletter, but a lot do with the price of shoes.....

Why the price of shoes? Well, mainly because of the dog mess 'assault course' which is Dalkey High Street (and its surrounding area).

I have gotten through 3 pairs of perfectly good shoes since we moved here - you may say that's just wasteful or perhaps I have a long walk to work? But I say that it's because I categorically refuse to clean someone else's dog mess off my shoes and would rather bin the offending (and stinking) footwear (admittedly, in the style of a stroppy 3 year old serving an eviction notice on his favourite toy).

My anger is further compounded by the fact that when I tell people I have moved to Dalkey, they joke that it's really 'Posh' (a great pub quiz question, but I think it actually stands for '**Poo On Street Here**'...)

We do live near the high street, and not only do we suffer stray (and unbelievably leashed!) dogs wandering onto our drive to relieve themselves, we also endure the hop skip and jump which has become a stroll through the high street - all the way avoiding offending 'deposits' like landmines.

I notice in April's newsletter that we are all encouraged to do our bit for the Tidy Town effort; but seriously, a vigilant Tidy Town judge only has to look down from their double laminated clipboard at the pavement to notice that both residents and visitors are running the dog mess gauntlet, and as a result are getting through more shoe leather than Imelda Marcos.

To that end, I appeal to all owners of our four legged friends to: (a) please do not let your dogs run free in Dalkey and (b) by all means continue to be 'posh', but please do pick up...

If you see an angry man sitting with a scoop, some bags and a bin outside his drive, please wave and say hi.

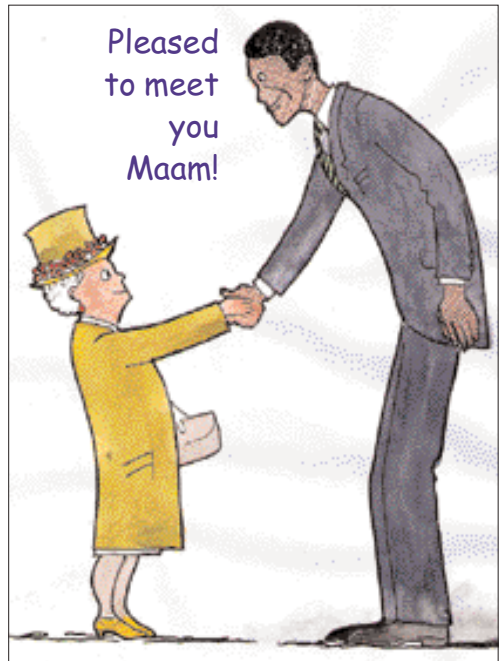
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DOUBLE BLOW FOR NORTH'S REDS

I wrote before about Tollymore forest park in County Down where a small (5-9) number of surviving red squirrels in the forest had their population dramatically increased by the work of a group of concerned conservationists and local people. They had trapped and removed alien grey squirrels and supplementary fed the red squirrels. They had designed and manufactured special feeder cages which would allow reds in but whose entrance holes were too small for greys to get through. Two of those feeders were actually ordered by DLR and placed on trees on Killiney Hill. The squirrel action group's work in Tollymore had increased the number of reds to over 100 and was seen as a very successful example of practical conservation.

One significant advantage Ireland's red squirrels had over Britain's red squirrels was that here there hadn't been any incidents of Squirrel Parapox Virus (SPPV), a disease, similar to distemper, which is carried by grey squirrels who are immune to it but when contracted by reds is nearly always fatal, leading the reds to die in a very unpleasant manner within two weeks. It has been very influential in wiping out many local populations of reds in England and Wales but although a couple of greys had been found to harbour antibodies of the virus there hadn't been any reports of it being found in reds in Ireland.

Until last April. An item on BBC Northern Ireland spoke of a further threat to their red squirrel population from the virus. The item was supposed to feature on the NI news that evening but was held over since most of the programme was concerned with the hundreds of wildfires that were sweeping across the country destroying bogs, scrubland and forestry. When we'd been to Tollymore we'd been lucky enough to meet a woman whose house was actually in the forest. She herself was involved in the squirrel action group and she very kindly took us in to her garden where a number of reds hopped along fences and across the lawn to the food she was providing for them. I sent her an email saying I was sorry to hear about the outbreak presuming she'd have more information. She did and it wasn't good at all. The red squirrel that died from SPPV had actually been found in Tollymore, the first confirmed case in a red squirrel in Ireland, and to date there had been a total of ten red squirrels found dead from the virus in the forest. As if that wasn't bad enough the forest hadn't escaped the fires either. The forest fires had destroyed one complete wood where a good population of reds lived and two other forests with reds had also been damaged in the area.

Almost certainly young squirrels in the dray were probably burnt alive and potential future



Red Squirrel with ear clip

Photo: M. Ryan



Killiney Hill

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food from the trees would have been destroyed which is a very depressing thought. To counteract the threat of SPPV infection they've removed the feeders to prevent cross infection between the reds. As our friend, Jeanette says 'We just have to do what we can and get on with it - we are still seeing healthy reds which is very encouraging'. Very best of luck to them, after all the work they've done to help the squirrels it seems very tough and must be very disheartening that they should receive this double blow.

Incidentally this is the centenary year of grey squirrels introduction into Ireland when six pairs were given as a wedding present to the Earl of Granard in Longford. Little did they know that their very novel present would be devastating native wildlife one hundred years later.

Locally I'd seen a red squirrel on Killiney which had a big tuft of fur missing from it's tail. Didn't know if it had been attacked by a predator, maybe a close encounter with a dog or cat or had it been involved in a bizarre accident. Subsequently the only red squirrels we saw on the hill seemed to be the damaged tail one and I was wondering was it the only red left. I contacted one of the researchers to tell him and was glad to hear that they had actually



Jay

Photo: M. Ryan

trapped three red squirrels in the wood, taken DNA samples and then had cut the hair from their tails for identification. They'd also put clips on their ears which can be seen in the photo. The handling was kept to a minimum and wouldn't have done the squirrels any harm.

THE JAY WAY

Last year on Killiney Hill my sharp eyed companion had seen a Jay going into a tree evidently to its nest and subsequently we could actually see the almost fledged young birds spilling out over the side of the nest. If we hadn't seen it last year I wouldn't have known the birds had actually returned to the same nest this year. Although close to a path the nest is very difficult to see and they are very secretive birds at the best of times but we have seen what is presumably the male jay who stands guard nearby and occasionally brings in food to his mate sitting on the nest. The jays call is quite a raucous sound but we could hear this bird as it perched nearby producing a great array of low sounds, some almost melodic, as if it was communicating with its mate in the nest. It stays very inconspicuous but will launch itself at anything that threatens the nest. We've seen him driving off magpies as well as hooded crows and sparrowhawks all birds that might threaten their chicks. Jays have nested successfully on the hill for the last two years producing four or five young each time so fires, humans and predators withstanding they might be successful again this year.



Jay standing guard Photo: M. Ryan

DALKEY'S SUMMER BIRDS

Their numbers have crashed nationwide in recent years but there seems to be quite a few Song Thrushes around this year and there are at least three singing on Dalkey Hill where they hadn't held territory in previous years. We used have Dawn Chorus outings on Killiney Hill during the 90s and although we might hear song thrushes singing from across the road



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from someone's garden we never had any in the woods of the park, so for whatever reason they're now on Dalkey and Killiney hills they're very welcome. Song thrushes are one of our most dramatic songsters whose strident calls are often the last bird song coming out of the dusk on warm spring or summer nights.

Blackcaps are summer migrants (the ones that come to our gardens in winter are from eastern Europe) and they seem to be doing very well as a species which is reflected in our own locality with good numbers singing on the hills, usually from dense cover, although one has been singing from a tree on the path up to the Telegraph Tower. Other summer migrants of the warbler family, Chiffchaffs and Willow Warblers are plentiful in the woods as well.

Almost every year another summer migrant warbler from Africa the much scarcer Whitethroat sings from the trees and bushes between the Vico Road and the railway line. Sure enough he appeared this year in the usual places, his fast bursts of song tracing him from bush to treetop. Maybe no females had arrived at his previous location but early in May he was singing from the top of Dalkey Hill. You'd hope after flying over 3,000 miles from his wintering grounds in Sub Saharan Africa he'd be able to find a mate and raise a family.

The song thrushes larger relative is the Mistle Thrush and we saw a pair in the woods on Killiney hill attempting to build a nest in three different locations all of which they subsequently abandoned. They're one of the few songbirds which make nests which are quite visible, often in the fork of large trees, relying on their size and ferocity to defend it. They were still around at time of writing so hopefully they found a suitable site.

By comparison Treecreepers make nests in the tiniest of cracks or behind the bark of trees, sometimes in conifers although a pair on Killiney were nesting in a very large beech tree behind a split in the main trunk which looked like the safest possible location any bird could nest in.



Mistle Thrush

Photo: M. Ryan



Dalkey Sunset

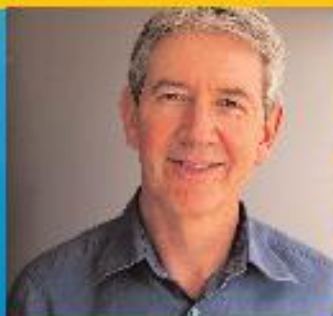
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MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO HELP

We had the An Taisce National Clean-Up Day on Saturday 16th April, despite a small turn out of extra helpers, we achieved a lot.

The weather started off a bit drizzly, but petered out by lunchtime. Good work was carried out in the Council / Eurospar carpark on the flowerbeds. A big thank you goes to the DLRCC Parks Dept, who sent down a large tractor-trailer on Tuesday morning to take away all the green waste, which was filled to the brim.

Great work was also carried out at Bulloch Harbour and around the town centre including power washing of “Writers Corner” (the recently upgraded corner at St Patrick’s Avenue and Railway Road). The Dalkey Business Group carried out painting in this area, a few weeks ago.

On behalf of Dalkey Tidy Towns, I would like to thank all helpers who turned out to help, including a group of 5 young ladies from the Loreto Abbey Transition Year, who were working on their Gaisce Award.

From May onwards Dalkey Tidy Towns will start the weekly clean-ups on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. They generally last for one and a half hours, but help for any length of time will be gratefully welcomed. Currently we are looking for someone to be the focal person on Saturday mornings.

If anybody would like to be the focal person on any evening, as an extra session, please let us know. If anybody would like to cast his or her eye and trowel, over the flower beds in the car-park, on a two weekly or so basis, please let us know.

Thanks & regards,

Terry Wheatley – Dalkey Tidy Towns



LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Photos of the boys and girls of Loreto Primary School enjoying ‘*Active Schools Week*’. The success of the week was largely due to the huge co-operation between pupils, parents, teachers and volunteers from the local community.



The material in the Planning Section of the Newsletter is based entirely on data taken from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's website. If you are concerned about a particular item it is strongly recommended that you examine the relevant file in the Council's offices.

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0193

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Apr-2011

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

Proposal : Permission for demolition of a two storey four bedroom house (226 sq.m) and the construction of 3 No. two storey four bedroom detached dwellings (254 sq.m., 210sq.m and 208 sq.m in area) with roof mounted solar collectors on each dwelling, modifications to the existing access at Dalkey Avenue to provide access to all three proposed houses, landscaping and ancillary site development works.

Reg. Ref. D11A/0198

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Marie Conlon, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for a development on a 0.21655 hectare site at Ardburgh Road. The development will comprise of the construction of 2 No. semi-detached dwelling houses. House No. 1 is a 5 bedroom house over three levels with a gross floor area of 345.6 sq.m. House No. 2 is a 5 bedroom house over three levels with a gross floor area of 327.7 sq.m. A new access to the site is proposed from Ardburgh Road and a total of 6 No. car parking spaces are provided. The proposed development includes all site development works, services, landscaping and boundary treatments.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0138

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Dominic Galvin, 66, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for material alterations to the permitted development per Reg. Ref. D08A/1392 (An Bord Pleanála Reg. Ref. PL06D.233883) to consist of: amendments to the fenestration to the front and side elevations, omission of glass box and canopy above front door, and the replacement of permitted timber cladding infill with treated copper finish to the front and side elevations and minor alterations to side gable window.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0139

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs S Flanagan, 41, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal

Permission is sought for a single storey bedroom extension at first floor level to the side and rear of existing detached single storey house with mansard roof. The roof level to be 0.4 - 0.8 metres above the existing roof level.

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0199

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Apr-2011

Applic. Name & Loc.: Dublin Bus, Hyde Road near junction with Barnhill Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the removal of the existing bus shelter and its replacement with a new stainless steel and glass bus shelter 5.0m x 2.0m x 2.5m high with 2 no. internally illuminated Advertising Panels each of 2 sq. metre area, new shelter relocated 10.5m closer to junction with Barnhill Road.

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0209

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Alan & Michelle Bridgeman, 4, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought to widen the existing vehicular entrance to 3.5m wide, by demolishing the existing splayed wall and pier and constructing a new splayed wall and pier to match existing and all associated site works and dishing of public footpath.

PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED - Wks 15-18 11/4/'11 to 6/5/2011

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0027 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 14-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Enda & Paula Roche, 29, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal : Permission is sought for 1) Demolition of existing single storey shed building and single storey semi-detached garage building to side/east of site including removal and replacement of pitched roof to garage of adjoining property No. 30 Hyde Park to insure integrity of remaining garage building. 2) construction of part single storey, part two storey extension to rear/South and side/East of existing two storey dwelling house. 3) Removal of dormer window to side/East elevation and extension of existing pitched roof to replace existing flat roof over existing two storey extension to side/East. 4) construction of one storey entrance porch to front/North elevation. 5) Demolition of existing single storey storage building to rear/South of site and construction of new single storey recreation room building to rear/South of site. 6) Widening of existing entrance to site by removal and relocation of existing pier. All to existing two storey dwelling house.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0051 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 12-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Aoife & Tony Randles, 3, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the demolition of a single storey garage to the side & sunroom to the rear, and the construction of a new domestic extension (part single storey, part two storey) to the side and rear of the existing house to accommodate new hallway, wc, kitchen & living accommodation at ground floor, and stairway, ensuite, bathroom & bedrooms at first floor.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0054 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 13-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Paschal Byrne, 6, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which will consist of; the conversion from a bedroom to its original use as a garage, minor internal alterations and alterations to front boundary to include railings to match existing.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0058 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 15-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Tara & Conor Nolan, 97 & 98, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: 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.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0063 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: J. Elder & J. Crotty, 2, Anastasia Lane, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations including the extension of existing ground floor storage area to the front and the construction of a first floor extension over part (South East) of existing single storey dwelling to accommodate bedroom and bathroom.

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0085 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 19-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Vodafone Ireland Ltd., 27, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: 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.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0068 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 26-Apr-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Gerard McEvoy, 115, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for conversion of attic space to store room, with new dormer window to side and new velux rooflights to front and rear with internal alterations to house and for all ancillary site and drainage works.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0078 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-May-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Maeve & Chris Gaffney. 129, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for alterations and extensions to existing two storey 5 bedroom dwelling, gross area 168.6 sq.m. The works to include the construction of a single storey porch to the front elevation, a single storey extension with 4 No. roof lights to the rear, a two storey extension to the side and rear elevation with 2 No. roof lights in the rear extension and two No. roof lights in existing roof, the removal of the existing mansard to the side elevations, the installation of 5 No. solar panels on the roof together with alterations to the existing elevations internal alterations and associated site works all to give a two storey 4 bedroom dwelling, gross area 237 sq.m.

Application Type
Permission

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala Wks 15-18 11/4/'11 to 6/5/'11

Reg Ref: D11B/0051 **Date:** 17-Feb-2011

Location: 3, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Planning permission is sought for the demolition of a single storey garage to the side & sunroom to the rear, and the construction of a new domestic extension (part single storey, part two storey) to the side and rear of the existing house to accommodate new hallway, wc, kitchen & living accommodation at ground floor, and stairway, ensuite, bathroom & bedrooms at first floor. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 5-May-'11. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wks 15-18 4/4/'11 to 29/4/'11

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0375 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 21-Apr-2011 **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

Location: Mount Henry, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for development which will consist of: 1. Construction of an underground basement (370sq.m) with grassed roof to be located to the front of the existing part two / three storey detached property, and below the existing front garden to include a car park with 6 no. spaces, garden store, gym, storeroom and wine cellar. Vehicular access to the basement will be off the existing internal driveway; 2. Part removal and reinstatement of the existing boundary wall to an increased height of 2.65m along the north-eastern boundary of the site to include removal of all existing trees and planting of new trees along this boundary; and 3. Redesign and widening to 4.5m of the existing vehicular entrance gate off Torca Road. Permission is also sought for all site development works including removal of trees, infrastructure to service the development, including landscaping works; fencing and boundary treatment.

Applicant: Mount Field Holdings

DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP UPDATE



"Dalkey Business Group (Oliver McCabe & Jason McChesney) presenting cheque for €1,300 to Barnardos charity (Orla Tighe). This money was raised through sales of Dalkey Christmas Cards designed by local school children."

Photo courtesy of local professional photographer Terry McDonagh (www.terrymcdonagh.com). We would like to wish him success in the recent opening of "Mugs Gallery" at 3a Castle Street Dalkey, where you can find many Award winning images and fantastic handmade wooden bowls".

Summer is here and Dalkey is buzzing!! Dalkey is such a great place to visit & shop all year round but especially in Summer whether you are on a day trip or live locally there is always something to do or see. This month is a big month for us with the Dalkey Book Festival on again this year and also there are more new businesses opening so very exciting time - keep an eye on our website www.ilovedalkey.com for all the latest news on this front.

Dalkey Business Group met twice in May on 3rd and also 25th with main focus on 3 things: 1. Dalkey Loyalty Cards, 2. sub Power Groups and 3. Dalkey Book Festival.

Firstly, the Dalkey Loyalty Cards are already providing 1,000 people discounts and special offers in various Dalkey shops & businesses - see www.ilovedalkey.com for all current offers or look out for the window stickers with I Love Dalkey logo and Dalkey Loyalty Card offer). We were inundated with requests so apologies for anyone who had to wait a while to receive their card in post. We hope you have now received your card and are putting it to good use in one of the local businesses already. We have ordered

another 1,000 cards and have improved our process. If any queries, please email us on dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com

Secondly, we have set up sub Power Groups eg Tourism, Loyalty Card etc. and have "leaders" in each group driving these areas in order to "divide & conquer" to progress all areas on a simultaneous basis.

Thirdly, we have been working with Dalkey Book Festival directors Sian Smyth and David McWilliams on the Dalkey Book Festival and are supporting them to help make the festival another success this year for Dalkey. More details below.

Also, memberships of Dalkey Business Group are still available for local businesses in Dalkey area, cost €160 for year and you can register online www.ilovedalkey.com

Dalkey Book Festival 17th - 19th June – The Dalkey Business Group is excited about the annual Dalkey Book Festival in a few weeks' time on Friday 17th to Sunday 19th June



which will see many famous authors in various local Dalkey venues over the 3 days. Going by last year's success this is an event not to be missed and, as tickets particularly for some of the more intimate venues will be snapped up, you should book early to avoid disappointment.

The festival directors, Sian Smyth and David McWilliams, have brought together lots of homegrown talent and some writers from further afield to present an all-star line-up and a host of events for children. There will also be a Dalkey Archive special to celebrate the centenary of Flann O'Brien's birth.

To wet your appetite, some of the authors taking part are locals Maeve Binchy, Paul Murray, Brian Keenan, John Simpson, Gary Jermyn, Sarah Webb, Declan Hughes, John Waters and Ryan Tubridy as well as John Boyne and Roddy Doyle.

Unlike last year, most events are ticketed (to cope with demand!) Tickets can be bought online (see website below) and from the box office (formerly Gemma's) beside Eurospar & Handworks on Castle St. See www.dalkeybookfestival.org

I Love Dalkey Merchandise – DBG offers a range of merchandise to supporters including I Love Dalkey bags, T-Shirts, etc. which are on sale in local businesses. Finally, we are delighted that the volunteers that distribute this wonderful Dalkey Community Council Newsletter will be using I Love Dalkey bags to carry them around. Look out for them and these bags and other merchandise such as T-shirts are on sale in some of the local businesses.

I hope you enjoy the Dalkey Book Festival and benefits of the Dalkey Loyalty Card.

I 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 and shop in.

Many thanks,

Jason McChesney

Chairman, Dalkey Business Group (2011) – www.ilovedalkey.com



DON CONROY FUNDRAISING EXHIBITION



Dalkey based artist, **Don Conroy**, is holding an exhibition as a fundraiser for **Dalkey United Football Club** on their premises from Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th June

(opens Friday 24th). Opening hours are 11-5 on Saturday and 12-5 on Sunday. The exhibition includes a selection of watercolour, pen & ink and oil paintings as well as field sketches of local wildlife. For further information visit www.donconroy.com or email exhibition@donconroy.com



*Grey seal (February 19th Bulloch Harbour).
The grey seal is seen regularly around
the small harbour – Don Conroy*



*Grey seals, more common than the
common seal, around our coastline*



In April 1999 the word spread in the school that a legend would be visiting us within days. We never had a problem with visitors but it was the word 'LEGEND' that raised a query.

Schoolchildren were used to reading of legends in history stores, e.g. Cúchulainn, Fionn and the Fianna and Oisín in Tír na n'Óg. Others that would be well known were King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, Big Foot and El Dorado. Schoolchildren knew that these stories or legends had a kind of magical or mythical thread running through them.

The 'legend' who was visiting us I will tell you about presently. But 6th Class decided this was an opportunity to research 'legend' in the days before our visitor visited and it might even be educational too!

'Legend' it seemed dated from the 1600s from the Latin word 'legenda' that means things to be read and was a narrative of human actions. The Brothers Grimm defined it as folktales historically grounded. It then became clear that legends originated from folktales that had an oral tradition dating back perhaps thousands of years. Ernest Bernheim suggested that legend is simply a survival of rumour!

More research and reading convinced the class that legend should not be used to describe a real person, living or dead! It soon became clear that in recent years journalists used the word when writing of sportspeople, radio or TV stars or presenters, actors, musicians or even ex-managers or managers of football teams! We couldn't accept that our visitor was a legend!

The day finally came when Frank Mullen brought our visitor to the school. Of course, all the readers now know that it just had to be Paul McGrath. Never before had any of the adults there witnessed this level of excitement among the pupils ranging in age from seven to thirteen and the continuous chant from every room of 'Ooh Aah, Paul McGrath'. This sportsman, whose record achievement was outstanding, just smiled and waved as he went from room to room and the only injury he might have suffered that day was writers' cramp as he signed autographs, not only for the pupils, but for families and relations! When I shook his hand that day I realised what a modest and humble man he was.

Born in 1959, his youthful career at Pearse Rovers and Dalkey United was followed in 1981-82 by his renown with St. Patrick's Athletic as The Black Pearl of Inchicore. Later, in 1982 he signed for Manchester United and starred for them for seven seasons, making 163 appearances and scoring 12 goals even though he played at the back! A move to Aston Villa came about in 1989 where he stayed for seven glorious seasons. While all this was happening, he played for Ireland for a total of twelve years and was capped 83 times. He was nearly 39 years old when he retired having ended his career at Sheffield United in 1998. What a Sportsman!

As he left the school that April day in 1999 to shouts of acclaim, we knew he was known as 'God' to his fans but we also knew this wonderful sportsman was not a legend but ??????



*L-R: Seán Ó Gorman,
Paul McGrath and Blenner Courtney*

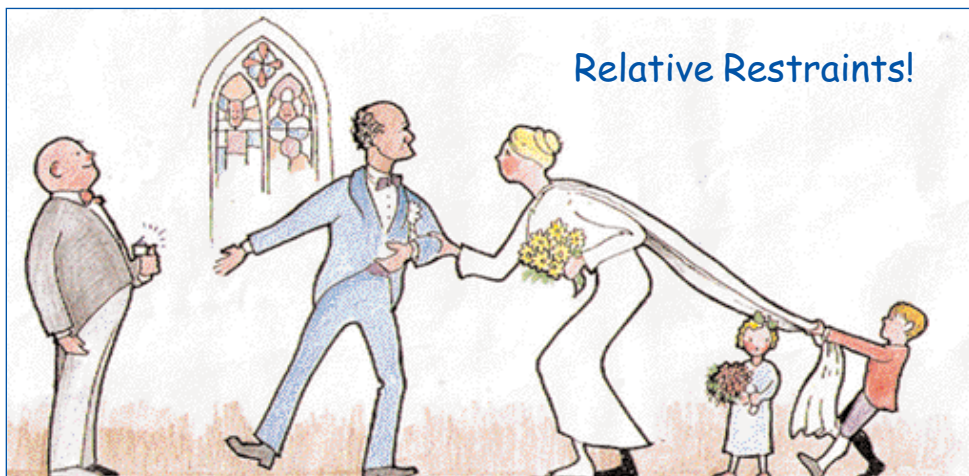


This is part of a series of extracts from the above book by the late Harry Latham, local historian. It was published in 1983 based on his walks in previous years, so some of the commentary will not reflect the current architectural situation.

With Special Thanks to Jeremy Chapman

You are very welcome to Dalkey- this ancient historic place. Some people call it a village, others call it a town, but, in my view, it is both of these things and more. It is really an outlook on life. Dalkey's early beginnings stretch back some thousands of years, being in the centre of the Cuala district - that strip of land running from the Donnybrook River south of the city of Dublin along the coastline to north Wicklow. In fact, "Cullen" is the local name. We must remember that this was a very bleak, rocky and barren spot. The living was very poor indeed. We are now standing at the gates of the grounds of the ancient St. Begnet's Church. This little stone church was built in the 9th century A.D. after the local virgin saint of the 7th century, whose Feast Day is November 12th. Prior to the building of this stone Church there was a little wooden church on this site. The Graveyard was constructed some centuries later - around the 13th century - to give Christian Burial. At the north side of the Church you will find a tombstone commemorating the disaster that befell two troop transports in Dublin Bay in 1807. The Prince of Wales and the Rochdale were caught in a blizzard in the month of November with the loss of 380 lives. A tombstone was also erected to their memory in the old Carrickbrennan-Monkstown Graveyard and another one in the old Graveyard on the Rock Road between here and Dublin. At the main south entrance to the ruined Church one will find a very ancient stone slab of pagan origin. One can find the cups scooped out of the stone slab. This was dug up many years ago in the actual Graveyard. Note the ancient stone cross of St. Begnet standing on the south wall of the cemetery.

We move on now to the Castle just a few metres away from the old cemetery. This Castle was built in the 14th century by merchants of Dublin for the storage of the merchandise which was taken off the sailing ships anchored in St. Begnet's Sea, Dalkey Sound, that is the stretch of water between Dalkey Island and the mainland here. There were six of these Castles built at that time. This one is called the "Goat Castle" - named after the demi-goat in the coat of arms of the Cheevers (Chevres) family who owned property here, including this building, in the 16th century.





Background to Images

Tax-driven development and speculation, facilitated by inadequate regulation, have seriously damaged Ireland, resulting in major negative social, environmental and economic consequences. Similar ills are now set to damage our coastal environment. During the Celtic Tiger years, developers were awarded foreshore leases for construction of two of the biggest offshore windfarms in the world off the East coast, under outdated legislation (The Foreshore Act 1933) on the sole authority of the Minister for the Marine.

There was:

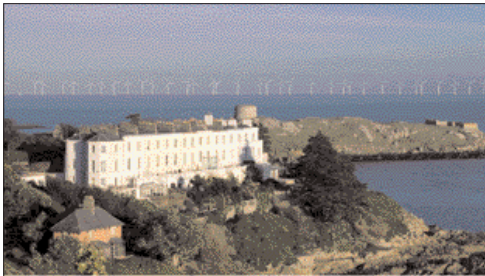
- no statutory involvement of local authorities
- no right of appeal against the Minister's decision
- no public tender
- no central planning for Ireland's seas and coastal zones
- no independent, professional assessment of cumulative landscape impacts
- no Strategic Environmental Assessment to assess cumulative impacts
- no comprehensive, independent cost benefit analysis



Project : Proposed Kish Bank Windfarm

View from Coliemore Harbour

May 2011



Project : Proposed Kish Bank Windfarm

View from Vice Road

These large-scale wind farms on the Arklow Bank and Codling Bank will have major cumulative impacts on the natural heritage of Co. Wicklow in terms of coastal landscapes and marine ecosystems. Due to the democratic deficit in the permitting process, these potential impacts have not been properly assessed.

Images of the proposed windfarm for the Kish Bank from a Dalkey aspect.

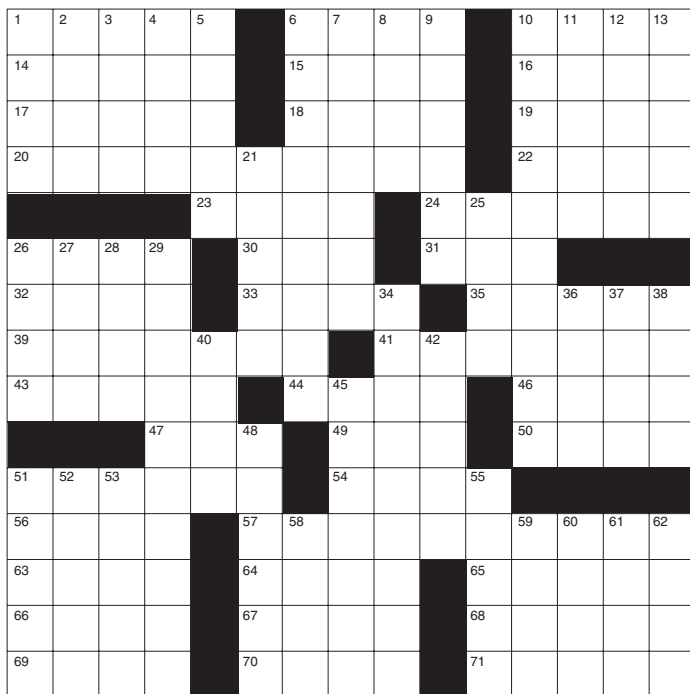
Source: Coastal Concern Alliance



Dalkey Sea Scout Cubs doing their bit for the National Spring Clean

ACROSS

1. Elan
6. Urban haze
10. Weave
14. Seat
15. Not short
16. Listen
17. Any habitation at a high altitude
18. Operatic solo
19. Killer whale
20. Drug
22. Told an untruth
23. Adolescent
24. Cheddar or blue
26. Pant
30. Refinable rock
31. Dawn goddess
32. Dwarf buffalo
33. Standard
35. What we're called
39. Criminal
41. Kind of facial hair
43. African antelope
44. Head of hair
46. Sea eagle
47. Meadow
49. Actress Lupino
50. Marsh plant
51. Appraise
54. Speech problem
56. Parcels of land
57. Eyeglasses
63. "Oh, my!"
64. Emanation
65. Nigerian monetary unit
66. Shopping centre
67. Press laundry
68. Delicacy
69. Parisian airport
70. Gave temporarily
71. Detect



DOWN

1. Con game
2. You (archaic)
3. 3 feet
4. 53 in Roman numerals
5. Construct
6. A guest cabin
7. Sailor
8. Mélange
9. Peek
10. Merchandise jobber
11. Creepy
12. Visages
13. Exchange
21. Long periods of geologic time
25. Sharpen
26. Monopoly or Trivial Pursuit, for example
27. A Freudian stage
28. Couch
29. Without pain
34. Beggar
36. Filly's mother
37. Feudal worker
38. Small storage structure
40. Lyric poems
42. Bakery supply
45. A control surface of a plane
48. Attack
51. San Antonio fort
52. Derived from the sun
53. Procrastinate
55. Trousers
58. Unadulterated
59. Concern
60. Security for a debt
61. Memorable periods
62. Fill to excess

**Solution
to
Crossword
No. 9
is on page 39**

WINDOWS

More than a third of burglars will enter your property through a window. Windows will come in a variety of designs, styles and materials which are commonly one of the following:

- CASEMENT
- TILT & TURN
- SLIDING SASH
- FAN LIGHT
- VELUX
- LOUVRE

Glazing incorporated in window frames is equally varied and is usually annealed, laminated or toughened.

All will be designed to admit light but it is important to remember that windows are a favoured entry point for thieves. You can assess their individual vulnerability which will depend on three main factors:

- The Accessibility of the window
- The Visibility of the window to neighbours or passers-by
- The Quality of the fabrication, strength and installation of the window

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

Accessibility of the window

Remember, a thief can generally get through any gap that is slightly larger than a human head - so don't be complacent about their security because of window size. Windows on the ground floor are more vulnerable than those on the upper level floors. However, upper windows that can be easily reached with a climbing aid, via down-pipes or from an adjoining roof are equally attractive to the burglar. Some of these windows can be protected with decorative metal grilles; but it is important to remember that any such fixing should form an obstruction in the event of an emergency evacuation. Where these grilles are fitted, they should ideally be fitted internally and be retractable or removable as required. Window accessibility and security can also be improved by fitting additional locks, limiters or stronger glazing.

The Visibility of the Window to Neighbours or Passers-by

Windows at the rear and side of premises are more susceptible to criminal attack than those which are clearly visible to others. Make full use of external lighting to illuminate the external approaches to these windows during darkness. Unnecessary visible obstruction can also be caused by overgrown trees or hedging. Overgrown branches or hedging that can restrict the natural line of sight by casual observers should be pruned.

The Quality of the Fabrication, Strength and Installation of the Window

Not all windows are the same. Good design features, quality fabrication and installation can provide a level of security far beyond the capabilities of the average burglar. The modern approach to window security assesses resistance to forced attack of the whole product and not just the component parts. Good security locks can be fitted to inherently weak frames. Similarly, quality frames may be fitted with glazing of inadequate strength. In some cases, quality windows are poorly installed into the building.

There are many different windows on the market today and all will have some security features. The quality of the products, however, can vary considerably. Some can include multi-point locking, reinforced frames, external security beading and laminated glazing, but exaggerated claims about their security can be made. With enough time and effort any window can be forced. What you are buying in security terms should be windows of

sufficient strength and quality to stop or deter the common methods used by burglars to break and enter through them. The extra time and investment made in purchasing quality windows will pay real dividends when it comes to securing your home or business.

For example, on the market today, the current British security standard for windows is BS 7950. 'Windows of Enhanced Security' which means the windows have been independently certified to offer a high degree of protection and be 'attack resistant' generally beyond the capabilities of the average burglar. No compatible Irish standard exists at present in this category: however, some European or global standards may be compatible. Windows falling outside the scope of the British Standard should demonstrate compliance with an alternative European or global standard, e.g. ENV 1627. This should be discussed with your installer.

The BS 7950 is the standard for 'Windows of Enhanced Security' for testing a newly fabricated whole window, comprising lock manipulation, glazing security, mechanical loading and attack testing. It is not a test of individual component parts which, however excellent, could then be installed into an otherwise poor window. BS 7950 certified windows, therefore, also offer the consumer additional protection because they are independently tested and assessed for performance and security. These are currently available in PVC-U, hardwood, softwood and aluminium.

Window Locks and Limiters – You can improve your window security on older windows; however, it is always advisable to seek professional assistance before adding security locks or special glazing to existing windows to ensure any security alteration or additions will not weaken the window frame or structure. It is also advisable to talk to the fabricator or installer beforehand to ensure any warranty you may have is not compromised. Home security and DIY shops sell inexpensive, key-operated locks to fit most kinds of windows. You may need more than one window lock, depending on the size of the opening you need to secure. More vulnerable windows can also be fitted with 'limiters' to restrict the size of the opening.

Annealed Glass – Annealed, float or plate glass is the most common type of glass used in buildings. It breaks easily and when broken forms large sharp fragments.

Laminated Glass – Laminated glass consists of two or more layers of ordinary glass bonded together with a strong material called polyvinyl butyral (PVB). It will give excellent protection against accidents, vandalism or burglary. When attacked the glass itself may break but the glazing will adhere to the PVB bonding layer. The level of protection can be increased depending on the layers and thickness of the glass, however, in general for residential protection a thickness of 6.4 mm or 1/4 inch is sufficient.

Toughened Glass – Sometimes used as an alternative to laminated glass, toughened glass is approximately eight times stronger than plate glass. It should not be used for security purposes in windows and doors as its main value is as a safety glass. Toughened glass is designed to withstand forced blows: however, it is not impenetrable and the surface can be broken or fractured with sufficient force, usually with a sharp or pointed instrument. If the surface is punctured, the entire piece of glass will disintegrate into smaller granular pieces.

Fire Precautions – Any physical changes or alterations made to windows in your home should not needlessly impede or restrict your exit in the event of a fire alert or evacuation. This will be particularly important when fitting laminated glass or where windows are controlled by key operated locks. Keys should always be kept accessible to occupants but out of reach of potential trespassers or burglars.

Remember! – When home is occupied, fire safety is your priority; however, when home is unoccupied, security is your main concern.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND LINKS

The Garda National Crime Prevention Unit, Garda H.Q. Harcourt Square, Dublin 2.

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The end of the Spring Term and the run up to Easter are always busy times at the School.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Plays Week - In the middle of March we held our “Plays Week”, when every pupil from first to fourth class took to the stage, performing their Class Plays for family and friends. This year we staged seven plays and were entertained by some wonderful shows including Cinders, Sunlight and Moonlight, The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Rumpelstiltskin, Witch Griselda Rides Again, The Magic Mirror of Health and The Children of Lir. The audiences each evening were delighted with the accomplished performances, wonderful sets and scenery and the colourful costumes. Congratulations to all our thespians and to their teachers who directed and produced the plays.

School Musical - Pupils in fifth and sixth class perform a musical each year and this year’s production of Honk! Jr was another magnificent show. The pupils put on two evening performances in the School Hall, and their months of hard work rehearsing their lines and choreography, working on sets and props and coordinating costumes really paid off as the audiences enjoyed the results of their dedication. The story of Ugly, the duckling, was relayed through the antics of the farmyard animals, with a brood of greedy ducklings, a flock of goslings and a double-crossing cat all adding to the entertainment.

Easter Concert - the youngest children in the School also took to the stage in the last week of term and delighted their parents with an Easter Concert featuring songs, poems and musical performances. Indeed, our 5 and 6 year olds finished the show with their first ever public performance on their recorders, an instrument they only met for the first time after Christmas!

Sport – Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership held an Easter Sports ABILITY Week at the School from 18th to 21st April. Phena O’Connor, Sports Inclusion Disability Officer, organised fun activity sessions for local children and adults with intellectual and physical/sensory disabilities and children with autism. A range of fun and stimulating activities was on offer including boccia, volleyball, badminton, new age kurling and lots of games. The fine weather was an added bonus for all who participated.

Phena can be contacted at poconnor@dlrcoco.ie if you would like to find out about any similar events to be held in the future. More courses will be on offer during the summer holidays.



**Writer's Corner,
Dalkey**





The boys are back at School after the lovely sunny Easter

holidays. The summer term promises to be very busy and lots of fun. Second class boys are making their First Holy communion on 21st May. There are lots of sporting fixtures and activities planned as always like the Cuala Blitz, the Soccorthon, the School sports day, athletics at Santry and much more. The

whole school are heading off to Baltinglass for the annual school trip on Thursday 12th May. Last term there was lots of excitement when the school was awarded the second green flag.

Green Energy Flag

On the twelfth of April 2011 our school, Harold Boys' N.S. Dalkey was awarded our Green Energy Flag. This is our second flag. We started a campaign called the Switch It Off campaign. The energy squad had to turn off all the lights when we left the room and turn off the sockets and close the windows. The Green School Committee received the flag. Kate Hynes from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council presented it us. All of our parents came and supported us. Well done everyone!

Craig Goulding

Green Energy Flag

On the twelfth of April 2011 members of the community gathered to Harold Boys' National School Dalkey to see the Green Energy Flag being awarded to the school. Very proud parents came to show their joy as Kate Hynes from Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council congratulated us on our second Green Flag. But parents weren't the only ones there. Green party member Ciarán Cuffe and a few council members were present, and some members of our local community. We explained the "Switch it Off" campaign. We worked hard and were glad that we had got our Green Flag!

Eamonn Moroney

Green Energy Flag

12th April 2011 members of the community and 6th class parents were invited to come in to our school to see us getting our second Green Energy Flag. Kate Hynes from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council came in to present the flag to the Green School Committee. The five classes did a lot to get the Flag but the Energy Squad turned off the interactive whiteboards when we were in the yard and turned off the light when we were not using them. We had a "Switch-it-off" campaign where everyone made a poster saying all different things e.g. Múch na Soilte, turn off the sockets when they are not being used. Harold Boys' N.S. has now two Green Flags. We're now trying for the water flag, flag number three!

Denis McKeown

Well done to Rang 6 in the Xperience Engineering Project on Dun Laoghaire Baths. We are through to the final in the Helix on June 9th.

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Harold Boys with their second Green Energy Flag



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“June brings tulips, lilies, roses, fills the children’s hands with posies.”

June also brings an end to the school year! We’re happy that the summer holidays are almost here but we will also be sad that our eight years at Loreto are ending.

We wrote acrostic poems about how much the school means to us and the teacher took lines from them and put them together in this group poem:

Loreto Primary School.....
Our second home since we were four and where we learned to
Read, write, do Maths and sing songs.
Every day was exciting and different.
The teachers taught us Art, PE, Music, Drama and a whole lot more.
On Mondays we had Assembly with prayers and plays and prizes.
People are kind to each other in Loreto and our golden
Rule is “treat others as you would like them to treat you.”
Infants are looked after by bigger girls and
Many pupils in sixth class become wardens who help the teachers in the yard.
Any day you pass by, you’ll hear the laughter and shouts of fun
Radiating from the playground out onto the beautiful blue sea -
Young people, happy and contented as they play.
Summer brought tours, sponsored walks and May devotions.
Christmas will be remembered for concerts and carols and art exhibitions.
Hallowe’en costumes were put together with help from Mums and Dads.
Over the years we looked forward to each new teacher
Or talked about how much we missed the old one, and how we
Loved some subjects but didn’t like others.
Definitely, we’ll miss Loreto when we leave
And we’ll always remember the great times we had there, but it’s good that
Lots of girls are going to the same secondary school so we’ll be able to
Keep in touch with our old friends.
Everyone in Loreto, thank you for all you have done for us since 2003 - from
Your nicest sixth class ever!

IN OTHER NEWS – Active Schools Week was brilliant, and congratulations to the teachers, parents, secondary school girls and pupils who helped make it such a huge success. The week began with a super Sports Day and we were delighted to have had terrific weather for the whole day. We are also really lucky to be able to use the amazing facilities of Loreto Abbey Secondary School - especially their all-weather pitch which is fantastic.

During the rest of the week all the classes got a chance to try tennis, basketball, cricket, tag rugby, handball and orienteering with a group of multi-sport leaders. When we finished each activity and were very thirsty, the parents came to the rescue with juicy oranges and water. Speakers came to the school from Cuala - to talk about sports and safety - and from the Lifeboat Association. The Gardaí also visited and gave us a very interesting talk on cycle safety.

There were lunchtime displays of fencing and different kinds of dance, and three parents taught our class a Loreto cheerleading rap which we performed for the classes, the parents and the teachers! Each boy or girl who participated in Active Schools Week got a special



Active Schools Week in Loreto

certificate, and the best bit of all was the Dance-athon which took place in the secondary school hall on the Friday evening. It was a week to remember!

Our annual Fund-Raising Sponsored Walk takes place during the month of June every year. This year the event will be combined with our Bloomsday celebrations on June 16th, and the destination will be the Martello Tower in Sandycove where James Joyce spent some time in 1904. All the parents and friends of the school are invited to join us and we are looking forward to a very

enjoyable and successful day.

We will be fielding a team, as we do each year, for Cumann na mBunscol's annual sports in Santry. During May, trials were held to choose the team, and the lucky people who will represent the school will travel to Santry on June 2nd. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh go léir!

Last month we were invited to Loreto Abbey to take part in two sessions of German for Beginners. We learned how to count, name all the colours and greet each other in a whole lot of ways. The teacher and the transition year girls were lovely and we enjoyed every minute of it. We would like to thank the principal, Mr. Dunne, for giving us this great opportunity. Vielen dank!

Our class tour will be to Baltinglass Outdoor Education Centre in Wicklow. Our teacher and two parents will travel with us and we will do some canoeing, rock-climbing, swimming, abseiling and running. We'll have a lovely lunch in their cafeteria and everyone is looking forward to an exciting and fun-packed day.

Breaking News: We are proud to announce that our school has just been awarded our second Green Flag and it will be presented at a special ceremony in Croke Park on May 24th! This new one is for our efforts at energy conservation. Next term, we'll begin working towards flag number three!

The final celebration of the year will be on June 27th when we will have our Graduation Mass in the Church of the Assumption. Afterwards, we'll go back to the school and we'll perform our play and have a party. It will be a lovely ending to eight great years.

Slán agus beannacht le Bunscoil Loreto, Deilínis!

Sixth Class

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD NO. 9 (page 30)

ACROSS – 1. Style; 6. Smog; 10. Weft; 14. Chair; 15. Tall; 16. Hear; 17. Aerie; 18. Aria; 19. Orca; 20. Medication; 22. Lied; 23. Teen; 24. Cheese; 26. Gasp; 30. Ore; 31. Eos; 32. Anoa; 33. Norm; 35. Names; 39. Mafioso; 41. Eyelash; 43. Eland; 44. Mane; 46. Erne; 47. Lea; 49. Ida; 50. Reed; 51. Assess; 54. Lisp; 56. Lots; 57. Spectacles; 63. Alas; 64. Aura; 65. Naira; 66. Mall; 67. Iron; 68. Treat; 60. Orly; 70. Lent; 71. Sense.

DOWN – 1. Scam; 2. Thee; 3. Yard; 4. LIII; 5. Erect; 6. Stateroom; 7. Mariner; 8. Olio; 9. Glance; 10. Wholesaler; 11. Eerie; 12. Faces; 13. Trade; 21. Aeons; 25. Hone; 26. Game; 27. Anal; 28. Sofa; 29. Painlessly; 34. Mendicant; 36. Mare; 37. Esne; 38. Shed; 40. Odes; 42. Yeast; 45. Aileron; 48. Assail; 51. Alamo; 52. Solar; 53. Stall; 55. Pants; 58. Pure; 59. Care; 60. Lien; 61. Eras; 62. Sate.

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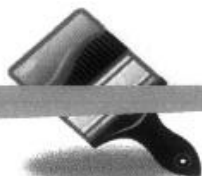
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Friday June 10th at 12.30 p.m. there is a 30-minute tour *'From the Hole in the Ground to the Hole in the Wall'* with Michael Kenny in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street Dublin 7. This is a chance to delve into the history of Irish money during a tour of the 'Airgead' exhibition. Admission free and places allocated on a first-come basis.

Saturday June 11th at 12.30 p.m. There is a 30-minute talk *'The Craft of Aviation: The Vampire Jet'* with Major General Ralph James in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7, who will talk about his experience of flying the amazing Vampire jet on display in the *'Sliders' and 'Chiefs'* exhibition. Admission free and places allocated on a first-come basis.

Saturday June 11th and Sunday June 12th at 3.30 p.m. There is a 60-minute Public Tour *'Kingship and Sacrifice'* in the Museum of Archaeology and History, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, which examines Iron Age finds from Irish wetlands including bog butter and the mysterious 2,000 year old bog bodies. Tickets €2 are available from the Museum shop. Age 16 and under free - no booking required - wheelchair accessible.

Saturday June 18th at 12.30 p.m. There is a 30-minute Gallery talk *'The Shrine of the Cathach'* with Cillian de Gras: in the Museum of Archaeology and History, Dublin 2, to explore one of the holiest reliquaries in Medieval Ireland, the shrine of the 'Cathach' or 'battler' made in the 11th century to house one of the earliest Irish manuscripts. Admission free, no booking required, not wheelchair accessible.

Sunday June 19th at 3.30 p.m. There is a 60-minute Public Tour *'Viking Ireland'* in the Museum of Archaeology and History, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, in which those taking part will discover more about the Vikings who lived in Dublin and see warrior graves, gleaming silver and ice skates made of bone. Tickets €2 are available from the Museum shop. Age 16 and under free - no booking required - not wheelchair accessible.

A BOOK TO READ

**“The Path to Freedom - Articles and Speeches by Michael Collins”
with a foreword by Tim Pat Coogan, published by Mercier Press.**

Michael Collins was Minister for Finance and T.D. for Cork South in the First Dáil of 1919, and as Director of Intelligence for the I.R.A. during the War of Independence he operated from a network of safe houses and secret rooms where he conducted businesses. A member of the Treaty delegation which went to London he took part in the negotiations and while the Treaty that was signed which allowed Northern Ireland to remain within the United Kingdom did not give the Republic he hoped for, he believed that it was stepping stone to the today's Irish Republic. Chairman of the Provisional Government and Commander in Chief of the Irish Free State Army, he was killed during an ambush at Beal na Blath in August 1922 during the Irish Civil War which had broken out several weeks previously and one can only speculate on the course of Irish history and role he would have played in it had he survived.

This excellent book is a re-issue of a 1922 book containing essays and speeches by Collins in which he set down his vision for the future for Ireland in addition to his analysis of the recent past. Some of these were written during the civil war which was a conflict he

struggled very hard to prevent as he saw former comrades take opposing sides and become the deadliest of enemies.

Collins was also a visionary as he saw the necessity for open trade with overseas markets, something we now have within the EU, the need for good investment and sound management of resources and as priority the placing of the national economy on a sound basis.

In the foreword Pat Coogan makes the interesting observation that Michael Collins declined an invitation from his brother Pat to travel to America where he joined the Chicago police force and rose to the rank of captain, and instead destroyed the armed R.I.C. in Ireland which were later replaced by the unarmed An Garda Síochána when the Irish Free State, the present day Republic, was established. Coogan then provides the reader with an overview of Collin's career concluding with the irony that the leader of the Beal na Blath ambush was a former comrade who had undergone sadistic torture at the hands of British Intelligence Officers rather than betray his boyhood friend Michael Collins.

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July DCC Meeting in the Harold Boys School	Mon 27 June

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