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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Irish Heritage Town)

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MARCH: Originally first month of the Roman calendar. Named for Mars the Roman god of war, crops and vegetation.

Flower: Daffodil

Beannachtai na Feile Pádraig oraibh go léir
Happy St. Patrick's Day - 17th March



Guimid la shona aoibhinn diar
mathracha ar a la specisialta
Happy Mother's Day 22nd March



❖ SUMMARIES OF D.C.C. MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY '09 ❖

Chairman welcomed all to meeting at OLH. Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed. **Treasurer's report** followed. Chairman asked Gerard about **Twinning**, but no developments were reported. Gerard then gave report on **Newsletter** and advised members that Full Colour was now available for all future issues.

June, **Tidy Towns**, gave details of E-Coli which is carried by dogs and asked owners to clean up "their pet's business" in public places.

Susan gave her **Planning Report** which included several items which emerged since Christmas. A discussion took place on forthcoming Tree Planting etc. Dalkey dart Station is to be up-dated by Iarnrod Eireann in the near future.

The Gardaí reported that there are a number of scams going on in the Dalkey area and advised that residents **MUST** be vigilant at all times.

Following concerns by residents Richard raised the matter of **Parking in the Town**. It was reported by a resident that people living **OUTSIDE** the area covered by Pay & Display are now parking on St.Patrick's Road with Residents Parking Permits on display. Other residents complained that Refuse trucks are finding it difficult to gain access to Corrig Road from Church Road because of inconsiderate parking of vehicles at the junction of these roads. These matters are to be taken up with the relevant section of the County Council. There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



As the Annual General Meeting is rapidly approaching, this is an opportune time to reflect on where we are as well as consider our aims for the future. Over the years, D.C.C. has continued the progress commenced with the enlightened vision of our founders at its inception in 1975.

Our flagship is our Newsletter, distributed free to over 3,000 households each month; 33,000 each year which is quite a feat and thanks to the dedicated Editorial Team and the Road Representatives who deliver it to your door. We hope everybody finds plenty of interest between the covers however; new and diverse submissions are always welcome.

With regard to distribution, some roads still do not have a Representative and rely on a person from another road to deliver their Newsletter. In other words, some Representatives have been delivering Newsletters for many years and would appreciate a change; - we are all getting older! More volunteers are essential.

A very successful Art Exhibition, plus Christmas Festivities and Illumination of the town, Father Christmas, etc. were held thanks to the many organisations and persons involved.

We enjoyed our Annual Dinner with guest speaker, journalist, barrister and broadcaster, Mr. Vincent Brown, and awarded various prizes in the Garden Competition and presented a Community Council Young Achiever Cup (Comerford Cup) to Amy Keleghan, who represented Ireland at the recent Paralympics Games in Beijing, China.

From the financial aspect we are just about holding our own. Unlike other organisations, D.C.C. does not charge a membership fee, relying entirely on donations and advertising in the Newsletter for income. I mentioned earlier that the Newsletter is delivered to more than 3,000 households, eleven times a year. I feel bound to mention that we only received from less than 700 households whilst those who did donate, did so generously, I ask you to consider this fact: a newspaper each day will cost about €10 per week, i.e. approximately €500 each year.

The Community Council & Executive Committee handle a myriad of subjects, mainly with success and are constantly working to make Dalkey a better place to live in.

We also sponsor 'Dalkey Dashers', our successful youth athletic team and financially assist other projects e.g. the memorial to Dr. John de Courcy Ireland overlooking Dalkey Sound and Island; Tidy Towns in their efforts to keep Dalkey tidy and looking well especially the flowerbeds and liaise with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Parks Department. The Planning Applications and Permissions are fully reported every month in the Newsletter and D.C.C. is involved in Neighbourhood Watch and the Community Gardaí.

Best wishes,

KEN DIXON

Chairman – Dalkey Community Council



DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL COLLECTION

The envelopes for our Annual Collection will be distributed with the April issue of the Newsletter.

THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Annual Public Meeting of the Community Council will take place on 6th April, 2009 at 8.00 p.m. in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey. All residents of Dalkey are welcome to attend.

❖ 41ST DUBLIN (ST PATRICK'S, DALKEY) SCOUT GROUP ❖

Rosemarie and her guide dog Clint with Beaver Max Proctor

Our new Group Leader, Stephen Flood, is now in situ and keeping things on an even keel. Over the Christmas period our Beavers Scouts enjoyed the Circus at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham. They also sang Christmas Carols for the residents of the Sue Ryder Foundation. The Beavers were visited by Melanie and Rosemarie from the Irish Guide Dogs Association with Clint, Rosemarie's guide dog. Last weekend they took part in the Beaver County Quiz, and got second and third place. Over recent weeks there was great fun and games preparing and celebrating the Chinese New Year.

The Sea Scout Troop is fully active, despite the wintry weather. There have been a number of recent kayaking trips on the River Boyne in icy conditions for the more hardened paddlers. 14 scouts and 5 leaders hiked Scarr mountain this past weekend - braving a snowstorm in the process.

The Cubs are planning a visit to W5 in Belfast, and a camp in Larch Hill this Spring. Both the Cubs and Sea Scouts roamed the streets of Dalkey on a cold January Friday evening in two separate Treasure Hunts - up to 80 young people were involved! Plenty more action is planned between now and the Summer.

Stephen Flood, Group Leader. e-mail: floodser@gmail.com mobile: 087 328 5298

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❖ NATURE CORNER – Michael Ryan ❖

Birds which will have spent the winter here will be nest building soon while March brings the first of our summer migrants. Our largest tern species, the Roseate Tern, will be appearing along our eastern coasts, often seen fishing off Dalkey Sound and in Scotsman's Bay in Dun Laoghaire. Very few of this species nest on the east coast but they will head west after a few weeks to breed on the west coast and on some inland lakes.



Wheatear

Another very early arrival will be the Wheatear. It too will be found around the coast, not on the sea but

on the shore, feeding on insects which are always found among the seaweed even in cold weather. After feeding up on the shoreline they will head inland where they will breed on rocky hillsides and mountains, nesting among rock crevices. Their name has nothing to do with cereals but the 'wheat' is in fact a derivation of white and the 'ear' refers to its rump which shows a flash of white when they fly. The first Wheatears to arrive will be male birds which will go to nesting areas to establish territories before the females arrive.

Later in the month it's highly likely the first sightings will be reported of Sand Martins, another regular early migrant and Swallows won't be too long behind them. There used to be a Sand Martin colony in the sandy cliffs above the beach at Shankill. One of the first songbird migrants to arrive is the Chiffchaff and they'll soon be heard singing. They're named after their song a constant repetition of two notes.

We hope to see some of these birds when the South Dublin Branch of Birdwatch Ireland have a outing to Kilcoole in April to look for newly arrived migrants and to say bye to some of our wintering migrants. Everybody is welcome. We meet at 10.30 at the car park beside Kilcoole 'station' then walk down the coast looking at birds on the sea and in Birdwatch Ireland's reserve inland.

There should still be some Brent Geese at Kilcoole though it's possible some may have already left on their long migration north to their breeding grounds in Arctic Canada. Up till the time they leave many of these geese will be making a daily journey down the coast every morning, either flying across the bay from the Bull Island or else flying from Sandymount strand coming down over Dun Laoghaire harbour, passing Dalkey Island, often going through the Sound then flying across Killiney Bay towards Bray Head usually very low and close to the water. Although they go down the coast in small groups they often come back together in big flocks of over 800 birds which is a lovely sight to see. If there is a strong wind blowing from the north or west they will sometimes follow the coast around Killiney Bay then fly over the top of Dalkey hill.



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Chiffchaff

You may already have nest boxes for birds in your garden and may watch Blue tits going in and out of the box hundreds of times a day bringing food for up to a dozen very hungry chicks. There are now available a great range of video cameras which can be fitted inside the box and provide live broadcasts to your computer or television. Some of these cameras have infra red night vision and sound recording. Nest box webcams can be bought in supermarkets but as in

everything else you get what you pay for. One thing though to bear in mind. There is a very high rate of mortality among young birds and for a number of reasons they or their parents can die so always be prepared for the worst but hope for the best.

Birdwatch Ireland have instructions on their website www.birdwatchireland.ie about making your own nestbox and where to position them in the garden. Their online shop also has a range of different nestboxes for sale. Birds like Blackbirds and Song Thrushes nest in hedges and bushes so once again I would urge, please be careful when gardening. If birds are nesting in your hedge the nest won't be obvious so if you're planning on trimming a hedge maybe get down low under the hedge or bush and look up. A nest will be much more obvious silhouetted against the light.

If you leave out hair, dog or human, the birds sometimes take it to line their nest but don't put anything in the nestbox; they might think there is already another bird in residence. I mentioned before about standing in a wood and watching a pair of Long Tailed Tits flying down and picking up feathers from a small heap on the ground. They'd then fly into a nest they were constructing a few yards away where the feathers would be used as a very cosy lining. The feathers were all small and white and looked more like the inside of a pillow than the remains of a bird so I was wondering where they had originated. I happened to mention my sighting to a friend who knew the area well. He told me it was in fact him who'd left the feathers there and was delighted they'd been used.

It's been proven that birds that have taking food provide in garden shave a better success rate when it come to having a family so keep feeding. The birds will have more time to feed insects to their young while taking advantage of the peanuts and sunflower seed you provide to feed themselves.



WOMEN'S WORD DAY OF PRAYER



FRIDAY, 6th MARCH 2009-02-06

The Womens World Day of Prayer will be held this year in St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey, at 11.00 a.m. This prayer service is held all over the world always on the 1st Friday in March. It is an Ecumenical service this year arranged by women of Papua New Guinea.

There will be coffee and biscuits afterwards in the Northover Hall. All welcome.

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MY GARDEN – Philippa Thomas

Each morning, on waking up over the past two or three months, I try to give 20 minutes or so to our little garden whilst simultaneously throwing the odd squeaky toy at our new puppy, a ruby King Charles, called 'Precious'. Sometimes, if it's pretty cold and wet I might just bag a few scruffy-looking, fallen twiglets or put my secateurs into action and cut back some of 'Paddy's Pride' (an evergreen, variegated large leafed climbing ivy) or sever those rampant roots of our winter flowering jasmine (yellow flowers) that seem to crawl



Clematis Love Child

right over to the herbaceous sleeping clumps nearby. Muelenbeckia, while I absolutely adore it, covering our horrible grey wall, can be a culprit too and requires tight cutting back now and then; otherwise, it too will take over and root itself everywhere and eventually will smother other neighbouring plants. It crawled right up through our purple bamboo last year and, I am afraid to say, 'savaged' it! (Muelenbeckia is an evergreen climber with absolutely tiny circular leaves, which are super for flower arrangers).

Obviously, over these past few weeks I am beginning to see a little bit of progress: - as the wise old saying goes: "Little by little, the bird builds its nest", or, to be more ruthless, "One swallow doesn't make a summer!"

I think that NOW is really the ideal time to plan your late spring and early summer garden, so messing about like this - even if it's only for a few minutes in the morning - helps me to juggle around with containers and plan and work out new ideas - along with some successful 'old' ideas! - for this coming season. One of my hopes is to plant one or two more of those small bell-shaped clematis. Strangely enough, I'm not a huge fan of those big, blousy, 'pavlova' varieties. I much prefer the miniature varieties and several of them have lacy, evergreen foliage. Some of these are the most suitable for growing in containers too. These smaller flowered species belong to Alpina, Macropetala, Viticella, Tangutica and Texensis groups. I have one of the oldest varieties, 'Marie Rose'. I remember it well because I had to queue for



Mary Rose Clematis



*Chrysanthemum
'Shamrock'*

at least an hour in the rain in, I think, Devon on one of our coach gardening trips in order to obtain her. She is exquisite, floriferous and trouble-free as she scrambles and strews herself quietly and unobtrusively through my other miniature clematis 'Love Child'. Marie Rose has double violet, purple, magenta, almost black tiny flowers. She seems to have hundreds of layers of reflexed tepals that twist around gently as each bud opens into flower.

I just love fresh cut flowers in our house so that if you are a bit of a miser, like me, and you want value for money, then I cannot recommend highly enough that tall elegant green Chrysanthemum, 'Chrysanthemum Shamrock'. Even one standing on its own in a bud vase, is quite spectacular. It seems to be the trendiest variety and is definitely back in vogue and is super for flower arranging. Vivienne in our local florist, Dalkey Flowers, on Railway Road, with her warm,

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friendly smile will be only too willing to accommodate you. I continuously buy them. They last a good three weeks in our house. I have also put a few at the hall door entrance in a heavy old sturdy container of water hidden behind some terracotta pots. They last for about four or five weeks in this spot: incredible.

SPRING POTS AND CONTAINERS

From the time of the ancient Egyptians to the middle of the last century, clay was the most popular material for making pots. There is no denying the advantages of plastic: it's cheap, light and easy to clean. However, it's impact on the environment has become a serious cause for concern. It is estimated that plastic takes around 500 years to decompose. Did you know that some pots carry a symbol to show that they're made from recycled material? Something for us all to think about!



Tulip Purple Dream

TULIPS

When there are so many available it is hard to know which one to choose. Tulips are classified into 15 different types (e.g. single, early, double, etc.). I believe that this system is based mainly on flowering shape and flowering time. I believe some of the best buys are: 'Purple Dream' and 'National Velvet'. Purple Dream is a massive 19cm across, lily-flowered tulip. It opens in early April until mid May. National Velvet is claret red; its stems are strong and generally remain upright even after heavy rains and flowers for approximately six weeks. What more could one ask for? Both these tulips are highly recommended by 'Which Gardening Sales and Trials?'



Tulip National Velvet

TALKS

Irish Orchid Society - Potting Workshop – March 2nd, 2009 8.00 p.m. *Venue: Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin.*

South County Dublin Horticultural Society – Wednesday, 11th March 2009. Annual General Meeting followed by a Garden Book swap and Gardening Quiz. *Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Centre, rear of Catholic Church Monkstown.*

Foxrock & District Garden Club – Tuesday, 24th March, 2009 8.0 p.m.

"Design in the Garden - A Question of Materials" Gerard Mullen, Gold Medal Winner, Bloom. *Venue: Tara Towers Hotel, Booterstown, Co. Dublin.*

The Alpine Garden Society – Dublin Group. 7th March, 2009. Local Show & Members' Plant Sale. *Venue: St. Bridget's Stillorgan*

Also Thursday, 26th March, 2009 – *"Bulbs through the Seasons"* Paul Cutler. *Venue: St. Bridget's Stillorgan.*

DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER

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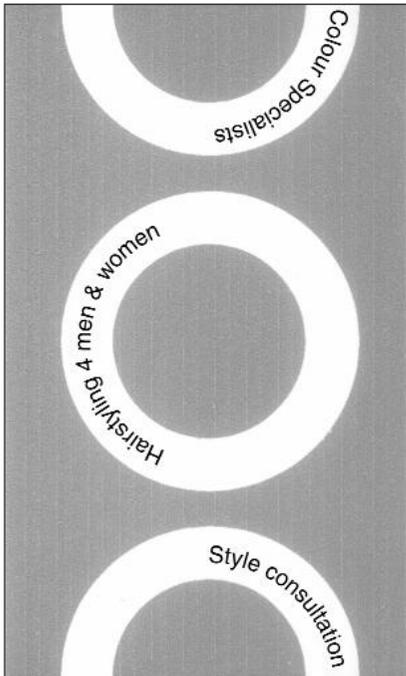
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❖ LEEK, POTATO AND ROCKET SOUP ❖

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LEEK, POTATO AND ROCKET SOUP – SERVES 4-6



- 50g (2 oz) butter
- 1 onion - chopped finely
- 3 leeks - chopped
- 2 potatoes - diced
- 2 large handfuls of chopped rocket
- 150 ml (5 fl oz) cream
- Salt and pepper



Method: Melt the butter in a pot and lightly sauté the vegetables. Cover and leave for about 15 minutes. Next pour in the stock, cover with a lid and simmer for 20 minutes; until the vegetables are tender. Pour the soup into a blender and puree. Return the soup into the pot. Add the rocket and stir in the cream. Season with freshly ground black pepper. Ladle the soup into warmed bowls and serve with wholemeal bread.

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❖ LETTER TO THE EDITOR ❖



Dear Editor,

Following on from your article on Dog Fouling in Dalkey I would like to make the following comments. I would preface all my remarks by saying that I am a dog owner and dog lover myself.

From representations I have received, it would appear that although Dalkey is recognised as dog fouling black spot, most of the offences are being perpetrated by a small number of individual dog owners. Residents have reported to me that a number of dog owners in the area open their doors firsts thing in the morning and let their dogs out to wander and foul in public areas, and they do the same in the evening when they return home or go for their evening walk. It only takes one such irresponsible pet owner in an area to turn a footpath/route or public open space into an unpleasant experience for everyone else. These selfish and irresponsible residents must be reported. Residents, school principals and staff and particularly parents with small children and buggies are justifiably disgusted and frustrated by the high incidence of dog fouling in Dalkey.

The problem in Dalkey is compounded by the fact that, up until recently, the dog/litter warden’s working hours fall between 9am and 4.30pm. Although litter wardens have stepped up their work in the area, the fact that a considerable amount of offences happen outside of these hours means that the level of prosecution is not as high as it was hoped.

Last week at the Environment Area Committee I put forward the suggestion that an out of hours patrol be considered by the Council for a specific period of time and this suggestion was given a favourable response. The council will explore the practical and financial considerations of this suggestion and they will revert to me with the outcome of their investigations.

In the meantime, I would encourage anybody who witnesses irresponsible dog owners not to ignore the offence, but to report them immediately to the Council giving the time, date and location. The number you can contact is: 2054771.

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❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS REPORT TO D.C.C. – FEBRUARY 2009 ❖

There were two interesting articles recently in The Irish Times:

The first was about cases of E.coli in Europe where Ireland was reported to far exceed the EU average. Many forms of E.coli bacteria are harmless but some varieties can cause serious illness and even death. The most common form spreads through the faeces of animals and 15% of pet dogs carry this bug. The obvious message to all pet lovers is to please take precautions by removing possible disease spreading faeces left by your dogs in public areas. This is not one of the ways that Ireland should lead Europe.

The second article covered the excess of waste food reaching our landfills.

1. An easy remedy is a Compost Heap for raw fruit and vegetable peelings and trimmings; dust from vacuum cleaners, lint from clothes driers, grass cuttings and leaves. I turn it with a fork and water it regularly and it rots down into a rich compost.
2. A Green Cone is an easy way to dispose of raw and cooked waste food such as bones, fat and left-overs, turkey and chicken carcasses, out-of-date food, etc. It slowly digests, settles and vanishes. After three years of use my Cone has never been more than one third full, hard to believe but true.

Please join us in helping to keep Dalkey tidy.

First Tuesday each month – meeting 10.30 at Select Stores.

Third Saturday each month – meeting 10.30 at the Church Car Park.

Third Thursday each month – meeting 11.00 at Dillon's Park, Coliemore Rd.

Thank you, June Barnett, Secretary, DTT.

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❖ DALKEY LIBRARY NEWS ❖

Crochet Classes – every Thursday at 3.30pm for beginners and those with some experience of crochet. If interested please call the library on 01-2855277

Our monthly Bookclub meets on: Saturday 7th March at 10.30am to discuss: *The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry – All welcome.

Baby Massage & Baby Yoga – Every Friday during March 11am-12pm. If interested please call the library on 01-2855277

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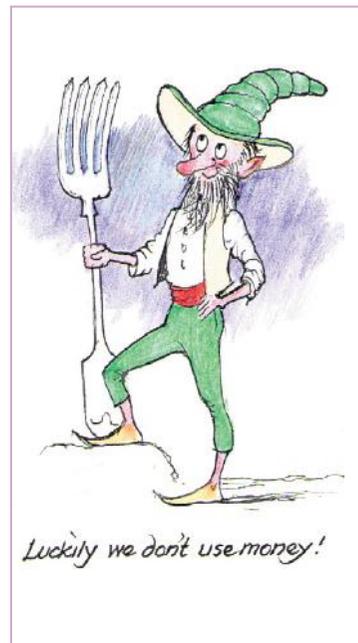
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED Wks 2-6 5/1'09 - 6/2'09

Reg. Ref.: D09A/00034

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Jan-2009

Applicant Name & Location: D O'Reagan, R Cahill O'Brien & K Tarbett, White Cottage, Strand, Killiney, Co. Dublin

Proposal: 1. To partially demolish the walls, steps, toilets, septic tank, retaining walls to dwellings and pillars at beach level which survived the fire in 2004. 2. To reinstate the previously established uses (i.e. as two dwelling houses, cafe, kitchens, toilets, boat hire, 13 No. chalets for rental use and parking for 5 cars). Cope of proposed development: to extend and renovate the two dwellings. To build a new cafe and toilets on the site of the existing cafe/toilets. To construct 5 No. artists chalets/studios To provide 5 no. parking spaces. To provide a shop/office, at beach level for deck-chair hire, lockers, boat hire, showers and hard standing area for use by the public. To upgrade the existing access road giving it a hard surface (noggin type), providing an extended boardwalk for pedestrians, and providing a retaining edge to retain and further support the existing railway embankment. White Cottage is located in Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0042

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Jan-2009

Applicant Name & Location: Enda Kearns, 9, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a 1) construct a single storey extension (approx. 16.5 m2) with pitched roof and 2 no. velux roof-lights to rear of dwelling 2) single storey extension with pitched roof to front of dwelling; 3) conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation with 1st floor extension above, 4) attic conversion with 1 no. dormer and 1 no. velux to rear, 2 no. velux to front & 1 no. velux to side of dwelling & 5) widening of front entrance from approx. 2.5 m to 3 m in width. The development will also include alterations to the internal layout & associated site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0051

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Jan-2009

Applicant Name & Location: Obelisk Communications Ltd. on behalf of

Location: 27, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Mounting of 2 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. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0072

Application Rec'd Date: 03-Feb-2009

Applicant Name & Location: Suzanne and Vincent Finnegan, 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: The demolition of the single storey garage and two storey house and the construction of two, two-storey, 4 bedroom, semi-detached houses House 1: 193sq.m, House 2: 182sq.m, the widening of the existing access to 3.5m and new 3.5m wide access, both with entrance gates and piers, new boundary walls to both sides and between front and rear gardens of proposed houses, and all associated works. **Application Type:** Permission.

PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 2-6 5/1/2009 to 6/2/09

Reg. Ref.: D08A/1255

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 20-Jan-2009

Applicant Name & Location: R & G Barnes, Moreana, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: (a) Demolition of existing house, (b) Construction of 2 no. new part three storey over part basement level dwellings, (c) Recessing and widening of existing vehicular entrance at south-east corner of site and (d) All associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D08A/1260

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 20-Jan-2009

Applicant Name & Location: Philip Bayfield & Liz White, 70, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal: Part single storey, part one and a half storey extension (namely ground floor with limited accommodation on the upper level within the roof profile) of 152 sq. m to the rear of the existing dwelling. The works consist of (i) new extension to the rear of the existing house (ii) the modification of the existing roof and its partial reconstruction, (iii) all necessary resultant elevation changes to the existing house, (iv) demolition of existing garage, (v) the various minor miscellaneous landscaping and services required to facilitate the development, and all necessary ancillary works.

Application Type

Permission

Reg. Ref.: D08B/0635

Decision: Grant & Refuse Permission

Date: 22-Jan-2009

Applicant Name & Location: Oliver and Josephine Tierney, Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.
Proposal: Amendments to the currently permitted dwelling (Ref. D05B/0379 and D07B/0552) comprising the incorporation of an external store at ground floor level into the main dwelling as a utility room; the addition of a high level window in the dining room at the south elevation; the alteration of the second floor study rear window and the addition of an external escape stairs from the second floor study to the rear garden level. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D08A/1309 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 3-Feb-2009

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Edward Doyle, Units 1 - 4, The Courtyard, rear 19 Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the partial yet extensive demolition of the existing office Units 1 - 4, and the reconstruction of accommodation in an altered state to provide a change of use to one ground floor office to provide for an office / shop unit and the provision of three extended office units all reconstructed and remodelled providing new facades, upgraded and additional floor space on two and three levels accessed from the existing courtyard and by a new external staircase.

Reg. Ref.: D08B/0810 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Feb-2009

Applicant Name & Location: Brian Brennan, 65, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: First floor extension to side and rear and alterations to existing dwelling house.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála – Wks. 2-6 5/1/09 to 6/2/09

Reg Ref: D08A/1162 **Reg. Date:** 17-Oct-'08 **Location:** Torca Hill House, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Development: Raise the height of an existing granite wall on the north-east boundary, by an additional 6m above a previously approved height of 2.4m., giving an overall height of 3m., permission granted register ref. D06A/1342, dated 18 Sept. 2006, & the removal of an unauthorized steel fence on the north-east boundary. Permission is also sought to extend a granite wall from the north-east boundary wall of 'Torca Hill House' to meet the boundary wall of 'Mount Henry', thus incorporating the private laneway into the grounds of 'Torca Hill House' from which grounds the laneway was previously a part of. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 16-Jan-'09. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

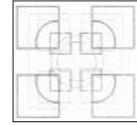
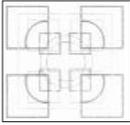
Reg Ref: D08A/1196 **Reg. Date:** 30-Oct-'08 **Location:** 2, Barnacoille Park, Dalkey.

Development: Timber boundary fences at front facing east with a height not exceeding 2.11m at front sides facing north and south with a height not exceeding 2.30m and rear side facing north with a height not exceeding 2.3m. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 15-Jan-'09. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Condition(s). **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D08A/1178 **Reg. Date:** 21-Oct-'08 **Location:** Linden Lodge, Castle Park Road, Sandycove.

Development: Alterations and additions consisting of: (1) The refurbishment of Linden Lodge a 4 bed part single storey / part 2 storey building including the demolition of existing porch to the front (West) and existing single storey extension consisting of garden room and porch to side (South) and single storey conservatory to side (South) and part of existing 2 storey annex consisting of part kitchen and utility at ground floor and part hall and existing bedroom no. 4 at first floor to the rear (east) with alterations and additions to include the construction of and infill extension at ground floor to the rear of the existing dining room under existing first floor bedroom no. 3 supported on columns to create open plan kitchen/dining and living area and provision of 2 no. en-suite facilities in lieu of existing bathroom/part hall at first floor level including the raising of ceiling level to 2.4m high which shall entail the raising of wall level and construction of new slate roof over same. (2) The construction of 3 no. 2 storey 4 bed detached houses. Proposed house no. 1 to the south of Linden Lodge fronting onto Castlepark Road and proposed house no. 2 to the north of Linden Lodge fronting onto Castlepark Road and proposed house no. 3 to the east (rear) of Linden Lodge fronting onto Wolverton Glen. With vehicular access/ egress to proposed house no. 1 through the reinstatement of existing blocked up vehicular entrance to the South of Linden Lodge onto Castlepark Road and vehicular access/egress to proposed house no. 2 and Linden Lodge through existing entrance serving Linden Lodge onto Castlepark Road and vehicular access/egress to proposed house no. 3 through new entrance onto Wolverton Glen over existing dishd footpath with associated on and off site development works. **Council Decision:** Grant & Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 20-Jan-'09. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

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TRAVELS IN CENTRAL AMERICA - Part 1

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2006

January 28: Flight from Dublin at 6.40am to Paris to Miami to Costa Rica. Delay in Paris of 3½ hours. Flight steward (gay) presented me with a bottle of wine. I think this was because whilst talking to him about his language fluency and mixed French/Spanish parentage I said that his mother must have been a beautiful *senorita*! Baggage scan in Miami saw my electric toothbrush as a dangerous weapon causing another delay. Eventually arrived at Hotel Grano de Oro in San Jose, Costa Rica after 24 hours of travelling and fell into bed exhausted.

Early start the next day to drive to Pachira Lodge, Tortuguero on the shores of the Caribbean. We passed through very productive agricultural land en route with evidence of the famous fruit exporters Delmonte and Chiquita everywhere. Other English people at the Lodge joined us for the evening and we shared our wine and their rum! There were tropical jungle and river excursions that were wet, muddy and interesting. Heard our first Howler monkeys who really live up to their name, at 4am! Visited a turtle beach, which was not too well protected. Stray dogs and human interest in the eggs!

Tuesday, return flight to San Jose, and onto Sapo Dorado Lodge in Monteverde for two nights. Cloud forest excursion. The best for bird and animal species of the trip.

Thursday back to Grano de Oro in San Jose for 1 night with time to enjoy this classy hotel. Dressed up for dinner. Enjoyed the town on Friday morning before flying to Granada in Nicaragua.

The road from Granada to Managua and Morgan's Rock Lodge was a long bone shaking test of endurance. Nicaragua is a poor country with the worst roads in the region. We staggered from the four-wheel drive to welcoming drinks and were shown to the most outstandingly designed jungle/coastal lodge imaginable. Spacious luxury. The walls were mainly of mosquito netting, open air to the jungle and within earshot of the Pacific waves crashing onto the shore below. The tasteful natural furnishings included an enormous bed and twin sinks in the open plan bathroom. A double bed lounge swung from ropes in the secluded yard beside an outside shower to rinse away the sand on entry to this exquisite sanctuary. Coffee arrived in a thermos, through an ingenious opening in the yard door at 7am. Insects including enormous fragile grasshoppers visited us, Howler monkeys were our morning call and the bird-life was abundant.

Next morning we discovered the beach. Wow! A beautiful secluded bay. Shady thatched huts dotted the shoreline. Whilst lounging in a hammock identifying birds through binoculars a Pelican arrived. The incoming tide was bringing a shoal of small fish. Soon there were hundreds of Pelicans diving and feeding. Spectacular! We noticed signs along the beach showing the dates when turtles had come ashore at night to lay their eggs. Gestation is 45 days. On our last night after dinner we went to the beach with torches for one final visit, ever hopeful, and there they were. Unbelievable and unplanned we were there at the right time! Baby turtles, racing for the sea by the light of a full moon. It was unforgettable.



Above: Marker on the beach showing the location of the nest where the eggs were laid and the date of 18.12.'05

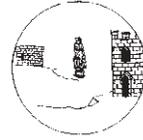
Below: Baby tortuga turtle scurrying across the beach towards the sea on the evening of 5.2 '06 – 48 days later





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February 06: Flight to Guatemala City then a drive to the quaint colonial town of Antigua, which had been destroyed by an earthquake in 1975. Our guide and driver Pablo had been nine at the time and had vivid memories of the carnage. The town has since been reinstated to more or less its original state. The stately old houses have been rebuilt using many original scarred or repaired relics from the earthquake. One of these, the Posada del Angels was our quaint Guest House. And I thought things couldn't get any better! Our room was exquisite.



Welcoming drinks were served at sunset on a romantic roof top patio with views over the town and angelus church bells ringing. There were antiques and a library where we discovered a beautiful book, which we now have, called 'The Maya of Guatemala', with paintings by the author of the life and dress of these original native people. The porter lit candles and a fire in the room for our return from dinner. Breakfast was served at a large circular table where we met other guests as enchanted as we were. There was even an old fashioned swimming pool beside the dining room, surrounded by white lilies. We realised there had been lilies (like our Arum lilies) in every place we had visited since arriving in Central America. Guatemala's national flower is Monja Blanca (White Nunn Orchid). Another treasure is Jade, providing an excellent excuse to acquire a souvenir!

JUNE BARNETT

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

THE DEMISE OF THE DALKEY "RAIDERS"

In 1968 Dalkey, in common with a great deal of South County Dublin, was far more rural in character than at present as much of the housing development that commenced in the 1970s had yet to begin. It was a time too when many houses had large back gardens on which inhabitants grew their vegetables and kept chickens.

But from 1967 two foxes - like the American train robbers Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid - had been raiding chicken houses and runs and stealing some fowl and while householders were annoyed about the thieving activities, the duo managed to successfully evade numerous attempts mounted to capture them.

That was until they went too far by killing the pet rabbit of a child who was a neighbour of a Dalkey resident who lived on Barnhill Road. Over a period of six months this resident rose every day before dawn to try and nab them and after five months his patience and diligence paid off as in March 1968 he successfully bagged the first of the duo. Continuing with his early morning vigil, the second fox was shot in the early hours on 5 April 1968 in a field off the Barnhill Road, bringing their crime spree to an end.

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LOCAL HISTORY EVENTS – MARCH 2009



Tuesday March 3rd - Joe Kelly will present his lecture “The Irish Honeybee - a fascinating history” to the Kilmacanogue History Society at 8.30 p.m. in the Glencormack Inn, Kilmacanogue Village, Co. Wicklow - all welcome, admission €3.

Wednesday March 4th - Ms. Mary Kelly will present her lecture “Cum Passione Contraria” on the Glendalough manuscript to the Rathmichael Historical Society at 8 p.m. in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, (Dublin Rd. end), Shankill, Co. Dublin - all welcome.

Thursday March 5th - Ms. Margaret Gormley, Park Superintendent, will present her illustrated lecture “The Irish National War Memorials Gardens at Islandbridge” to the Mount Merrion Historical Society at 8.15 p.m. in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue. Mount Merrion. All welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday March 11th - Ms. Mary Davies will present her lecture “The History of Bray” to the Ballybrack-Killiney History Society at 8 p.m. in the Parochial Hall of SS Alphonsus and Columba Church, Main Street, Ballybrack - cars enter from Killiney Hill Road. All welcome.

Thursday March 12th - Rob Goodbody will present his lecture on “Milestones” to the Enniskerry History Society at 8.30 p.m. in the A.O.H. Hall, Church Hill, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow - all welcome, admission €3.

Friday March 13th - Dr. David Murphy will present his lecture “Irish men and women in the French Resistance and SOE during WW11” to the Military History Society of Ireland at 8 p.m. in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8 - all welcome.

Thursday March 12th - Michael Ladisch will present his lecture “2 Years after - Remembering the Events in 1989 in East Germany” to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society at 8 p.m. in the Function Room, Glenalbyn, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan. All welcome - admission €3.

Wednesday March 18th - Chris Corlett will present his lecture “Monkstown Castle and the Castles of Rathdown” at 8 p.m. to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome.

A Book to Read – “5 Minutes to Midnight ? - Ireland and Climate Change” by Kieran Hickey, published by the White Row Press. Global warming and climate change is something that we hear more and more about and this book looks at how these issues will affect Ireland over the next 80 years unless action is taken immediately. This engrossing book shows how climate change could affect Ireland one hundred years hence - low lying parts of Dublin and Cork flooded, Mediterranean type weather in the summer for the country with wetter and milder winters and snow a thing of the past. With these climate changes will come alterations to our lifestyle, the end of many native species of our flora and fauna and the arrival of others to replace them, changes to our lifestyle in the way we work and live and the types of houses that we will use. The scenarios advanced in this book are based on careful projections of current trends and the most up to date climatological research. Are all these outcomes inevitable? Can things be turned around? Read this book and you discover how climate change is likely to affect all lives.

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❖ THE RED SQUIRREL IN DALKEY ❖

The red squirrel is the only native squirrel in Ireland but its numbers are in decline. There are only three populations of red squirrels left in the greater Dublin area. One is in the Dalkey-Killiney-Shankill area. The others are on the north side of Dublin in the Howth area and in St Anne's Park. Its survival is being threatened by the ever increasing presence of the introduced American Grey squirrel. The red squirrel is the smaller of the two species and weighs about 250-350kg. Grey squirrels out-compete the red squirrel because they can digest a substance in young acorns which the reds find indigestible. This reduces the availability of food for the reds especially in the winter when berries, fruit and seeds are scarce. Grey squirrels may also carry a viral disease to which the red squirrels have no natural immunity.



Red Squirrel

As part of the ongoing conservation efforts to save the red squirrel in Dublin, a survey of both red and grey squirrels is being carried out in Dalkey and surrounding areas. This survey is being carried out by the Mammal Research Group at University College Dublin. We would like to know where squirrels, red or grey, are currently to be found. In particular, we need information on how many were seen, when they were seen and the habitat in which they were observed. Residents in Dalkey and the surrounding areas are a most important source of this information as they have access to private areas such as gardens to which researchers would not normally have access. Anyone who has seen either red or grey squirrels are invited to participate in this research by emailing sightings of red or grey squirrels to dublinredsquirrels@ucd.ie or by taking the time to stop and fill in a survey if you meet one of the researchers.

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Effective from Monday 2 February, Dublin Bus has discontinued the Monday to Thursday **46N NITELINK** service to Dalkey which will now only operate on Friday and Saturday nights and will continue to operate at 30 minute intervals from Midnight to 4 a.m. on these days. Low passenger demand is the reason cited as the reason for the cancellation of the Monday to Thursday service which is also being applied to other Nitelink routes.

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DALKEY PLAYERS' NEWS



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The Festival venues and dates are: March 2nd: **Rush**; March 9th: **Mountmellick**; March 14th: **Gorey**; March 15th: **Carnew**; March 20th: **New Ross**; March 27th: **Cavan**; April 1st: **Rathangan**.



GARDAÍ SECURITY TIPS FOR HOUSEHOLDERS



There are many bogus Traders/Callers operating in the area in recent months and a pattern is emerging of the types of activities they have engaged in.

There are effectively four main categories involved and they are outlined below.

1. Poor Work/Excessive Charges or indeed no work performed at all

The culprits, in this instance, usually call to the home of a victim identified by them beforehand. This is often the home of an older or frail person living alone. This information is usually gleaned by surveillance or ‘discreet’/‘innocent’ enquiries there previously. They will often call on the pretext of being professional roofers, guttering experts, painters or other trades people, etc. and ‘convince’ the victim that repairs need to be carried out.

They will offer their services on the understanding that they are competent and inexpensive. They will then usually go to the roof or attic of the house identified and start hammering, drilling, painting, etc. to give the appear of ‘working’. On completing the ‘work’, invariably in a short period of time, they then demand payment in cash, often using threatening and intimidating tactics. They may even drive the victim to the bank to collect money.

2. Bogus V.A.T. Charges

Different members of the same gang may return at a future date to a victim’s house posing as V.A.T. or Revenue Officials. They will demand money for ‘work’ already performed by them and seek further payments.

3. Deposit Scams

When the criminals are satisfied that they have hoodwinked the intended victim into engaging them for work; they will demand a deposit to purchase materials to carry out the necessary repairs. Having secured the deposit, they then flee, never to return.

4. Opportunity Tefts

The thieves will target a particular area and offer a real or genuine to the victim. Once they have gained entry to the home they may decide to see what is of value to purchase or buy well below the market value. This could be furniture, paintings or other valuables. They then coerce their victim to sign receipts for the sale of the articles secured by them. They can use subtle and intimidating tactics into forcing the victim to ‘sell’ to them what they want.

What can you do to prevent the above happening to you?

Tell the caller that you never employ trades people cold calling to your door. Ask for a sales brochure so that you can research them further. Never, ever let them into your home until you are quite satisfied that they are reputable and you are happy with them.

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❖ WREATH FOR TWO DALKEY WAR CHAPLAINS ❖

The following material appears courtesy of Dalkey Writers' Workshop and Mrs. Anthony Quinn, widow of Anthony Quinn, author of the material published here. It first appeared in the Dalkey Writers' Workshop 'Echoes from the Deep' anthology published in 2006. Ed.

Father Willie Doyle, S.J. – that was a name I knew as a child on Dublin's northside. My granny brought me to his shrine at St. Francis Xavier's Gardiner Street. In that Jesuit church, we lit candles and prayed that the Pope would canonise Willie Doyle as a saint. He was revered as a holy man killed in Belgium in 1917 while ministering to wounded soldiers in the Great War. Some people said that he would work miracles.

Decades later, my interest in Willie Doyle was revived when I moved to Dalkey. Willie was born there in 1873, the youngest of five children. His father was a High Court official, while his mother influenced his charitable and religious side. As a child, Willie arranged his toy soldiers and played at fighting for Ireland. Educated in England, he was ordained as a Jesuit priest and taught at Belvedere and Clongowes Colleges. As a chaplain with the royal Dublin Fusiliers, Father Doyle experienced real and terrible war at the Somme and on Flanders Fields. His diary reveals that when ministering to his men he wished: "If god wills it to die a martyr of charity". In a letter home, he described German and Allied soldiers praying together during a truce.

In the French cathedral of St. Omer during July 1917, after a quick clanking march up the long nave, the Guard of Honour took its place near the pulpit. Every uniform button and every badge shone as bayonets were fixed. Nearly three thousand soldiers greeted Father Doyle who wore a clerical collar and was dressed in a captain's uniform embellished with shamrock emblems of the 16th (Irish) Division.

Eloquent but diplomatic, because his fellow countrymen were serving in the British army, his final sermon traced the history of the old Irish Brigade in European battles. The popular chaplain spoke about Irishmen fighting indirectly for their own country. As an orator he impressed the Dubs, the young men of the Dublin Fusiliers who compared him with Jim Larkin, the trade union leader.

Little Father Doyle, as the soldiers called him although he was tall, returned to Ypres, named Ieper in Flemish. The town was the base for Allied attacks on the Germans. As bullets whined about him, he bravely went around the battlefield comforting injured soldiers. On 16th August, 1917, Willie Doyle aged 44, was killed when a shell hit a block house where he had reluctantly found refuge near the Frenzenberg crossroads.

War reporters praised his courage and devotion to duty as he brought spiritual solace and material help to troops from the diverse traditions of Orange and Green. Although Captain Doyle was awarded the Military Cross, the Victoria Cross and Distinguished Service Order were withheld. Maybe there was a double prejudice against him as a Roman Catholic and Jesuit. He did not strive for material rewards as he served a higher cause. There was no proof that he worked miracles and despite his spiritual virtues he was not canonised as a saint.

On recent remembrance journeys to Flanders, I searched for his last resting place. The exact location of his body was not recorded. In Tyne Cot military cemetery, his grave is not in the area allocated to the fallen from his regiment, the royal Dublin Fusiliers. The renowned priest from Dalkey is named on the cemetery's back wall with other casualties who have no known graves.

Panel 160 of the back wall lists Class Four chaplains including Father Doyle and the Reverend John W Eyre-Powell, a Trinity College graduate who was attached to the 27th Labour Corps. A shell killed him in June 1918 when he was aged 37. The name Eyre-Powell rang a bell for me. By coincidence, he was also from Dalkey and is named there on the war memorial in St. Patrick's Church of Ireland. Eyre-Powell is less renowned than Willie Doyle, possibly because Anglican padres were restricted from venturing beyond brigade headquarters into battlefields.

I wondered: did the near neighbours know one another in their home town? Did the two men meet and pray together on the Western Front? Placing a floral wreath at Tyne Cot cemetery, I said a silent prayer in memory of two chaplains from Dalkey who served and died on Flanders Fields.

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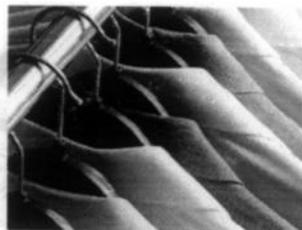
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Daffodil Day - Coffee Morning in OLH -10am- 1pm Sat. 14 Mar	Mother's Day Sun. 22 Mar	Dalkey Community Council Public Meeting - All residents welcome
	Sorting of April Newsletter Fri. 27 March	Mon. 6 April

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