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

Late last March RTE pulled the plug on their Medium Wave service. RTE has faced a barrage of criticism from politicians, elderly groups and emigrants over its decision, which will save the national broadcaster €1.5 million a year. RTE claimed that the service was unnecessary, but they would make available vouchers for the elderly to buy new radios, and in some cases the radios would be free. RTE claims that expats can tune into RTE on their Long Wave service (LW252), RTE also confirmed that it has been unsuccessful in its attempts to stop an Algerian radio station, Tipaza, drowning out its signal on LW252 at night in the UK..... Well done RTE!

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May: Probably named for Maia Majesta, the Roman Goddess of Spring. Also dedicated to Ceres, the Goddess of Grain.

Flower: Hawthorne & Lily of the Valley

Sweet April showers

Do spring May flowers.

Thomas Tusser, A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry, 1557

DCC MONTHLY MARCH MEETING

Our new Chairman, Mr. Ken Dixon, chaired his first DCC Monthly meeting on Monday 31st March at 8pm in the Youth Hall.

TIDY TOWNS: A "Litter and Planting Day" has been set for Saturday 10th May. (See inside for details). Castle Park School will repeat their garden project at Archbold's Castle this year. Loreto Primary School have agreed to plant another border at the castle. Harold Boys plan two garden projects one at their school and another at Dalkey Health Centre. Incidents of graffiti should be reported by ringing the Litter Freephone No. 1800 403 503. Unfortunately Dalkey is being targeted at present.

PLANNING: Castle Park Apartments: ABP have requested further comments from DCC regarding this development.

AOB: DCC have been asked to ensure that the Patton Flyer remains in business as it is providing a much needed service to the community. This issue will be raised at the next Executive.



Please keep your hedges cut back!

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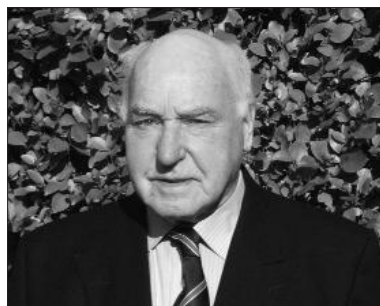
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 at the launch of the
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 recently in Fitzpatrick
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ALTAR BOYS – CIRCA 1940



Back Row: Phil Browne, Jack Dowd, Dermot O'Neill
 2nd Row: Johnny Quinn, Cyril Murray, Frank Quirke, ?, Brendan Smith, Alec Goss.
 Front Row: Charlie Byrne, ?, ?, Tony Duggan, Devin Dowd, Sean Browne
 (Three names in question – Seamus Gannon, James Foley, Jimmy Deane.)

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Left:
 Mr. Ken Dixon who has
 recently been elected
 Chairman of Dalkey
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Alzheimer Society of Ireland - Tea Day	Thurs 1 May
Bank Holiday	Mon 5 May
Little Tern Conservation at Baltray, Co. Louth - a talk by Sandra McKeever, Kingston Hotel, Dun Laoghaire @ 8pm	Tues 6 May
Dalkey Litter & Planting Day	Sat 10 May
St. Patrick's Garden Fete (10am -3pm)	Sat 10 May
National Dawn Chorus Day morning event meet at main car park in Cabinteely Park @4am	Sun 18 May
European Day of Parks	Sat 24 May
Sorting of June Newsletter	Fri 30 May
DCC June Monthly Meeting @8pm in OLH	Tues 3 Jun

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions – Contact Wayne Deegan 086 857 2546..... Tuesdays & Thursdays
 Juveniles from 6.00-7.00pm & Adults 7.00-9.00pm
Dalkey Players Drama Group (HC) 7.30-10.30pm..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETINGS

Ms. Patricia Boyd will speak on “The Registry of Deeds” on Tuesday May 13th at 8pm to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College for Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome- admission €3.
 Ms. Erica Devine will present her lecture “Conservation of Antiques” on Wednesday May 14th at 8pm to the Ballybrack-Killiney Historical Society in the Parochial Hall of SS Alphonsus and Columba Church, Ballybrack. All welcome - admission €2.
 Liam Clare will present his lecture “From Manor Farm to Lidl : 1000 Years of Deans Grange and Kill of the Grange” on Wednesday May 21st at 8pm to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire.

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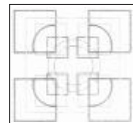
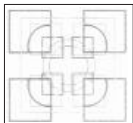
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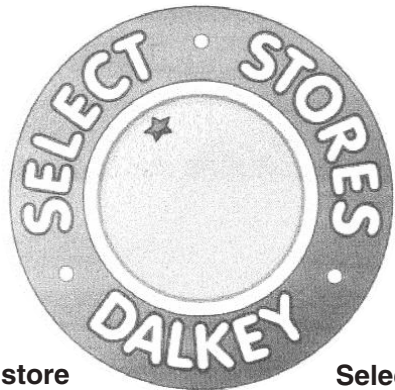
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CLAMBAKE

The Sea Scout Parents' Committee will host our annual CLAMBAKE in the Rectory Garden, Church Road, Dalkey on the evening of Saturday 10th May, by kind permission of Canon & Mrs. Ben Neill. The usual fare of Seafood Chowder from the Guinea Pig Restaurant, barbecued salmon and wine will be on offer, with music and dancing in the marquees on the Rectory lawn starting at 8 p.m. The food will be served at 9 p.m. sharp so don't be late! Patio heaters will ensure that there will be a cosy atmosphere in this unique garden setting. Don't miss this opportunity to attend the highlight of the Dalkey social calendar.

Tickets are €27.50 each. The demand will be high, so in order to allow our chefs to plan ahead, they must be bought in advance from Garrett Hughes, Raglan, Hyde Park, Dalkey (tel 087 259 6540) or Brian Meyer (tel 086 669 6812).

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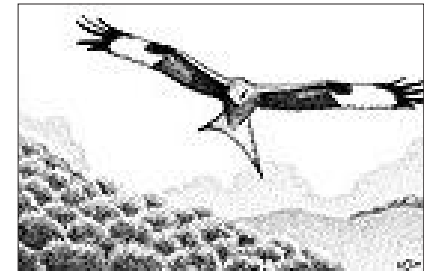
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❖ **NATURE CORNER – by Michael Ryan** ❖

KITE FLYING

Coming up from the beach on Good Friday I'd stopped to look at a Linnet who was singing from the top of a small tree on the other side of the Vico Road. It's a lovely song and they're very handsome little birds with chestnut brown wings and the males displaying a pinkish flush on their forehead and breast in the breeding season. If you're interested in wildlife and the natural world it often happens that while you're watching a bird or mammal something else will happen along. In this case it was a Red Kite, one of the most spectacular birds of prey in this part of the world, drifting above Dalkey hill then over Killiney Hill. Birds of prey, also known as raptors, can be difficult to identify flying high above in the air but the Red Kite is an easy one, pale head, reddish brown body with cream patches on the underside of its long wings but its most distinctive feature is its deeply forked tail.



Very successfully reintroduced into Britain and now a major tourist attraction in Wales, 30 Red Kites were brought to Ireland and released in County Wicklow last year and almost certainly this bird was one of those. The released birds all had highly visible individually lettered tags fitted on their wings. They don't hinder the bird's flight and are used to identify birds and where they have travelled to. Sadly two of the birds have been shot dead and two died from poisoning (probably picking up bait left for crows) since release. Another poisoned Red Kite was found by a Leitrim farmer who put it under a heat lamp normally used for newborn calves and subsequently after further treatment the bird recovered and was re-released in Wicklow. Before it had picked up the poison the bird had been seen in Kerry before travelling to Leitrim so coming to Dalkey from Wicklow was a mere hop for the bird I saw. The Dalkey bird had been seen the day before being hotly pursued by crows. Although generally carrion eaters these noble kings of the sky will sometimes eat worms on the ground.

FOLLOW THAT BIRD!

By this time most of our summer migrants will have arrived. Some birds arrived early, a swallow was seen in Wexford in early March when strong southerly winds would have helped it on its journey here but later high winds from the Arctic would have delayed other birds, probably no harm since they'd have arrived to freezing winds, sleet and even snow. Many woodland songbirds had arrived in Dalkey by early April when male Chiffchaffs, Willow Warblers and Blackcaps were all in full song declaring their territory and telling any passing females what attractive healthy chaps they are.

There's a fascinating website linked to the BBC Radio 4 programme 'The World on the Move'. The programme itself runs over the course of a year and monitors the migration of birds, fish and animals. The website has maps of various creatures including European Eel, Gray Whale, Atlantic salmon, African Elephants and Brent Geese. These maps give the predicted migration paths of these animals with a grid at the month indicating the length of

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Secondary Schools: Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is offering a programme of **Guided Literary and Historical Tours** for secondary school students during May, September and October 2008, outside of the busy tourist months.

The Tour is comprised of two sections, a **Living History Live Performance** and a **Literary Walking Tour**. The Living History Live Performance involves professional actors from Deilg Inis Theatre Company, in full period costume bringing the history of our 14th century fortified Town House and the wider area to colourful life. This will include a site visit of the early Christian Church, Heritage Centre and Battlements.

An experienced guide will lead the **Literary Walking Tour** around the settings used in the work of famous Irish writers, explaining the history and stories behind the various locations. Writers with work set in the immediate area include Flann O'Brien, George Bernard Shaw, James Joyce and Hugh Leonard.

The Masterplan for Tourism for the County entitled 'The Vision' was launched at the Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel on Tuesday 8th April. It received a very enthusiastic reception from the large attendance. If implemented 'The Vision' would double the number of jobs in the industry. It is an excellent roadmap for sustainable progress for tourism in the county for the next 5 years. If you would like to read a hard copy of the report email the Heritage Centre at info@dalkeycastle.com

Art Exhibitions for May: We have four Art Exhibitions during May. After their official openings on Wednesday nights the Exhibitions will be open to the public free of charge from Thursdays to Sundays from 11.00am -4.30pm. The first Exhibition by Paul Spellman is entitled **Green & Blue: New Paintings by Paul Spellman**. Many of the images are inspired by the land and seascape of Killiney Bay and its environs close to where the artist lives. There are also images resulting from trips to the West of Ireland, the South of France and Ostia in Italy. Open to the public from

8th-11th May. Next up is Blackrock artist Monica Tierney from 15th -18th; Karen Ebbs & Jim Hennelly from 22nd-25th and finally, until September, Fionnuala Nolan from 29th May -June 1st.

Dalkey Town Hall: Karate continues in the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.00-9.00pm. Contact Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546.

CoCo Market: Don't forget to support the Co Co Market on Fridays from 10.00 to early afternoon in Dalkey Town Hall.

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a year so you can move a cursor to a time eg: mid-June which will show you where the animal should be.

There is also a link to far more detailed website which monitors and shows the progress of a female Osprey, named Logie, from her wintering location, which she spent most of perched in a tree in a small island off Guinea Bissau off the west coast of Africa, to her present position as she migrates back to Scotland where she has nested for the last three years. The technology can very accurately plot her course, the height she’s flying, the speed she’s flying at and can show her position within a few hours of her arriving. She started her migration on the 12th March and on Sunday the 31st March she was roosting in trees on the bank of the estuary at the mouth of Mundake River which runs into the Bay of Biscay from Guernica in Northern Spain. She stayed there for over a week while the weather was bad then set off North hopefully sitting on her nest by the time you read this. The website is linked to the World on the Move webpage and also linked to Highland Foundation for Wildlife. website www.roydennis.org/Female%20osprey%20migration%202007.htm

SPRING ARRIVES!

If you keep an eye on birds yourself your observations could be a valuable help in monitoring seasonal bird movements. BirdWatch Ireland is once again participating in Spring Alive, the project designed to track the arrival dates of Europe’s common migrants. All across the continent, the public are asked to visit the Spring Alive website (www.springalive.net) to report their first sightings of Swifts, Swallows, Cuckoos and, for participants in Central and Eastern Europe, White Storks. The aim is to allow the public to watch the fascinating spread of spring across Europe as our migrants return and to inform them about the wonders of bird migration, while at the same time allowing us to gather important scientific data that will help us to gauge the impact of problems such as habitat loss and climate change.

New, state-of-the-art animated maps will allow you to see in real time how your observations fit into the whole European picture, and everything has been designed with fun in mind. For the first time, participants can even upload their own photos to the website to show the arrival of spring.

The website also makes a perfect educational tool for school groups, with a comprehensive set of downloadable teachers’ materials and lesson plans, designed to help teach migration as a class project suited to children aged 8-12. The website has been produced both in Irish and in English, and in fact now represents perhaps the best source of material on migratory birds in the Irish language. It is also available in a vast range of other European languages, so it also makes an ideal source of material for language classes. If you know any teachers, please tell them about Spring Alive and encourage them to take part.

You can visit www.springalive.net and enter your records, and tell your friends, family and work colleagues to do the same. It only takes a few seconds to do. If you don’t have internet access, don’t worry, you can also ring at 01-2819878 to report your sightings, or write to Spring Alive, BirdWatch Ireland, P.O. Box 12, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

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Front Row: Kit Conalty; Frank Gaughran; Eddie Totterdell; Barney Kavanagh; Wally Farrell; Noel Darcy

❖ GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY – Continued ❖

Going down across the Vico Road to Vico Fields - whose present public ownership is another interesting story we have not time to explore - let us go down the path that bathers take to White Rock, cross the metal railway-bridge and descent the steep stone steps to the beach. We turn to the left, and some 20 yards away come to the entrance to a big cave. There is a spring of fresh water coming out from the interior; a notice painted on the wall says "Respect the Well", but few appear to do so. This cave was home some thirty years ago of "Decco", as he was always known locally, and is still remembered in the name of the cave today - "Decco's Cave". His right name is doubtful, but I believe it to have been Tom Kavanagh, and his people before him lived in "Retreat Cottage", Knocknacree Park. He had been a sailor, and slept in a hammock set up in the cave. I regret to say that, as boys, we often jeered in at him to rouse his ire, which we never failed to do, with the expected result that "Decco" would seize an axe and chase us as far as the strand, breathing fierce imprecations. I now apologise in his memory for our thoughtless cruelty - though if he had ever caught us I wouldn't be able to apologise!

The jutting-out cliff between "Decco's Cave" and "Sunnyside" is called "The Black Castle", while the cliff below Vico Terrace at the other end of Vico is known as "Hawk Cliff" - it probably was a breeding place for hawks when these abounded formerly. From the end house of Vico Terrace there leads a semi-subterranean way down to the beach; both beaches are too rocky today to be of much advantage for swimmers.

Katherine Tynan lived at "Cymric" overlooking the Vico Bathing Place, and at "Hannamount" (the present "Baymount") lived Henry Gonne, the first Town Clerk of Dalkey, in 1866, who built the present "Fernhill", "Wave Crest", "Craig Dhu" and "Sorrentville". Outside the side gate of "Khyber Pass", and in the garden wall of "Fernill", may be seen today an old wooden gate, leading in under the garden; this is the remains of an old pumping station, used in the '80s for raising water to Gonne's houses.

Extracted from GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY by F.M. O'FLANAGAN, 1942.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

After turning off all the lights and appliances in the house at 8pm on Saturday March 29th for Earth Hour 2008, I took a stroll around Dalkey Village. What I found saddened and disappointed me, for there was a complete lack of interest, support and participation not only from the majority of local businesses along the main street which were closed at the time, but also from our local churches.

Earth Hour was the highlight of a major campaign to encourage businesses, communities and individuals to take simple steps to increase energy efficiency and cut greenhouse gas emissions. What I witnessed on that evening in Dalkey Village does not bode well for the future, if this is the attitude in our locality to a simple one hour of symbolic gesture.

Yours sincerely,
Dalkey Resident

Dear Editor,

I hope that the Community Council will see its way to give public support to the local desire that the Patton Flyer airport bus will be able to continue to operate as it is supplying such a great service to us all.



Sincerely,
Delma Meredith

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❖ **THE PIRATES OF DALKEY ISLAND - by James Scannell** ❖

Films such as 'Pirates of the Caribbean' portray pirates as loveable rogues when in fact they were generally ruthless cold-blooded murderers who cared little about those they killed. In 1776 the bodies of 2 pirates were hung in chains on the Muglins just north of Dalkey Island as a warning to others considering this line of activity.

The story of these pirates is recalled by Frank Hopkins in his book Hidden Dublin - Deadbeats, Dossers and Decent Skins* who reveals that 4 members of the crew of the sailing ship Earl of Sandwich en route from the Canary Island to London, killed the officers, their families and then sailed for Ireland before they killed the remainder of the crew after which they scuttled the ship near New Ross and rowed ashore with as much booty as they could carry.

They spent so much money within the next 24-hours in the New Ross area that their activities came to the attention of the authorities who suspected them of piracy, a view further strengthened when the wreck of the Earl of Sandwich was washed ashore. In the meantime the four pirates had left New Ross and travelled to Dublin where they took rooms in a tavern in Thomas Street. In the meantime the sheriff of New Ross sent an arrest warrant to the mayor of Dublin who had the 4 men arrested, 2 in the city and the other 2 on a stagecoach bound for Cork. Under questioning the 4 pirates admitted their guilt and revealed where the remainder of their booty was hidden.

The 4 were tried for robbery and murder on 1 March 1766, found guilty as charged and were sentenced to death. 2 days later they were taken under military escort from Newgate Gaol to St. Stephen's Green where they were hanged. The bodies were returned to Newgate Prison and later brought by cart to the Great South Wall near Ringsend where 2 bodies were hung in chains at Mackarell's Wharf and the other 2 in chains at the Pidgeon House.

After a month, walkers complained about the offensive smell and sight of the decaying corpses and it was decided the bodies of 2 of them, George Gidley and Peter McKinlea, would be hung on the Muglins where they were suspended from a gallows in a new set of chains as a warning to others of the fate that awaited them should they indulge in piracy.

Currently piracy still occurs around the globe especially along the west coast of Africa and in parts of the Far East where ships and their crews are held for ransom until paid by their owners unless rescued by the authorities.

*Hidden Dublin - Deadbeats, Dossers and Decent Skins by Frank Hopkins - Publisher: Mercier Press.

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❖ MY GARDEN by Philippa Thomas ❖

May is our month of fresh green foliage and then zingy colours in the border. Surely, there is hardly a tree/shrub or a herbaceous clump that doesn't look superb in May. I heard someone on the radio yesterday say that "spring is literally walking its way around Europe, - somewhat like a 'green wave.'"

Make no mistake about it, our plants are responding to these warmish, lengthening days. What promise and what possibilities! We can bring energy and enthusiasm and weave a different story, a different theme each season. There is a lovely line in one of W.B. Yeats' poems, "Our shadows rove the garden gravel still..... Individuals may no longer be alive, but their plants, their shadows, continue blooming, their generosity and enthusiasms endure."

At present, it's back to basics for us! We have several herbaceous perennial clumps that require splitting (they seem to require this every four or five years), simply because when they spread out, they appear to leave an open centre which doesn't always look the most attractive. So, it's a good idea to replant the younger outer sections and chuck the rest into the compost heap. Iris Unguicularis (Algerian Iris) never fails to enchant with its quiet beauty, its purple blooms are so beautifully marked with white and golden yellow stripes and are sweetly scented and nestle deep within a protective clump. Sometimes, its foliage as with some other irises can be rather scruffy but nevertheless, has its own charm. You can spruce it up by removing or trimming back those brown leaves that may annoy you. It likes impoverished soil and thrives in sunny positions. It seems to be a good idea to hoe weed seedlings on a dry sunny day so that they dry up and don't re-root; weeds just like herbaceous clumps enjoy their burst of new growth. I tend to tease them out by hand when they're tiny, sometimes using my trowel. I find that it is the undersides of leaves that get attacked with whitefly and then greenfly seem to love eating the shoot tips. (Basically, aphids feed by sucking the sap out of plants. So, all of them should be controlled before they establish and spread themselves)

Trees make our towns and villages green and pleasant. They provide us with shelter and shade. They delight us with their beautifully formed buds in spring and then, those that are deciduous, provide us with a vibrance of colour in autumn. Trees, too, provide high-rise living accommodation for our wildlife. Of course, we know that, occasionally, - or so it seems - trees and 'some people' don't always mix or relate that well to each other! I read recently that a study in Chicago shows that trees can remove 10.8 tons of toxic particles from pollution on an average summer's day. I also read that crime rates are lower in greener areas and people are inclined to drive more slowly down a tree-lined street. And the presence of trees can increase the value of your property. A true little beauty (small tree-semi shrub) for our coastal gardens is Azara Microphylla. One of my sisters gave us a present of it about eight years ago. It is evergreen and scented with an abundance of tiny yellow puff balls in spring. Its leaves are round, glossy dark green and a few cut sprigs will last approximately three or four weeks in a vase.



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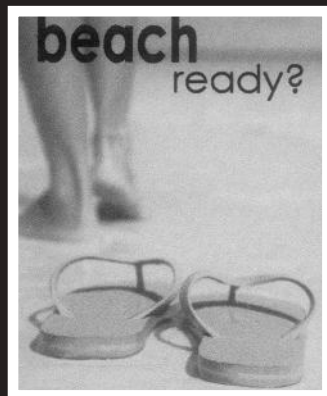
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❖ DALKEY'S SPANISH CONNECTION - by James Scannell ❖

Recently a very good friend, Howell Evans, gave me a book on the history of Dublin which contained between one of the pages an undated newspaper cutting from the 1970's or perhaps earlier from either the Evening Press or Evening Herald dealing with an aspect of Dalkey which I reproduce below-

"The old ruined church of St.Begnet, in the centre of Dalkey town, was derelict before 1630, according to the survey made in that year by the Protestant Archbishop Bulkeley, only part of the building was roofed at all, and except for the curate and his family not a sinner came to services, unless during the herring season, when some of the crews of Scottish and English fishing boats made their appearance.

The church was enlarged in medieval times, and the belfry-gable is another addition, but we know that there was some primitive church in Celtic times (even though scholars have had doubts as to who St.Begnet was). About 1835,an old sailor, Bill Harwood, told his friends where exactly, in this graveyard, he wanted to be buried. Not long after, when preparing Harwood's grave, a stone slab with a cross and cup-like marks was found. It is of a type found near ancient Celtic churches in South County Dublin. The other St. Begnet's Church, on Dalkey Island, has also had hard usage (it was used as a shelter by workers building the Martello Tower). About 1902, this island church was very carefully measured by J.P. O'Reilly, of the Royal Irish Academy, and he became convinced that Spanish builders, or at least builders trained in Spain, worked on this church, as all the measurements tally closely with the vara, an ancient unit of measurement used in Northern Spain."

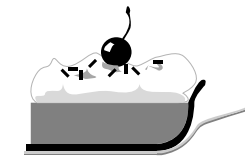
❖ LEMON TART ❖

Ingredients

- 200g plain flour
- 50g ground almonds
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2tbsp. icing sugar, plus extra to dust
- 125g chilled butter, diced
- 2 medium egg yolks
- 1 egg white beaten

For the filling

- 200g Caster sugar
- 4 medium eggs
- 142ml carton double cream
- Grated zest and juice of 2 lemons



Method:

Put the flour, ground almonds, salt, icing sugar and butter into a food processor and whiz to make fine crumbs. Add the yolks and 2-3 tablespoons of cold water and pulse until the mixture comes together to make a firm but moist dough. Lightly shape the pastry into a ball, then roll out on a floured surface and use to line a 20cm fluted flan tin. Chill for 30 minutes.

Pre-heat the oven to 190°C/ gas mark 5.

Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, fill with baking beans and bake for 10 minutes. Lift out the paper, return to the oven and bake for 5 minutes until the pastry is dry. Brush the pastry case with egg white and return to the oven for 5 minutes until the egg white has dried and the pastry is shiny - this will prevent the pastry going soggy once the filling is poured in.

Lower the oven temperature to 150°C/gas mark 2.

For the filling, whisk the caster sugar and eggs until foamy. Beat in the cream, then the lemon zest and juice. Pour into the tart case and return to the oven for 40-50 minutes until just set - don't worry if it's wobbly in the centre as it will set as it cools. Cool, slip out of the tin, then dust with extra icing sugar.

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Reg. Ref.: D08B/0074 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 2-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Mr. & Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell, Knocknacree House, Knock-na-cree Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Single storey domestic extension to the side and associated site works.
Reg. Ref.: D08B/0079 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Brian & Karen O'Kelly, 2 Ardeevin Terrace, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the demolition of single storey extension, construction of a first floor extension to the rear and a single storey covered passage to the side.
Reg. Ref.: D08B/0082 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Eileen O'Connor, Dalkey Cottage, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Single storey, ground floor, side extension of 13 square metres.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANALA
Wks 11-14 10/3/08 to 4/4/08

Reg Ref: D07A/1462 **Registration Date:** 18-Oct-2007
Location: 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Development: Demolition of single storey garage and the construction of a two storey over garden level 4 bedroom detached house comprising three levels of accommodation (177.5 sq.m) the widening of the existing access to 3.5 m, new entrance gates and new boundary walls to both sides at the proposed house, new 3.5 m wide access at the existing house and all associated works.
Council Decision: GRANT PERMISSION **Appeal Lodged:** 20-Mar-2008
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

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My Garden continued

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It is well worth considering a special colour/theme for your display this coming summer. Why not be a little more daring and go for various tones of blues or fiery combinations of rusts and oranges, or maybe, conjure up a taste of the tropics with big bold architectural plants. Unless you have the time to water containers every day, think 'Big'. The mixture in a large container will hold its moisture much better than a small one. The entrance to the Botanical Gardens in Glasnevin is at present awash with night-scented stock and buttercream scented hyacinths. Stock always conveys an old fashioned charm and flowers tirelessly and effortlessly. Trailing plants such as plectranthus (there are at least four varieties available here in Ireland), bacopa snowflake, nepeta and bidens are all excellent plants for mixing with strong colours. Bacopa snowflake, in particular, produces masses of dainty, tiny crisp-like flowers along the entire length of its creeping stems. (Sometimes, it even overwinters!). Some of the small leaved ivy cultivars can be simply fantastic too with their leaf sizes, shapes and colours. Remember, colour combinations and plant possibilities are limitless. Just have fun, get out there, mix and match, mess around, experiment and ENJOY!

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'To sit in the shade on a fine day and look upon the verdure is the most perfect refreshment'

Jane Austen

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WEEKS 11-14 10/3/08 to 14/3/08

- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0283 **Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Mar-2008
Applicant Name & Location: William a& Joanna Fitzpatrick, 'Carrigmore', Killiney Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: (A) Demolition of the existing three bedroom bungalow and associated outbuildings, (B) Excavation of the site, (C) Construction of two new detached four bedroom houses, each house measuring 176 sq.m over two storeys plus habitable attic space, and (D) An additional vehicular entrance from Killiney Road.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0205 **Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Mar-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Helen Archer, 11, Craiglands, Dalkey.
Proposal: Provision of a dormer window in pitched roof, to first floor bedroom to the front elevation of existing house.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0315 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Mar-2008
Applicant Name & Location: S O'Donoghue, 44, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: The demolition of existing single storey house, the construction of two new semi-detached 2 storey dwellings, and, provision of new entrance gate in existing front boundary wall.
- Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1602 **Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Nov-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Sean MacNaBheatha, 7, Castle Close, Sandycove.
Proposal: The development consists of demolition of the existing single storey side extension, front conservatory, front and side boundary walls and construction of an extension and alterations to the existing house, new garden shed, new vehicular entrance and driveway to the front, new front and side boundary walls, entrance piers and ancillary site works. The extension to the side is two storey with a pitched roof with areas of single storey construction to the front, side and rear. Also proposed are roof lights and solar panels to the front and external insulation to the rear and side of the existing house.
Application Type: Permission. Additional Information: 25-Mar-2008
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0043 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Jan-2008
Applicant Name & Location: The Board of Management, Castle Park School Ltd., Castlepark School, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: Permission is sought for the retention and completion of modifications to the redevelopment of Castlepark School as was granted planning permission under planning ref. D05A/0762. Decision ref. PL06D.215520. The alterations comprise: a) An increase in length of the swimming pool from 19 metres to 25 metres involving an increase in floor area of 78 square metres; b) An increase in floor area of the pool plant area of 45.5 square metres, most of which is below ground; c) relocation of air handling unit from the swimming pool roof to lower ground level adjacent to swimming pool plant room which will be 5 metre long x 1.5 metre deep x 2 metre high; and d) associated changes to site works; all at Castlepark School, which is a protected structure. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention. **Add. Information:** 25-Mar-'08.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0034 **Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Jan-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Barnhill Ltd. Partnership, Carn,31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: The development will consist of demolition of existing two storey dwelling and attached single storey apartment and to construct two semi-detached two storey three bedroom dwellings with off street car parking for 4 vehicles at front and additional vehicular entrance off Barnhill Road and all associated site works. **Applic. Type:** Permission. **Add. Information:** 01-Apr-2008.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0376 **Application Rec'd Date:** 03-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Siobhan Smith, 3, Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Construction of a two storey dwelling house on a fully serviced site including ancillary works.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0382 **Application Rec'd Date:** 04-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Mr. G. Kelly, The Coach House, Victoria Road, Dalkey.

- Proposal:** New entrance gates and piers providing rear access to existing coach house and courtyard.
Reg. Ref.: D08A/0383 **Application Rec'd Date:** 04-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Brian and Heather McManus, Shelmalier, Victoria Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: New garage with overhead storeroom and revised boundary treatment.
Reg. Ref.: D08A/0387 **Application Rec'd Date:** 04-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Prof. and Mrs. M. Gilchrist, 1, Seafield Terrace, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Extend and restore existing semi-detached dwelling (a protected structure), extending at 2 storeys with split level to the rear providing a total of 3 bedrooms and north-facing terrace together with internal reconfiguration to existing structure including new walls, stairs, blocking up a western gable window and associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS WEEKS 11-14 10/3/2008 to 4/4/2008

- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0043: **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 14-Mar-2008
Applicant Name & Location: The Board of Management, Castle Park School Ltd., Castlepark School, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for the retention and completion of modifications to the redevelopment of Castlepark School as was granted planning permission under planning ref. D05A/0762. Decision ref. PL06D.215520. The alterations comprise: a) An increase in length of the swimming pool from 19 metres to 25 metres involving an increase in floor area of 78 square metres; b) An increase in floor area of the pool plant area of 45.5 square metres, most of which is below ground; c) relocation of air handling unit from the swimming pool roof to lower ground level adjacent to swimming pool plant room which will be 5 metre long x 1.5 metre deep x 2 metre high; and d) associated changes to site works; all at Castlepark School, which is a protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0039 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 20-Mar-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Brian Foley, Carrowbeg, 14, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for retention of a single storey detached garden room and store totalling 25 sq.m of gross floor area with a covered external porch of 5.2 sq.m and a height of 2.9 m to the rear.
Application Type: Permission for Retention.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0111 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 28-Mar-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Mark and Ciara Skinner, 10, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: Extensions to ground floor and first floor side and rear, conversion of garage to living space at No. 10 Dalkey Grove and for widening of vehicular entrance.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0120 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 31-Mar-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Michael McGill and Tim Rowe, 5, Ardbrugh Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
Proposal: Revised roof profile and revised rear elevation to the permitted rear extension case ref. PL 06D.217326, Reg. Ref. D06A/0219.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0134 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 3-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Teresa Delaney, Saval Park House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission sought for a garage conversion with single storey extension to side and front. New roofs to existing dormers and new car-port to side.
- Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0138 **Decision:** Withdraw the Application **Date:** 4-Apr-2008
Applicant Name & Location: Clear Channel Ireland Ltd., Hyde Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: 5.3 x 1.3 x 2.5 m high stainless steel and glass taxi rank shelter with 2 no. 2 square metre static or scrolling internally illuminated display panels on Hyde Road, Dalkey, on east side at junction with Castle Street.