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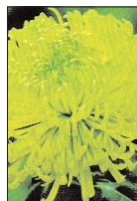
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**October:** Roman word 'Octo' which means eight, the eight month of the old Roman Calendar. The Anglo-Saxons called it 'Win monath' the month for making wine. They also called it 'Winter-fylleth' (winter falls) because it was thought winter began with the new moon in October.

If there's ice in November to bear a duck  
There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck.

Flower:  
Calendula/  
Dahlia



## SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

### Dalkey's Free Christmas Event



- 3.45pm Children's Christmas Show in Town Hall
- 4.00pm Schools' Christmas Carol Concert in Church
- 5.00pm Santa's Arrival and Lighting of Christmas Tree in Dalkey Church Car Park



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## SUMMARY OF DCC OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING



The DCC Monthly meeting was held on Monday 3rd October in OLH.

**NW :** The Gardai advised vigilance as the darker evenings and winter sets in. Particular care should be taken with property, cars and homes.

**AOB:** DLRCoCo Parks Dept. hope to carry out a survey in the area surrounding Dalkey and Killiney Hill to assess the number of grey squirrels with a view to finding out to what extent they have migrated from the hills.

The next meeting is Tuesday 1st November at 8pm in Harold Boys School.



## DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



Summer numbers were up 14% on the same period last year. We expect a further increase next summer season when CIE tours start coming to us. There were still plenty of visitors around through October. Various towns have completed 'welcome visitors' programmes, so maybe it's something we could think about in Dalkey?

The Living History Tudors will go back into their boudoirs in the sixteenth century to hibernate for a few months and we will have The Medieval Experience Tour every day (except Tuesdays) until November 23rd when the Medieval Christmas Show comes back in full swing with all the medieval Christmas traditions. More details next issue.

The 'Meet the Writers' show is in full rehearsal mode at the time of going to press and it's looking like it will give a wonderful snapshot of our talented writers past and present. This literary theme will be further developed in the future to bring more visitors into the area. We are expecting Minister Deenihan to one of the performances. Dublin's designation as UNESCO City of Literature will keep the literary theme to the fore in international marketing. So there is an opportunity for Dalkey to increase market share.

**Art Exhibitions:** Highly successful Ukranian artist **Sergey Talichkin's** next exhibition '**Carnival of Light**' runs at the Gallery from 2nd -6th November.

**DLR CEB Winter Fair** Sat & Sun 12th & 13th November for all crafts and unusual gift ideas by local craftspeople.

**From 15th -20th Nov 2011** we will have an exhibition from tutors Nigel Cheney, Alex Scott and Helen McAllister from NCAD with a mix of ceramics, embroidery and textile print

**Breadline Africa Art Exhibition - Tuesday 29th & Wed 30th November** Breadline Africa is spreading its wings further up

North to some of the very poorest countries in central Africa. This specific Art Exhibition will donate 50% of the proceeds towards projects in the remote part of Tanzania. Artists include Pdraig McCaul, Jo Callanan, Denise Hussey, Louise Edwards, Gill Trapnell & Lucinda Jacob.

**Zumba Fitness classes:** continue in Dalkey Town Hall on Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm or 8pm - 9pm. 5 classes only €30 or 10 classes only €60 or pay as you go €10 per class.



*Tenor Simon Morgan, Soprano Donna Malone and Accompanist Josh Johnston at the 'Meet the Writers' in Dalkey Castle*

Contact Lukasz: 085 216 33 04 or Colette: 087 247 66 73. E mail:info@zumbagalaxy.com

**Pilates:** Mondays in Heritage Centre: three classes at 6.15pm, 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Contact Lizanne Barry 087 8572408

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**Friday Market: Town Hall:** Dominican Farm brings organic fruit and vegetables from 10.00-2.00pm.

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## “HERD” OF THE DALKEY ISLAND GOATS



Goats have been part of Dalkey Island and community for over 200 yrs. and likely much longer. The Domestic Goat (*Capra hircus*) has a ready tendency to become wild (or more correctly feral), and will adapt and thrive in a variety of environments.

There have been many theories as to how the goats came to be on the island; certainly over the centuries their main function was the provision of fresh milk and meat to the different groups of people that found themselves having to live on the island - an environment that would not support cows. In more modern times, after the railways had arrived and grand houses with large well maintained gardens were built, bye laws were passed prohibiting the owning of goats in an effort to protect the gardens. This in turn caused people to abandon goats and a very useful place was Dalkey Island. These days the herd, being island proud, provide a very useful service in “trimming back” and keeping shrubs, mainly gorse, in check, in so doing keeps the island accessible for visitors to roam comfortably over the island. They do such a good job of maintaining the land and keeping the grass trimmed and well presented they would almost be contenders for the Dalkey community garden competition.

Being a goat on Dalkey Island has some distinct advantages; there is more than adequate food growing for a herd that we try to keep between 6 and 15 goats, the only competition to the food source is from the rabbit population and that is managed to keep their numbers as low as possible. A goats day is generally a mixture of grazing along predictable pathways and sunbathing on a nice day. However, on prolonged wet periods, more time is spent relaxing in the excellent shelter that is provided by the “powder room” in the Battery at the south end of the island.

There is abundant fresh water from numerous natural springs on the island and in very dry spells the well just south of the jetty has always provided fresh water. Some challenges faced by the herd are those associated with being inbred while it certainly selects out the hardest individuals they can be left susceptible to parasitic infections as contamination builds up especially in years when above average numbers of kids survive.





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The greatest threat to the herd is the ever increasing numbers of visitors to the island. While the vast number of visitors respect the herd and leave them in peace, increasing numbers whether by ignorance or more sinister reasons follow and chase the goats until they are cornered on the cliffs and panic leading to injuries. The very least that is needed is proper signage explaining the responsibilities visitors have to the various forms of wildlife on the island.

Dalkey has the last herd of feral goats left in Dublin and with only a handful left in the country it would be a shame to lose it. With increasing numbers of visitors to the island likely, we need to find ways that will balance the rights of visitors with those of the herd.

**Kevin Glynn MVB MRCVS – Veterinary Hospital, Patrick St., Dun Laoghaire**



*Winner of the  
Dalkey  
Community  
Council Cup  
for 2011,  
Kevin Glynn,  
receiving the cup  
from the  
Chairman of  
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Dr. Susan  
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## MIGHT DO / MAYBE NOVEMBER JOBS?

It is worth considering that in any container, each individual plant has the best qualifications in terms of longevity of interest, colour, texture and form. Remember, there are ever-greens with glossy leaves, berry plants, some superb foliage - others with amazing barks.

1. Lets make sure out pots and containers do not dry out. Do not depend on our rain, in this way, you can easily lose a valuable plant. By the way, 'Ophiopogon Planiscapus Nigrescens', it looks like a black grass, really is an elegant individual and seems to compliment almost every type of other plant.
2. If you haven't already done so: it's a good idea to stand patio pots on feet, (suitable bricks or whatever) to improve drainage.
3. Tulips are possibly best planted this month to reduce the risk of fungal diseases. Planting tulips in pots can provide double drama. Simply, combine them with complimentary evergreens for this winter, then you can avail of a dazzling spring highlight. Tulips are so diverse, from the simplest of petite single flowers to the largest 'blowsiest' doubles in almost every colour.
4. Perhaps, change your soil in containers for displaying your new winter flowering pansies and violas. Pansies etc. can suffer from 'Pansy wilt', so given a fresh start they should reward you with a superb display throughout our oncoming months.



*Winter pansies (above) flower throughout winter and in good spells, into spring and beyond.*

*(below)*

*In last month's issue, October we saw the cheery faces of their cousins, the 'Viola' Blueberry Cream*



## TAKE CARE AND ENJOY!

*Left: Persian Carpet Wallflower are trusty old fashioned flowers, colourful and scented and Variegated ivy offers all year-round foliage effect*



## NOVEMBER 2011 GARDEN EVENTS



### ALPINE SOCIETY EVENTS

**Thursday, 10th November 8p.m.** – Susan Tindall, 'Alpines at High and Low Altitudes'. St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Stillorgan.

**Friday, 18th to Sunday, 20th November** – 28th Alpine Weekend. Speakers: Harry Jans, Jim Jermyn and Liam McCaughey. Venu: An Grianán, Termonfeckin.

### SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY TALKS

**Wednesday, November 9th** – Lorna McMahon on "The Development of Ardcarraig". (This garden was visited on our society outing in May).

### NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS (Lectures and Workshops)

**Wednesday, 2nd November 3p.m.** – 'A Journey to the Antipodes'

**Saturday, 5th Nov. 10 a.m. - 4.30.p.m.** – Botany Workshop 'Common Lichens' €20.

**Thursday, 10th November , 7p.m** – 3 lectures by the Irish Meteorological Society.

**Saturday, 12th November 2-4p.m.** – Childrens' Ard €10.

**Saturday, 19th November 10.30.a.m.-2.30 p.m.** – 'Planning your Garden' €25.

**Wednesday, 30th November 3 p.m.** – 'Ireland's Lilliputian Flora'

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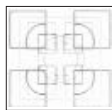
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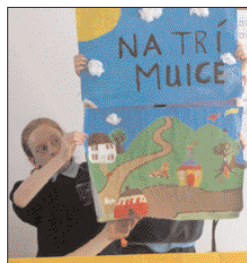


**Hockey News** – We now have started the hockey league and we have played two hockey matches so far. We played one away to Castle Park and the other at home against Clooney. When the D team played Castle Park they wore the hockey uniform. Unfortunately they didn't win. We hope that we will win the next time. The A and B team played a match against Cluny. The B team won. Go Loreto! Hopefully we will be playing another match soon!

**Katie Reilly and Claire Mc Veigh**

**Choir Assembly and a Puppet Show** – The junior and senior choirs are practising hard and learning lots of new hymns for the new school year. We've had some lovely, reverent prayer services and a peaceful dance from fourth class. The third class are really enjoying the senior choir and are working really hard to learn all the new hymns and songs.

For part of art this year the two sixth classes made sock puppets. We all got an old sock from home and added googly eyes, fabric and bits and bobs from around the house. We all painted backdrops and wrote out scripts in Irish. We did this in four groups. When we had learned our lines, we invited the first class to come and see our puppet show. We had 'Goldy Socks and the Three Bears,' 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' 'The Three Little Pigs' and a very special celebrity concert including Jedward and Lady Gaga. The show was a huge success and the first class really enjoyed it.



*Puppet Show*

**A Doctor's Visit** – On the 13th September 2011 a doctor came in to talk to the two 6th classes about the brain. We learned a lot of interesting facts and he showed us some pictures of the brain. It was very interesting. I learned that a baby's skull isn't stuck together when it's born. Studying to be a doctor is hard work because if a patient came in and he was walking very funny then the doctor would have to know what part of the brain or body to look at.

**Gillian O'Neill**

**Student of the Month** – Student of the Month has been a great success. Since February 2011 each month, one child from each class is appointed Student of the Month. A photo of the winning child in each class is displayed on the wall by the office for a month. The Student of the Month is a child who is friendly, a hard worker, pleasant, polite, someone who wears the correct uniform and who always tries their best.

**Siobhán O'Keeffe**

**Student Council** – On the 30th of September Loreto Dalkey had their student council elections. The candidates, from 5th and 6th class all wrote a two-minute speech. Third class and upwards had the chance to vote. The speeches were truly amazing. All the candidates did really well but only twelve could get in. In the end four were elected from fifth class and eight from sixth class. The rest of the girls were appointed to other committees such as the Justice, Peace and Integrity committee, the Anti-bullying committee and the Active Schools committee.

**Claudia Mc Kendry**

The new student council members are very excited to be representing our school Loreto Dalkey.

**Ellen Murray**



*Student Council Members*



*Hockey B Team*



## New Opening Hours

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# DCC COMMUNITY AWARDS



*Overall Winner of the Community Council Garden Competition Kate Hammond of Melrose, Dalkey Avenue*



*The Winning Team from Harold Boys School with their Facilitator, Simone Stephenson-Li, accepting the Community Cup for their fantastic achievement in winning the Xperience Engineering National Competition for their proposed design for the Dun Laoghaire Baths*



*Community Council Chairman, Dr. Susan McDonnell, with the Garden Competition Judges Patty Maher and Noreen Curran*



*Vandra Costello accepts the prize for Best Front Garden*



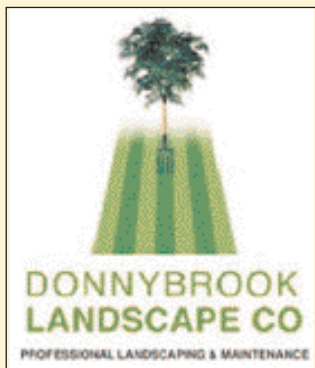
*Winners Nicole Hughes and Mark Fahy accepting the Community Council's Sports Cup for their sporting achievements*



*Mairead McCabe accepting a token of thanks on behalf of her mother, Mrs. McCabe from Chairman, Dr. Susan McDonnell*



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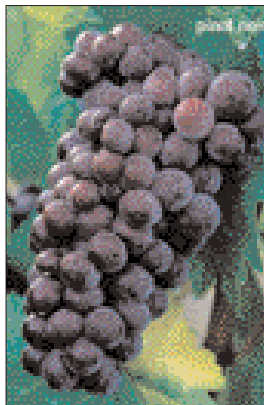
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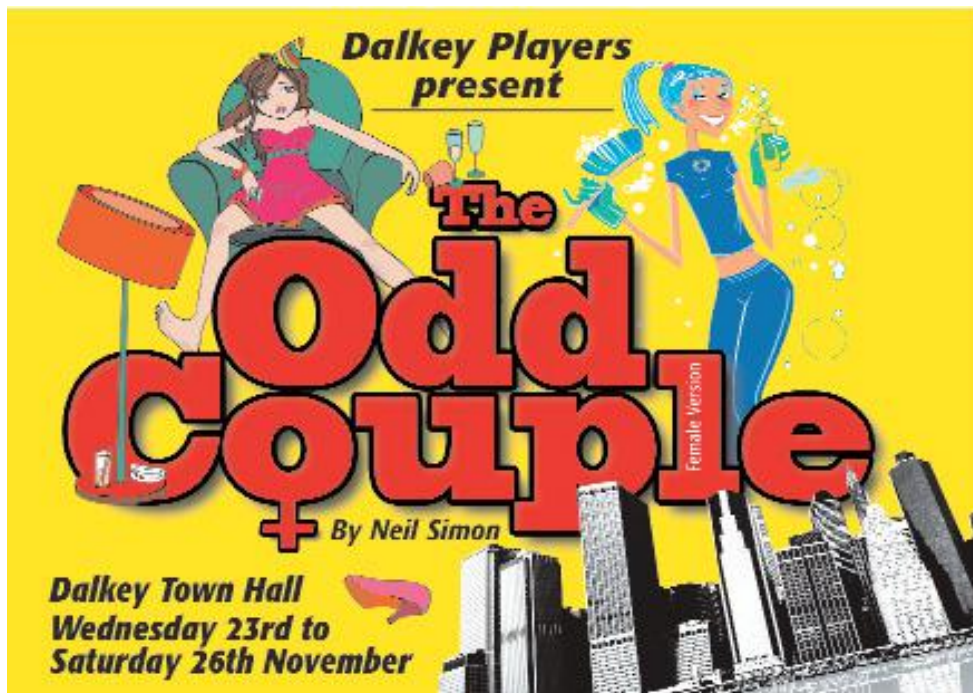


*Pinot Noir Grape*

Pinot Noir's home is in the heart of burgundy. Some of the world's finest Pinot noir hails from the Cote D'or which is an area in Burgundy. This is a thin skinned grape which means it is susceptible to disease and even frost, wind and pruning! So there's no wonder it has the reputation among winemakers as being very difficult to grow. However with that being a fact it is still grown all over the world. Perhaps because this grape provides mouth wateringly juicy wines. It is light bodied and floral and suitable for anyone who is looking for an easy drinking red or others who are more accustomed to drinking whites and looking to try something new. Red berried fruits are at the fore front of Pinot noir wines- strawberries and cherries. This paired with low alcohol levels pleases a lot of people who might like to have more than one glass! Pair it with braised ham or beef bourguignon and it is a real treat!

It was once declared “*God made Cabernet whereas the devil made pinot Noir*” referring to how difficult Pinot Noir can be to cultivate...so in next month's issue the “King Cabernet” as it is sometimes referred to will be the topic. Until then, enjoy sipping!

Sinéad Tyrrell



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# DALKEY COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

## EXCITING TIMES

### Our Welcome

We are delighted to inform you that the playgroup is now in it's 39th year. We would like to extend a special warm welcome to our new families and to also welcome back our existing boys and girls as we embark upon our new school year.

### Our Home

During the summer holidays the playgroup was given a full make over, with a fresh coat of paint it now looks really bright and cheerful. The toilets have spectacular murals of wild animals.

### Our Facilities

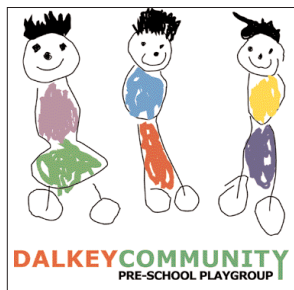
A new computer was very kindly donated by Miagen LTD, and the children are really enjoying the computer time activities, it is very impressive how quickly they are developing their computer skills. Computer training will improve their social and language skills and develop their fine motor skills, hand eye coordination, and practice turn taking.

### Our Wishes

On a final note we would like to wish the very best of luck to all our boys and girls that have moved on and we hope you are all blossoming in your new schools.

### Our Goodbye

Thanks and goodbye from us all at the Playgroup x



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**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0438

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Sep-2011

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

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for (a) Change of use from wash house to bedroom and (b) new single storey bathroom extension to side, all to the side of existing terrace, and all associated site works. (A protected structure).

**Reg. Ref.:** D05A/1607/E

**Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Sep-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael McAteer, Grant Thornton (Receiver), Santa Maria, 13, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** For the construction of 24 no. dwelling units comprising 15 no. dwellings and 9 No. apartments the demolition of existing rear garden wall at No. 13 Cunningham Road and its replacement with a slightly set back 2.0 metre high wall and boundary wall generally 2.4 metres high all on a 0.59 hectares site at lands to the rear of 'Santa Maria' (A Protected Structure), Cunningham Road, and part of the rear garden of No. 13 Cunningham Road.. etc.

**Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

**Reg. Ref.** D11B/0318

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Sep-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ciaran Ramsay & Gillian Reid, Bellecote, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for first floor projecting Velux rooflight to the side.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0608 Application Rec'd Date: 05-Nov-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Padraig Fitzpatrick, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Glenageary.

**Proposal :** Permission is sought for demolition of existing 'Southwinds' bungalow and for the construction of replacement bungalow with garden walls, landscaping, drainage, driveways, footpaths and ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission . Additional Information: 30-Sep-2011.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0703 Application Rec'd Date: 17-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr & Mrs James Lenehan , Altamont, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for retention of extension to existing house on two storeys, provision of car parking spaces and conversion of car port to garden room. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention. **Additional Information:** Clarification of A.I.: 11-Aug-2011, 29-Sep-2011.

**Reg. Ref.:** D06A/0910/E

**Application Rec'd Date:** 7-Oct-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Peter Monaghan, Old Tramyard, 15, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** For demolition of existing warehouses (former tram sheds) and associated buildings and site works, and the construction of a development of total area 2,525 sq.m. consisting of 23 apartments and a commercial / retail space in three 3-storey blocks arranged around an open courtyard, all over basement car park on a site of 0.23 HA (0.57 acres) etc. Also, existing tramlines within the yard are Protected Structure, and it is proposed to temporarily lift and reinstate the tramlines, existing gate piers, iron gates and cobble stones in the yard (which are deemed to be proposed structures) will be retained and reinstated. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0454

**Application Rec'd Date:** 07-Oct-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for modifications to approved D11A/0193 and D11A/0389 to convert the attic space of house C to provide an additional en-suite bedroom (24sq.m) with a dormer window to the front elevation.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11B/0326

**Application Rec'd Date:** 06-Oct-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Penny & Paul Lannin, 49, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a single storey extension to front and for two roof windows to the front slope of the existing roof and alterations to the existing translucent roof to the side passage.



## PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 37- 40 12/9/2011 to 7/10/2011

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0429      **Decision:** Declare Application Invalid      **Date:** 14-Sep-2011  
**Applicant Name & Location:** R & E Saunders, 4, Beacon Hill, Nerano Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Retention permission is sought for (a) change of use from wash house to bedroom and (b) new single storey bathroom extension to side, all to side of existing Terrace, and associated site works (A protected structure).

**Reg. Ref.:** D11B/0260      **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention      **Date:** 13-Sep-2011  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Catriona and Michael Lawlor, Willow Brook, 2, Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Retention permission is sought for conversion of attic into a habitable bedroom, with associated velux rooflights. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0389      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 4-Oct-2011  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Mrs Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey. (The White House)  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D11A/0193 to increase the width of approved house C by 900mm thus increasing its approved floor area by 16 sq.m to 224 sq.m. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11B/0286      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 7-Oct-2011  
**Applicant Name:** Richard Hooper, Lynton, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for demolition of existing outhouse and construction of single storey extension to side and rear.

## APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala Wks 37- 40 12/09/2011 to 7/10/2011

None for Dalkey Area

## APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wks. 36-39 5/9/2011 to 9/10/2011

**Reg. Ref.** D11B/0051      **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission      **Appeal Decided:** 8-Sep-2011  
**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** 3, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey.  
**Proposed Development:** Planning permission is sought for the demolition of a single storey garage to the side & sunroom to the rear, and the construction of a new domestic extension (part single storey, part two storey) to the side and rear of the existing house to accommodate new hallway, wc, kitchen & living accommodation at ground floor, and stairway, en-suite, bathroom & bedrooms at first floor. **Applicant:** Aoife & Tony Randles.

**Reg. Ref.** D11B/0058      **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Appeal Decided** 14-Sep-2011  
**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission **Location:** 97 & 98, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposed Development:** Planning permission is sought for alterations and first floor extensions including replacing the roofs to the front of Nos. 97 & 98, increasing the roof pitches and ridge heights and incorporating roof windows. First floor extensions to Nos. 97 & 98, behind new front roofs with roof windows and a mansard type roof to No.97. Modifications and relocation of windows and entrance to No. 97 and lowering of existing front window-sill. **Applicant:** Tara & Conor Nolan

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Barbara comes with a big trailer full of bikes and helmets. During the course we will learn how to: make a left turn safely , make a

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The October mid-term break is approaching fast, the first half of the term has passed by so quickly.

**Montessori Department** – The younger children in the School have been enjoying many outdoor activities in the grounds, a special favourite has been the visits to the woodland area where much happy time was spent gathering nature's autumnal offerings to display on the classroom nature tables. Continuing the autumn theme, the children have been practising hard for the Montessori Harvest Festival, when all will have a chance to perform for their parents in music and song. To this end they have been discovering the world of percussion instruments and the lovely sounds they can make.

The DSPCA visited the Montessori Department, giving the children some important and useful tips on animal health and welfare. We have also been focussing on the theme of road safety, especially while travelling to and from school, and enjoyed participating in National Beep Beep Day (Road Safety Awareness Day).

**Prep Department** – Things have been no less busy for the children in Forms 1 to 6. The term's calendar of sporting events and fixtures is well underway and our programme of after school activities and hobbies is also up and running with children participating in, among others, chess, cookery, sailing, gardening and science, puppet making, Celtic art and a full range of sport, swimming and ICT options.

The children from Forms 1, 2 and 3 visited the Pine Forest Art Centre for a busy day of outdoor activities, art and nature. While the children in Form 6 travelled to the Islamic Centre in Clonskeagh for a very informative visit.

The "Down to Earth Theatre Company" paid a visit to the School, kindly sponsored by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, and provided an entertaining and thought-provoking performance encompassing environmental issues such as litter and waste.

Finally, we had a visit from a member of Team Hope who spoke at Assembly and reminded the children about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal which the School supports every year. The mid-term break will be spent covering shoeboxes with festive paper and carefully packing them with gifts for needy children in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union or Africa, we hope to supply at least as many boxes as we did last year.

### **iPADS IN CASTLE PARK SCHOOL, by a Third Class Form Teacher**

Although we are only a few weeks into the new academic year, I have nothing but praise for the recent introduction of the iPads across the School. For teachers it is a portable and interactive learning device that is enhancing the learning experience of all of our pupils and having full class sets means that every pupil can work on their own device. With thousands of educational applications available, and more coming on stream all of the time, the potential seems limitless.

I have been gradually integrating the use of the iPads into each subject lesson, particularly in Gaeilge and maths. Last week in Gaeilge, the pupils interviewed and recorded each other asking and answering six questions about themselves. They played their recorded interview back to the class using the interactive whiteboard and were able to give feedback saying two aspects they thought they did well in their interview and one aspect they felt they could improve on. The following day they asked five different questions but this time they turned their recorded interview into a song using Garageband, adding their own musical expertise.

Each morning, during reading time, some pupils will record themselves reading aloud and play it back to themselves wearing the headphones. They will then feedback how they feel their reading is progressing. The pupils who have recently finished a book can take an iPad and record their own book review for fellow pupils to look at when considering whether or not to choose to read that book.

Some of the textbook manufacturers have released electronic versions of the curriculum textbooks. The interactive approach to learning appeals to the pupils much more and the younger children find the touch screens easier to use than a keyboard or mouse. Overall, the introduction of the iPads has been a major success and, like the pupils, we look forward to extending the opportunities for learning in ways that have not been possible until now.

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**Tues Nov 8th @8pm** – Fiona Fitzsimons will speak to the Genealogical Society of Ireland on “*Barack Obama’s Benn and Donovan ancestors*” in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire - All welcome. contribution €3.

**Weds Nov 9th @8pm** – Ed O’Donovan will present his lecture “*Results from Excavations in Swords and Wicklow*” to the Ballybrack-Killiney Historical Society in The Graduate Lounge (Upstairs), Rochestown Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin. Admission €3 - Students / Unwaged €2.

**Weds Nov 16th @8pm** – Liam Clare will present his lecture “From Red Cow Lane to Bull Alley street - Dublin Street and Place Names” to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome.

**Thurs Nov 17th @8pm** – Ms Rosemary Raughter will present her lecture “*Lady Arbella Denny and the early years of the Dublin Leeson Street Magdalen Asylum*” to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €4.

**Sun Nov 20th** – Annual Seafarers Commemoration organised by the National Maritime Institute of Ireland - **11.30am** Mass in City Quay Church, Dublin 4; **12.30pm** Wreath Laying; **3.15pm** Service in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin 2.



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Dalkey Community Council’s Art Exhibition takes place on 12th - 13th November 2011.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR – A Response

I wish to respond to Mr Paddy O'Duffy's letter in your last issue concerning the Dalkey Clock.

The Dalkey Clock has defied the best efforts of specialists over the years to bring it in line with Greenwich Mean Time. It runs now on what might be termed, 'Dalkey Mean While'.

I am not suggesting, like some have, that other-worldly forces are at work, that some ancient Castle spirits are pushing us into the future - but its few minutes grace does have its advantages.

The five minutes that it insists on running fast has meant that, for all intents and purposes, Dalkey residents have an advantage over less fortunate citizens of this land. In this five minute window, I have myself been able to respond to Mr O'Duffy, without being late for an important appointment at the Town Hall in Dun Laoghaire.

He mentions the five minutes that mass-goers gain for contemplation before the 11.15 Mass. He also points out that John Waters, Mary Wilson, Pat Kenny and Ryan Tubridy as Dalkey residents, are able to stay ahead of more backward places like Donnybrook.

I think it inappropriate in this centenary year of the birth of Flann O'Brien to make an issue of time in this manner.

As we all know, Flann O'Brien was greatly influenced by J.W. Dunne, 1875-1949. Dunne posited the notion of the simultaneity of past, present, and future.

In a letter to Timothy O'Keefe concerning The Dalkey Archive, O'Brien wrote:

*"You may remember Dunne's two books, **An Experiment with Time** and **The Serial Universe**, also the view of Einstein and others. The idea is that time is a great flat motionless sea.*

*Time does not pass; it is we who pass. With this concept as basic, fantastic but coherent situations can be easily devised, and in effect the whole universe torn up in a monstrous comic debauch."*

It would therefore be contrary to the laws of creativity itself, for which Dalkey is so lauded, to insist on a strict adherence to the here and now.

Mr O'Duffy asks in his letter, "Is this apparent obsession with the timing of the Dalkey Clock a case of 'much ado about nothing'?"

I leave the answer to this question in the capable hands of Flann himself:

*"Questions are like the knocks of beggarmen, and should not be minded."*

**William Tracey**



## 1911 ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES



The annual Harvest Festival Services have been arranged for Dalkey Parish for Sunday next. The special preacher announced for the Morning and Evening Services is the Ven. R.S. Devenish, Rector of Cahir and Archdeacon of Waterford. At the Children's Afternoon Service at 3.30 p.m. when gifts of toys, books, fruit, flowers etc. for the Children's Ward, Adelaide Hospital, will be received, the Address will be given by Rev. J.T. Jacob, Vicar of Torquay.

**James Scannell**

Source : The Wicklow Newsletter & Arklow Reporter - Saturday 7th October 1911??

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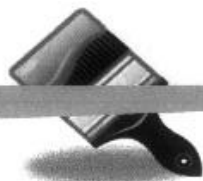
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 DCC Art Exhib. in OLH      Sat 12 - Sun 13 Nov  
 The DLR CEB Winter Fair in the Town Hall &  
 Heritage Centre. 11am-5pm Sat 12 - Sun 13 Nov  
 St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents "Same  
 Old Moon" Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire.  
 Nightly at 8.00pm      Wed 16 - Sat 19 Nov

Dalkey Players will present Neil Simon's  
 "The Odd Couple" (Female Version) in the  
 Town Hall at 8pm.      Wed 23 - Sat 26 Nov  
 Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind  
 Sale of Work OLH (9.00am-1pm)      Sat 26 Nov  
 Cuppa for Kitui, OLH (10am to 1pm) Sun 27 Nov  
 Sorting December Newsletter      Fri 2 Dec  
 Christmas Tree Celebrations      Sun 4 Dec

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