

❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

October DCC Meeting	Mon 1 Oct
National Recycling Week	Mon 1-Sun 7 Oct
Children's Book Festival	Wed 3-Fri 26 Oct
Art Exhibition Take 5 Artists - Points of View in HC	Th. 4-Sun 07 Oct
Ceramics Ireland 2007 exhibition in HC	Th. 11-Sun 21 Oct
Parents' Week	Mon 15-Sat 20 Oct
Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society. A Slide Show of Old Dun Laoghaire in the Kingston Hotel at 8pm	Wed 17 Oct
Closing date for the DCC Art Exhibition	Thurs 25 Oct
Tom Morgan - Stone Butterflies exhibition in HC	Thurs 25 - Sun 28 Oct
Sorting November Newsletter	Fri 26 Oct
Summer time ends - hour goes back	Sun 28 Oct
Bank Holiday	Mon 29 Oct
November DCC Meeting	Mon 5 Nov

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Living History - weekdays 10am - 4pm & Sat, Sun & Bank Holiday Mon during Oct. from 11.30am-4pm in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. **Karate sessions** for all age groups @ 6-9pm Tues. & Thurs. Contact Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546. **Dalkey Players Theatre Group** 7.30-10.30pm Tues. & Thurs. **Co Co Markets** 10am-4pm Fridays

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The Korean electronics giant Samsung has signed a deal with Sky TV to manufacture the next generation of (HD) High Definition satellite receivers. We have been installing Samsung HD screens since they first appeared on the market two years ago, and in my opinion they are the one of the best screens available. I look forward to the release of the new HD receivers, and if their screens are anything to go by, I suspect that Samsung's new HD receivers will be nothing short of excellent!

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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.

Flower: Calendula/Dahlia

Happy Halloween

Guímid togha spóirt d'ár bpáistí Óga oíche shamhna
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 at Halloween



The September Monthly meeting took place on Monday 3rd at 8pm in OLH.

Matters Arising: DCC had a meeting with the Transportation Dept. of DLRCC in relation to many traffic problems and we got a commitment confirming that once the Engineers have returned from holiday an appraisal of these issues would be carried out and DLRCC will report back to the Community Council.

Treasurer: Contributions are still coming in for the Annual Collection and DCC thank all those who have made a donation to date. The collection funds the many activities of DCC and anyone who has not yet contributed and would like to do so can return the envelope to their Road Rep or drop it into the DCC post box in Our Lady's Hall.

NW: Some householders on Coliemore Road have experienced broken windows and damage to cars. All incidences should be reported to the local Gardai.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.



DCC COMMUNITY CUP WINNER

Peggy Comerford receiving the Community Cup from DCC Chairperson Susan McDonnell The Annual DCC Garden Competition and Community Awards Reception took place on Friday 14th September. Peggy Comerford who retired earlier this year from the Community Council was presented with the Community Cup for her long service and commitment to the community of Dalkey.

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❖ **AWARD WINNERS 2007** ❖

LAURA McGETTIGAN is awarded the *Comerford Youth Trophy*

This award is a new one and it is in honour of one of our past members Peggy Comerford. In her young days Peggy was very involved with the youth of Dalkey, the setting up of the Girls Club, the tennis in the car park and the Community Games. DCC decided it would be a fitting tribute to Peggy to have a trophy for a young person/s from Dalkey who showed commitment and achieved recognition during the year. The Athletics Manager Conor Patton nominated Laura McGettigan who was a participant in the Dublin Community Games and won gold in the Long Distance Walking Race. During the year she showed great determination and total commitment - a worthy winner!



THE DALKEY SWIMMING TEAM receiving *The McCabe Cup for Sports*

The Dalkey Swimming Team Jasmine Cautley, Clodagh Towns, Katie-Una Towns, Julie Davis, Alex Bell and Jofja Cautley competed in the Dublin Community Games where Jasmine won gold in the U10 Back and at the end of August she came 4th in Ireland at the National Community Games in Mosney.

Jasmine, Alex, Julie Davis and Katie-Una won gold in the U13 4 x 25m Relay in the

DCG in June. Clodagh Towns substituted for Julie who was unavailable and in the Relay event the team managed to get to the semi-finals in the Nationals.

TIM RYAN & HIS WIFE MAUREEN (centre) receiving *The Cup for Best Overall Garden*

Tim and Maureen Ryan winners of the Best Overall Garden in the DCC Garden Competition that took place on 4th July are pictured with the Garden Judges Anne and Mairead from the Foxrock Garden Club and Susan Mc Donnell Chairperson DCC.



❖ **TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 2007 RESULTS** ❖

Large town Award (*our category*) went to Killarney with 298 points.

County Awards - DLRCC District

Winner - DALKEY 2007: 264 points + 1000 Euro (2005: 231 points, 2006: 235 points)

2nd - Shankill 263 points **3rd - Sandycove** 251 points

❖ **EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH** ❖

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK – Ireland’s householders are being encouraged to redouble efforts to recycle their waste this week. Visit www.repak.ie for ideas for the family and facilities in your area.

CHILDREN’S BOOK FESTIVAL – The Annual children’s book festival with hundreds of events in libraries and bookshops is nationwide. Check Dalkey library or www.childrensbooksireland.com for details of events.

PARENTS’ WEEK – Parentline is organising national Parents’ week. During this week Parentline and its partner organisations will arrange events to celebrate the week and the role of parenting. For a full schedule of talks, contact your local library or visit www.dublincitylibraries.ie or www.parentline.ie for further info.

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2007 ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

The Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady’s Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey on Saturday and Sunday, November 10th and 11th 2007.

Artists from the area are invited to submit paintings for this popular event.

- Entry Forms, **together with full payment**, must be submitted by post only (no entries will be taken at the door) to: Helena Feely, 47, Dalkey Park, Dalkey. Telephone: 01-2858025.
- **There will be a charge of €3.50 per picture.**
- Entry Forms will not be accepted after October 25th, 2007.
- Confirmation of entry will be sent to all applicants and will include Exhibition number(s), together with disclaimer form.
- Paintings, framed and clearly labelled and ready for hanging must be brought to Our Lady’s Hall on Friday, 9th November at 12.30 p.m. Paintings must be accompanied by a signed disclaimer and exhibition number of the painting(s).
- Only two paintings per artist will be accepted.
- “Not for Sale” exhibits will not be accepted.
- All paintings must be collected between 5-6 p.m. on Sunday 11th November.

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WINNER ALRIGHT!

For the second time in as many months, another award has been secured by Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre!

MARGARET DUNNE, Manager of the Centre has just been announced as the winner of the 'Special Contribution to Local Tourism' Award at the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Enterprise Board's annual Awards ceremony. Pictured at the Awards ceremony in the County Hall were Margaret Dunne (winner) and Dominic Dowling, Director of Dalkey Irish Heritage Town Co.



The **Living History** continues at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre until the end of October from 10.00- 4.00 (Mon-Fri) and 11.30- 4.00 (Sat Sun and Bank Holiday Monday).

The Art Exhibition season is in full swing with three more exciting exhibitions in October.

October 4th - 7th – Take Five Artists - 'Points of View'

This exhibition will include an exciting mixture of styles and subject matters. The **Take Five Group** study with Alma Brayden, well known local artist and teacher.

October 11th - 21st – Ceramics Ireland 2007

This exhibition by Ceramics Ireland features a juried selection of ceramic artists and potters work. A vibrant and exciting show for anyone interested in buying or collecting contemporary ceramics.

October 25th - 28th – Tom Morgan - 'Stone Butterflies'

A solo exhibition of 21 new oil paintings by Tom Morgan, Barrister turned Artist. The work comprises presentations of Irish environmental elements, landscapes and some figurative pieces in oils on canvas and board.

Admission is Free to all Art Exhibitions, 11.00am - 4.30am

Karate continues in the Dalkey Town Hall and trading is back to full operation after the summer at the Co Co Market every Friday from 10.00-3.00pm.

Contact Tel 285 8366 www.dalkeycastle.com email diht@indigo.ie

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Wouldn't Dalkey benefit from a children's playground. Our children love to play in the surrounding community playgrounds, however, it is a car journey or a DART ride to reach them.

I'm sure parents and even Grandparents would agree that Dalkey would be enhanced with a local playground. Is this something that the Community Council can pursue?

Yours sincerely,
Dalkey Mother

OVERHANGING BRANCHES – At this time of year, please spare a thought for older people who may have difficulty negotiating footpaths where there are overhanging shrubs; it really can be difficult, if not dangerous, for them. Therefore, we would ask you to consider your hedging, trees, etc. with this in mind.



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❖ **41st DUBLIN (St Patrick's, Dalkey) SCOUT GROUP** ❖

Celebrating a Centenary of Scouting

Scouting has begun to celebrate its Centenary, as on 1st August 1907 Baden-Powell opened his first experimental Scout camp on Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour in Dorset, England. On 1st August 2007 Scouts around the world celebrated at 8.00 a.m. local time, and our Troop did so on their Summer Camp at Lough Key, near Boyle on the River Shannon. You may also have seen the special Europa Scout stamps issued by An Post last May. In Dalkey we are getting organised for our autumn programme, with Beavers, Cubs, Sea Scouts and Ventures preparing for another season of activity. At the end of August the Sea Scouts were welcomed on board an Irish Naval Service vessel, LE Aisling, in Dun Laoghaire for a short voyage in Dublin Bay. September will be a busy month afloat, with our three Sea Scout rowing, sailing and canoeing regattas, and the Scout Liffey Descent Canoe Race.

Beaver Leadership
Unfortunately, Tiggy Hudson is taking a break, and will not be available to lead the Beavers this season. We are most grateful for her input over the last three years. Noreen Barrett has been assisting her over the last season, and is willing to continue, but in order to re-open the Beavers we need a couple of volunteers to join her on the leadership team. This involves the weekly one-hour meeting indoors or out, depending on weather, and occasional planning sessions. There are no pre-requisite skills, other than an interest in working with six to eight year olds. We will provide handbooks and basic training in running the programme. Simple games, nature walks, crafts, singing, outings and many other topics can be included, depending on the skills and aptitudes of the leaders themselves. If you think that you could help us, please contact the undersigned.

Ventures
We have a new generation of older Scouts who will be moving up to our Ventures, but we need another adult who would like to work with 16 to 18 year olds. The section is not over-structured, with more emphasis on trying out adventurous and challenging activities appropriate to the age group. Leaders do not have to participate, or have experience in, every sport, but at least facilitate the young people in planning their own programme. We congratulate Stewart Fitzell, our Venture Leader, on being accepted into the Army Cadet School.

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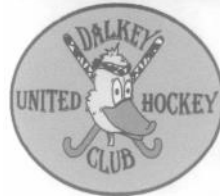
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We are now looking to expand the club which currently has 2 teams
 to at least 3 teams.

We train at 7.30pm in Rathdown School Glenageary.

So please come along and join us for our 1st training session of the season
 Next Wednesday 29th August at 7.30pm in Rathdown.

Contact Mary-Jane on 087 9959933 or Gillian Coffey on 087 2432246

❖ GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY . . . Continued from September Issue ❖

Continuing up Coliemore Road we pass Dillon's Park (so called because of Miss. Dillon who keeps the shop and tea room there) and, on our left, and a little further on to our right the beautiful rugged Sorrento Park, still left in its natural beauty of rock and furze. Both it and the piece of road from Dillon's Park have much to interest us. Up to 1867, there was no connecting road between that end of Coliemore Road (known as Mr Burke's Road) and Sorrento Terrace (known as Dr. MacDonnell Road). In that year by arrangement between these two gentlemen the Dalkey Commissioners excavated and laid the present junction-piece of roadway. After Dr. MacDonnell's death - he was Provost of Trinity - his widow, Lady MacDonnell, was approached by Mr. Alexander Conan of Monte Alverno, for a permanent lease of the Park, which would avoid the yearly bother of renewals. She replied that if he could get two other gentlemen like himself to act as trustees she would gladly make them a free gift of the Park. This he gladly did and she duly presented the ground to himself, Mr. Callow of 'Ardnachree' and Mr. Fleming of 'Nerano', as Trustees of the Public Enjoyment. Mr. Conan considered her action so generous that he had the present granite slab put up to commemorate her kindness. Later on, the Trustees handed over the property to the Dalkey local authority. Also in the Park, set in the solid granite, is a splendid metal plaque, inlaid in colours, to the poet Dowland. Dowland was a contemporary and intimate friend of Shakespeare, and Miss Sarah Purser and her friends some years ago unearthed evidence to prove that he was Dalkey-born, and believe that he gave Shakespeare the settings from Dalkey for Hamlet. Myself, I advance no opinion, but Mr. Lennox Robinson tells me that the sea frontage at Elsinore is flat and unbroken while Dalkey certainly has the 'beetling rocky cliffs and battlemented towers'! En passant it is interesting, if not relative, to record that both Dowland and Shakespeare are surnames found in present-day Dalkey.

Rev Dr. MacDonnell lived in 'Sorrento House' (now No. 1, Sorrento Terrace) while at the other end in the present 'Sorrento Cottage' lived Hercules MacDonnell, who was well-known in Dublin musical affairs some fifty years back, Hercules was one of the original Dalkey Commissioners of 1863, and had local interests much at heart.

Opposite the gate of 'Sorrento Cottage' are the lovely wooded of 'Monte Alverno', the imposing residence of the late Mr. Alexander Conan. In 1848m there were four houses inside these grounds: Alverno Chapel House (the present 'Kilross', home of Mr. Hubert Rooney of Gregorian Chant fame); Alverno Cottage (the present 'Mount Alverno', occupied by Mr. H.F. Cotton); and two houses - one big and one small - known as Nos 1 and 2 Alverno. Mr. Conan's father bought the property, being enthralled with the almost unrivalled position and view, and built two houses, one to keep as a summer residence and one to let; Sir Edward Carson became a tenant of this house in the 1880s- Thom's Directory gives: 'No. 1, Mount Alverno, Edward Carson, Esq., Barrister'! Mr. Alexander Conan later made the two houses into one, to plans drawn up by himself, and the present fine building is the creditable result. This new house he named 'Monte Alverno'.

There used to be an old right-of-way through his grounds, roughly from behind 'Woodberry' to 'Capri' parallel to the old Sorrento Road and some twenty feet inside the present Alverno wall. This the council closed in return for 14 feet of ground next 'Capri' which Mr. Conan gave to widen the road at the Vico Road-Sorrento Terrace corner. Sir Francis Brady, then living in 'Sorrento Cottage', objected to the closing of this laneway, but was non-plussed when reminded that his was one of the first names on a petition of some time before requesting that it be closed!

G.C.

Extracted from Glimpses of Old Dalkey by F.M. O'FLANAGAN, 1942. (Courtesy of Colette Doody)



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❖ **MY GARDEN by Philippa Thomas** ❖

Possibly now is the time to bring inside precious tender herbaceous plants that you intend overwintering until next spring/summer. Really, this is the perfect month for taking cuttings and sometimes, in order to save a plant, you almost need to give it away. Our double-flowered, cream camellia is so pot-bound that its roots are nearly 'taking off' on its stilts; quite frankly, I simply have not had or made the time to re-pot it in the necessary eracious soil. Over this past week, I have planted out one or two other pot-bound specimens. They were literally crying out for attention - it was so obvious that they were getting no nutritional value. I noticed yesterday, two herbaceous clumps with hairy leaves and wonder if they are more prone to mildew as they seem to retain moisture on the surface of the leaf for longer and, as a result, look scraggy and neglected.

One of the very first plants to self-seed in our little garden this spring/summer was Honesty (Lunnaria Annu). Now, we have its silvery moon seed heads. They are somewhat similar to your regular parking disc or an old £1 coin, or even those imitation mother of pearl 'bits' on those tiffany lamps. Generally, I leave them in the ground throughout the oncoming winter months, as they bustle around and split open in the breeze and at different times of the winter, light up even the darkest of places. Their flowers in spring are a rich dark purple, usually with variegated leaves of pale green and cream splotches. I occasionally see the white variety (Alba), which again, self-seeds in pathways, etc. as on our shortcut track, connecting Knocknacree Road with Knocknacree Park. 'Honesty' is a super plant, it is utterly loyal and looks perfection both in flower and then its respective and distinctive and artistic seed head.

Remember, last month, I told you about our Wisteria (Alba) white climber. Well, last week I simply couldn't believe my eyes when I spotted the same layering process in my mother's garden - only this time, her wisteria was and is a blue one (Sinensis). Hers is approximately 25 years old and this year, for the very first time, has travelled at ground level right around and over the side of the house. It looks simply superb, twining itself through terracotta pots, as well as performing a most spectacular canopy around the eaves of the house.

My mother also has a plum tree and I am pretty sure it is the Victoria variety. Last year it bore approximately 60-80 plums. This past week, I must have collected 600-700 plump ripe ones. Consequently, I stewed, simmered and made smoothies and gave some to friends to freeze.

What about our magnificent hanging baskets this past summer in Dalkey? They were obviously so methodically and lavishly planted up, each with different shades of pendulous cascading begonias. I actually heard a lady say to her 'husband' last month as she came out of the DART station, 'how super' the planting of the six standard lamp posts looked - their tones, ranging from sunshine yellow through to bright orange. What a statement they made. Very well done Dalkey!

I personally really liked that very large sea green painted planter which was situated beside the Ulster Bank, opposite The Queens. All summer long, it provided a most brilliant display of vivid red large-flowered Busy Lizzies, (Impatiens Sun Patiens) and the recent strain of Bacoba (medium-sized, crisp white single trailing flowers)


To conclude, I think I have to finally admit that I am no more a 'short back and sides' type of gardener. I prefer plants spilling out over edges here and there in the garden, so that they do not look at all contrived. Ferns are my passion at present. Their amazing forms, shapes, shades and size of greens and blues definitely deserve to be brought into the spotlight: why not plant a few pots up and create your own fernery?

Tip: Avoid watering your house plants late in the day over the coming winter months as the drop in temperature at night could chill their roots.

Poor indeed is the garden in which birds find no homes – Abram L. Urban

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❖ **NATURE CORNER – Michael Ryan** ❖

I'd heard a piece on the radio in August saying there were a lot of signs that Autumn was arriving early, not because of the wet weather in summer but due to the earlier fine spell of weather in April and May which got a lot of plants trees and wildlife off to an early start. Still I was a little bit worried about a larch tree I have growing in a pot which had started to drop its leaves in August. The vast majority of conifers keep their leaves in winter but Larches are deciduous conifers which shed their soft spiny needles in early winter. But losing them in late summer when the weather had improved was a cause for concern.

Then a week or so later I noticed that on the branches were fresh young buds. It was actually producing new growth. I was happy it seemed to have survived. You can actually get attached to plants, especially to trees and if one dies in your care you can feel quite guilty.

Anyhow up Killiney Hill in early September a few days later I noticed that one of the larches hanging over the path also had fresh green new needles coming on it. Had the rise in temperature in late summer triggered the trees to produce new growth I wondered but I subsequently found out that conifers do put on a spurt of new growth from August to October producing new needles to absorb the nutrients from the sun before they become dormant for the winter.

Most conifers are producing new needles all the time losing the old ones gradually whereas deciduous trees tend to lose all their leaves at once at the beginning of winter.

One deciduous tree that does normally produce new leaves in August is the oak and the new leaves are known as Lammas growth. August 1st used to be known as Lammas Day possibly a derivation of 'Loafmass' when bread was made from the first corn harvested. Oak trees are always known as the most valuable host for native insects and wildlife. Their early growth is a foodstuff for lots of caterpillars which have hatched on them and many insects live on them. Subsequently the leaves get a very rough time and become very tattered reducing their ability to absorb nutrients and to photosynthesize the sunlight. So when all the caterpillars are long hatched the tree produces new growth to take advantage of the lack of predators. Oaks retain their leaves long into winter and some even keep their leaves till new growth appears in the spring especially if they're sheltered from the wind and the temperature doesn't drop too low.

A report came to the attention of the Biodiversity officer in Dun Laoghaire that some one had released 25 Degus on Killiney Hill. What's a Degu I wondered? I'd never heard of them but a quick search on the computer revealed they were small rodents from Chile, close relatives of chinchilla and guinea pigs. They're vegetarian, live in colonies in burrows and apparently make charming pets. As pets they should be kept in pairs since they're very sociable but if one has a single one as a pet it's recommended you should talk to it and place it where it can take part in the daily life of the family! Apparently they also like cuddling with humans. Anyhow lovely creatures as they might be one place they shouldn't be is running wild on Killiney Hill. Evidently whoever released them had more than a single animal and apparently they have something in common with rabbits as well in the way they breed. Alien species introduced into the wild have caused terrible problems, the Grey Squirrel being one of the worst. You couldn't help feeling sorry for the Degus as well, sociable home lovers that they are, released into the wild although it's said they can be quite aggressive defending themselves and will face up to dogs and cats.

At our public bird meetings we used to tell people to keep an ear open around the 12th October when Redwings would arrive from their Scandinavian breeding grounds flying in huge flocks. On calm misty night around the 12th the 'tseep' call of the birds could be heard overhead when the bad visibility keeps the birds low and close to artificial light. Saying that, the numbers of redwings arriving in Ireland were well down last year, again a result of changing climate which enabled the birds to stay closer to their breeding grounds.

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FRENCH APPLE TART	Rich Short Cut Pastry 150g plain flour 1 tbsp icing sugar 1 pinch of salt 75g butter 1 egg yolk 2-3 tbsp cold water	Filling 500g cooking apples 3 tbsp water 50g sugar 1 lemon 3 desert apples	Glaze 1 tbsp apricot jam 1 tsp lemon juice 2 tsp water
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Method: Preheat oven to 200°C/gas mark 6. Pastry: Sieve flour, sugar and salt into a bowl. Rub in butter until it looks like breadcrumbs. Mix in egg yolk and sufficient water to make stiff dough. Knead until smooth, chill in the fridge.

Filling: Wash and zest lemon. Peel, core and slice cooking apples. Cook with 3 tablespoons water until soft, add sugar and lemon zest, beat to a puree with a whisk, cool. Grease tin or quiche dish.

Roll out pastry, line flan tin or dish. Fill with apple puree. Peel, quarter, core and slice the desert apples evenly, arrange slices in overlapping circles over the surface. Bake for 20 minutes.

Glaze: Juice half the lemon. Put apricot jam, water and lemon juice into a small saucepan, stir over a gentle heat until thick, sieve into a small bowl. Brush glaze over apples, return to oven, continue cooking for 10-15 minutes.

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SORRENTO PARK

In 1894 a lease for Sorrento Park was assigned to ‘Dalkey Amusements Committee’. To commemorate this event a granite plaque was erected in honour of Blanch Lady MacDonnell who leased the lands to the Committee for 1000 years. In 1932 this lease was assigned to Dun Laoghaire Corporation and finally in 1974 to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council when a small plaque was unveiled re-dedicating the park.

Lady MacDonnell was the widow of Rev. Dr. MacDonnell, former Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. They lived at 1 Sorrento Terrace, which was then known as Dr. MacDonnells’ Road.

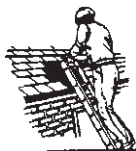
Also in the park is a plaque first erected on the 1830s commemorating composer, singer and musician John Dowland (1563-1626). Although one of the best known musicians of his era there is very little known of his early years. Locals believed him to have been born in Dalkey although others have put his place of birth as London. A contemporary of William Shakespeare it is said that his description of the Dalkey coastline inspired the setting for Elsinore in Hamlet. In 1612 he was one of the lutenists for King James I’s court.

Dowland’s works have stood the test of time and still feature in classical guitar repertoires. In October 2006 singer/songwriter Sting, a fan of Dowland’s music, released an album featuring Dowland’s works called ‘Songs from the Labyrinth’

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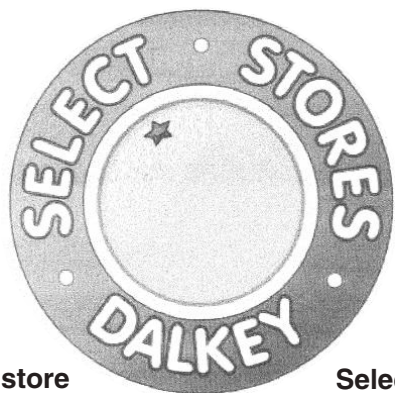
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NATURE CORNER – *Continued*

There's a vast range of food available now for the birds that come to your garden. One that has been highly regarded is niger seed, a very small black seed which needs a special container with tiny slits for the birds to feed from. I had one hanging ignored from a tree for months before one curious determined chaffinch found out how to extract them. Soon enough more birds copied the pioneer chaffinch and the seeds began to disappear quickly. Birds spend a lot of time observing other birds and any rewarding behaviour is quickly copied. In my local pet shop I saw he had sunflower seed hearts which have been shelled evidently for the bird whose life is too busy to shell his own seeds. And they love them.

The photograph is of what I believe is a nest of one of the species of solitary wasp (placed beside a 10 and 20 cent piece for scale). A beautiful construction with wood pulp as fine as a tissue woven into very tasteful spirals resembling photos of the planet Jupiter. This nest was attached to a cardboard box full of wood cuttings. I had found one before, constructed around a twig. We have a collection of old wasps' nests (as well unfortunately as a few very active ones in the garden)



and they're all equally wonderful. Very delicate but my mother had a successful way of preserving them by spraying them with hair spray. If anyone knows what species of wasp might have built it please let the editor know. I had looked up a reference book trying and failing to identify the nest. One thing I did note was that some species of wasp will actually sting caterpillars and take them back to their small nest where they stuff them in paralysed and then their young can hatch and feed on the caterpillar. Grim!

By a peculiar coincidence the day after I read this I saw a large green hairless caterpillar about three inches long perched on the branch of a Hypericum bush. And it was being approached very aggressively by a wasp which was making darting attacks at it. The caterpillar was rearing up at it and although the caterpillar was about three times the size of the wasp it had no way of defending itself and looked very pathetic like King Kong hanging on to the Empire State building being buzzed by biplanes. One isn't supposed to interfere in the course of nature but after reading about the horrible fate that might await it I moved it anyway and didn't see the wasp following us so I hope it survived.

THINK FIRST

Having made the decision to have my front garden converted to tiling, I felt a weight lifted from my shoulders. No more digging, no more mowing of grass. Just a wide area on which to run in the car.

I met the man who would do the job one Tuesday and it was arranged that they would commence work the following Monday (six days ahead).

On Wednesday I returned home from shopping to find a monstrous digger parked in the middle of my small lawn - digger held high over everything nearby.

I tried to get the company on the phone without success. Perhaps they had to start earlier than arranged and would arrive any minute.

I suffered the verbal slings and arrows of neighbours passing by: "Like your new car!; Would an SUV not do you?" All in good humour and I could not offer an explanation for this monstrosity overshadowing my neighbour's garden.

Thursday came - and at about midday the doorbell rang. Through the glass I could see what appeared to be a large figure in the regulation yellow jacket outside. "Ah! I thought now I will get some answers."

I opened the door and this man stood there with pen and notebook in hand.

Dramatically (or so it would appear now looking back) I threw my left hand out straight pointing to the huge machine on the grassy slope. "What" I said, "is that thing doing there,

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COMPLETING THE CIRCLES

In 2004 I realised a life's ambition in travelling to Antarctica.

In 2007 I decided to complete the Circles, as it were, by visiting the Arctic Circle. My first stop was Seattle. My good friend, Donal Denham, Dalkey resident and current Ambassador to Lithuania had put me in touch with his friend John Keane in Seattle - a leading Irish heritage authority there. I experienced wonderful hospitality and companionship with John and his wife Maureen over a couple of days in Seattle before departing for Anchorage.

Then on to Anchorage by air. My excellent friend and neighbour John Hynes from Carysfort Villas had informed his nephew, Gerry McMullen from Dun Laoghaire of my impending visit. Gerry and his wife Trudy could not do enough for me. I stayed with them for a couple of days while sightseeing around Anchorage.

Alaska is a region of great, startling beauty, with its high mountain ranges, immense glaciers, vast tundra and abundant animal life.

I then flew to Fairbanks - a short flight. It is the most northernmost large town in Alaska, about 100 miles from the Arctic Circle. The surrounding area is rugged, wild, with sharp mountain peaks, majestic glaciers and lots of wild life. The weather being warm and there being no snow, I spent four days pottering about the region.

I then set off for Barrow in a light aircraft. Barrow is the northernmost settlement in the State of Alaska and the northernmost town in the world. It is situated inside the Arctic Circle and is surrounded by bleak, uninviting tundra. There is no habitation outside Barrow. The Barrow population of about 4,000 consists mainly of white and native Alaskans, the Inuit. The surrounding area still covered in snow and ice was desolate. It was extremely cold. On one of my forays I was fortunate to catch on camera a polar bear only a few hundred yards away from me.

The houses were made of timber and there was no tarmac on the town's streets. The sale of alcohol was forbidden. Not being the most exciting tourist attraction in the world I returned to Fairbanks after staying two days in a guesthouse. However Barrow was in itself an interesting experience. Life is hard there; conditions are basic with much unemployment in this Indian reservation.

After a couple of more days viewing the tourist attractions of Fairbanks I struck off in a four-wheel drive for Dawson City accompanied by three other tourists. This journey took nine hours to complete. Dawson City is in the Yukon region of Canada. It is the site of the famous Klondike Gold Rush, which overlooks Dawson City itself. Some mining is still carried out and visitors are invited to pan for gold. I did some gold panning at the Gold Dredge and found a few tiny particles of gold.

Dawson City is relatively untouched architecturally wise since the Gold rush days and in some ways is a sad reminder of a greater tumultuous mad era with its lust for the yellow ore. I stayed in a hostel, which provided for basic needs for a couple of days before heading back in the car to Fairbanks.

Fairbanks is a modern town endowed with recognized modern amenities and I spent a couple of more days sightseeing while again enjoying the McMullen's hospitality and generosity.

Then back to Seattle where John Keane took time off to show me the wonders of this ultra modern city.

I returned home on the 6th June having fulfilled my ambitions in completing the Circles. And, of course, it could not have been achieved without the support of my good wife and family.

P J Davis



floor plans and new elevations and sections to proposed dwelling only and also site development and landscape works. **Applicant:** Desmond and Mary Kavanagh.
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0142 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decision Reversed** by ABP 21-8-'07.
Appeal Decided: 21-Aug-2007. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission.
Location: Saint Michaels, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposed Development: Permission sought to widen one side of the existing vehicular gateway entrance from 2.7m to 3.5m. **Applicant:** John & Mary Geraldine Miller.

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the job does not start until Monday and here we are at Thursday and I take it you intend leaving the thing parked there over the weekend. It's just not good enough. My garden was never intended as a parking site. What is going to be done about it? I have friends visiting this weekend."

There was a pregnant pause while this man stood there, looking aghast at me. I could almost read his mind thinking: "What a Virago!" Then, in a meek voice for such a large man he said: "I am from the ESB and I've come to read the meter!"

Colleen Cohen

DALKEY – THE ORIGINAL PORT OF DUBLIN

It may not be realised by the present generation that 500 years ago Dalkey was the main port for Dublin with this role being recalled in the following article published in the Irish Times on January 28th 1930 -

How often do many of us pass by those two old buildings on opposite sides of the tramline in Dalkey (one of them Dalkey Town Hall), decide vaguely that they must be old and think no more about them. To experts in domestic architecture, however, they are of the greatest interest; they are said to be older and better than anything of their kind in Great Britain.

The fact is that in the Middle Ages Dalkey was for many centuries the port for Dublin. At time it is said to have had seven "castles," of which only these two remain; they were the dwellings and store-house of the wealthy old merchants whose enterprise made the town so famous, and they are believed to date from the end of the twelfth or the beginning of the thirteenth century. Several armies are recorded as having embarked at the port of Dalkey, and between the years 1368 and 1548 many of the new Lords Lieutenant landed there; it would even appear that at one the English Kings imported their wines from this now unpretentious village. A town of great importance in the Middle Ages, Dalkey seems rapidly to have declined rapidly towards the beginning of the seventeenth century. The last event for which the place is noted occurred in 1575, when many of the inhabitants of Dublin, flying from the plague which was at that time raging in the capital came and took refuge upon Dalkey Island.

It worth noting that as late as the 1790's the Loughlinstown Camp was built by the military authorities to repel any French invasion force which might use Killiney Beach as their landing area for an invasion of Dublin and no doubt Dalkey would have had a important role to play in their invasion plans. When the Camp was disbanded around 1800, it was replaced by the series of Martello towers which can still be seen in the Killiney / Dalkey / Dun Laoghaire area.

James Scannell

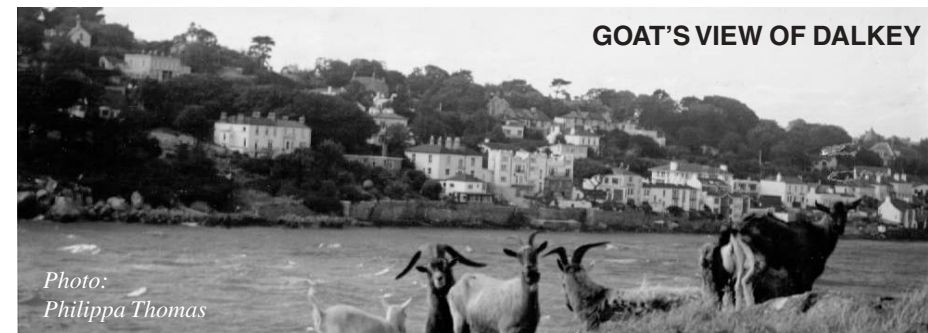


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miscellaneous minor interior upgrading works. A protected structure. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 7-Aug-2007. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission **Type Of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D07A/0715

Registration Date: 28-May-'07

Location: 2, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: For a new detached two storey residential dwelling located to the rear of existing detached house consisting at ground floor 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms disabled WC with living dining and kitchen areas to first floor including site boundary treatment, car parking for two vehicles with new vehicular entrance and gate to Harbour Road and all associated site works including diverting existing public sewer. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 15-Aug-2007. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS OF BORD PLEANALA - WEEKS 32-36 - 30/7/ - 31/8/'07

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1619 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission. **Decision Reversed** by ABP 7-Aug-'07. **Appeal Decided:** 7-Aug-2007. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission.

Location: 54A, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: Development of site consisting of land being part of the garden of 54a Ulverton Road. The development will consist of a detached two - story, two bedroom dwelling together with shared entrance gateway, shared entrance driveway, associated screen walls and site works, car parking and minor structural modifications to north - east corner of No. 54a.

Applicant: Derek and Jean Jago.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1740 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Decision confirmed** by ABP 9 Aug-'07.

Appeal Decided: 9-Aug-2007. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission.

Location: Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

Proposed Development: For demolition of an existing period house, and the construction of a new residential development consisting of 24 apartments in two 2 to 3-storey blocks with penthouse floor over, arranged around an inner courtyard, all over basement car park on a site of 0.25 ha (0.61 acres) at Linden Lodge. The development will consist of (a) 19 no. 2-bedroom apartments and 5 no. 3-bedroom apartments; combined total area 2,396.4 sq.m. (b) combined total building floor area including basement is 3,612 sq.m. (d) basement car park with 24 car spaces; area 1,074.8 sq.m. including vehicle ramp refuse store and bicycle parking (e) there are 24 no. external balconies on the apartments (f) external wall cladding in clay brickwork and coloured render generally; and flat felt roof generally with zinc sheet cladding at parts of penthouse level and bay windows (g) external works including access road and car access ramp, hard and soft landscaping works, new foul water and surface water drainage systems and associated site works. (h) landscaped courtyard podium over basement (i) existing boundary walls will generally be retained. **Applicant:** M. Whelan.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1843 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decision Confirmed** by ABP 16-9-'07.

Appeal Decided: 16-Aug-2007. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission.

Location: 5 & 6, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposed Development: 2 no. 2 storey semi-detached single family dwellings comprising each of study, WC, Kitchen/ Dining area, Utility and living room on ground floor level and 3no. bedrooms (1 en-suite) and bathroom at first floor level; new shared access laneway and all associated site works to the rear of 5 & 6 Hyde Park. Development works will also involve the demolition of 2no. single storey garages and an extended dining area; also relocation and reconstruction of side and rear boundary walls and 2no. entrance gates to the two existing houses on the site.

Applicant: PJ & Jane McIntyre, Charlie & Ann Russel.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0114 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Confirmed** by ABP 27-8-'07.

Appeal Decided: 24-Aug-'07. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

Location: Mount Alverno, Nerano Road and Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposed Development: The proposed development comprises alterations and additions to previously approved plans to demolition of existing house and construction of new replacement two-storey dwelling, with external works as before, An Bord Pleanala appeal reference No. PL06D.217012, Reg. Ref. No. D06A/0027. The proposed alterations include revised ground and first

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0826 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 13-Aug-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Mr Vincent Finnegan, 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of a single storey garage and the construction of a two storey over garden level 4 bedrooom detached house comprising three levels of accommodation (207sqm), increase the width of existing vehicular access to 5.3m, modifications to existing driveway and new entrance gates at the proposed house, new boundary walls to both sides and at rear and 2 no. new 3.55m wide vehicular accesses to facilitate one way access/ egress and off-street parking at this main location with all associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0569 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16-Aug-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Jack Coffey, Milano, Vico Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a 2 storey residential extension to the rear and side of this house.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1932 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 20-Aug-2007

Applicant Names & Location: G Murphy, N Rafferty, M Howard, 1, 2, 3, Victoria Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

Proposal: Permission sought for provision of off-street car parking and opening up vehicular entrances onto Dalkey Avenue

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0870 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 20-Aug-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Gerry Byrne, 2, Eagle Terrace, 109 Sorrento Rd., Dalkey, Co Dublin.

Proposal: Permission sought for retention of removal of part of front wall and forming vehicular access driveway to front of this main location. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0900 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23-Aug-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Charjac Properties Ltd., Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a detached extension at first floor level, over previously approved detached single storey covered swimming pool, Reg Ref D06A/1773, accessed from terraces at ground and first floor level, containing study, studio, changing rooms for swimming pool, storage and spiral stairs, with pitched roof over main circular section and flat roof over remaining section, phase 4 of proposed development.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0615 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 29-Aug-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Hannah Harris, Hillside Cottage, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a first floor extension over an existing modern 1 storey element to rear of cottage to form new dormer like cottage development providing for 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, living, dinning space, balcony and ancillary sanitary services. It also includes for changing an existing door to a window to match the existing windows. The slate roof is to be retained at the front but the chimneys will be removed in favour of one new chimney. The new structure will have a low pitched roof. A new entrance is to be provided to the side of the house through existing entrance at Hillside Cottage.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0995 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 3-Sep-2007

Applicant Name & Location: P Byrne, Santa Maria, Cunningham Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for an amendment to previous application D05A/1535 for the addition of two new windows at first floor level and the modification of existing central window, also at first floor level, all to the north (front) elevation of the Coach House building. Santa Maria is a protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0661 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-Sep-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Martin Deasy, 18, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Conversion of attic to dormer ensuite bedroom with first floor extension to side to provide bedroom, bathroom and new ensuite to ex-bedroom.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY BORD PLEANALA - WEEKS 32-36 7/8/ - 7/9/'07

Reg Ref: D07A/0687 **Registration Date:** 21-May-'07

Location: Queenstown Castle (A Protected Structure), Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Permission is sought for works to apartment no.s 1 and 4. Demolition of existing single storey conservatory at rear of building (seaside), replace with a new two storey conservatory to match existing adjoining conservatory to apartment no.s 2 and 3, re-position rear exit steps, and

WHY DO WE WORRY

Each one of us reacts differently to certain circumstances. We are biologically geared to fight or flee when under pressure or stress. When one person feels fear and responds with the need to fight, another person may see fleeing as the only option. But what about normal circumstances? Why will one individual worry over nothing whereas another person remains oblivious. Why does one person worry and not another?

When we worry, the emotional response we are talking about is anxiety. All humans and animals experience anxiety as it is a survival mechanism; it can help keep us safe. However when the danger is no longer present, sometimes we are left feeling anxious rather than fearful. Experts believe that anxiety is like a breakdown in the brain circuitry. When we are under threat, we panic and feel fear. However when the threat is gone, some brain hardwiring does not go back to normal. This is a lingering feeling that can be hard to switch off. It can keep us awake at night with sweaty palms and racing heart. This is when anxiety becomes a problem and interferes with our general well being.

So, is anxiety in our genes? Like most instances, our genes determine our general vulnerability, so it could be described as genetic. But then our up bringing and experiences can play a significant role in triggering it.

Anxiety can manifest itself in several disorders such as panic disorder, phobias, obsessive compulsive, post traumatic distress and generalised anxiety disorder, to name a few. Everybody has experienced anxiety sometime in his or her life. It may be an appropriate response to a particular situation, however if it is not and it is interfering with your quality of life, then you may need to contact your GP.

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CROSSING THE STREET IN DALKEY

I had been waiting there for what seemed like an interminable time. It was only a short distance across the road, but yet not safe enough to risk my life.

Time after time I took a few steps forward only to have my ears assailed by the loud tone of a Klaxon horn or similar which sent me scurrying back to the safety of the kerb in the hope that there would soon be a lull in the traffic.

Then, while waiting I spied a lady further down the path and called to her "shall we cross together?" She walked up to join me complaining of the traffic at this busy hour. Another lady joined us and then some more pedestrians saw a chance to cross.

By then we were cluttering the pavement and I suggested we would all now take to the road in a group, pointing out that there was safety in numbers. After all, surely they would pull up for us a group of pensioners?

We reached the other side in safety and with mission accomplished I turned to wave "thank you" to them, only to find there had been a slight lull in the traffic and the road, both ways, was clear for a short time.

Since this occurrence traffic lights have been erected in the centre of the town. Great! I thought, now we will have no trouble crossing the street in safety. There they stand like sentinels on each side of the road and we will - at last - find it easy to get from one side to the other.

There is only one problem - they are not switched on yet!!

Colleen Cohen

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - WEEKS 32-36 7/8/07 - 7/9/07**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1152**Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** P & J O'Loughlin, 57, Mapas Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey conservatory and existing detached garage to side and sub-division of existing site to provide for new two storey detached three bedroom dwelling over part basement storage space (total floor area 199sqm) with new vehicular access to side boundary and pedestrian access to front boundary and ancillary works to the side of this main location.**Reg. Ref.:** D00A/0744/E1**Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Helen Stephenson, Martello Tower, Bartra, Harbour Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** For further Extension of Duration of Permission for Refurbishment of existing Martello Tower, a protected structure, at Bartra, Harbour Road, Dalkey for residential use with new external access staircase and minor site works. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D00A/0744/E2**Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Helen Stephenson, Martello Tower, Bartra, Harbour Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** For further Extension of Duration of Permission for Refurbishment of existing Martello Tower, a protected structure, at Bartra, Harbour Road, Dalkey for residential use with new external access staircase and minor site works. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0736**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Edward & Judy Taylor, 39A, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the following:- 1) demolition of single storey extension to side of house comprising porch, wc, study and garage/ store and boiler house to rear, 2) formation of single storey extension to side of house comprising store, porch, bedroom/ study and bathroom, 3) formation of bathroom window at first floor level and 2 no. windows at ground floor level to east gable wall, and 4) internal alterations. **Application Type:** Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0751**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Joe & Ann McGouran, Wynyard, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Detached single storey store to front of dwelling house**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0758**Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Caroline McDonnell, 'Ashley', 8, Ulverton Close, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Demolition of 2 storey rear extension, terrace and steps. The Construction of a new 2 storey extension extending at ground and basement levels to rear, area 28m², with covered balcony. Interior remodelling to include conversion of attic to bedroom and fitting of velux rooflights to main roof and refurbishment of basement (garden) level. Alterations to front facade to include replacement of windows, new render finish and the construction of a new pitched roof to porch area.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1221**Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Jennie & Andrew Power, Ardeevin Terrace, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Construction of four bedroom two-storey over semi-basement detached house, associated vehicular access, carparking and ancillary site works.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1225**Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** John Smiley, 35, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** (a) retention permission for the widening of the existing vehicular/pedestrian entrance gate, (b) retention permission for a single storey internal access link between the existing garage and breakfast room along with (c) planning permission for a single storey side extension incorporating a lobby and shower room along with all ancillary/associated site development works. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1244**Application Rec'd Date:** 31-Aug-2007**Applicant Name:** Tom & Marie Healy, 9, Barnhill Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** (a) The construction of a single storey extension to the rear (b) The construction of a first floor extension to the South side, with new layout to 4 No. bedrooms (c) The addition of a utility room to front ground floor in lieu of existing carport (d) Addition of bay window to front ground floor (e) Replacement of all windows along with modifications to entrance (f) Modifications to entrance gate.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0778**Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Olivia Catesby, 5, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Demolition of the existing roof of the house to be replaced with a 31m² flat roof extension to the first floor, including 1 no. roof light. (b) addition of 64m² single storey extension comprising of 2 no. bedrooms 1 no. ensuite and 1 no. bathroom including 3 no. roof lights. (c) erection of a 2.75m timber screen to the front boundary. (d) Alterations to the existing windows to the front. (e) internal alterations and associated site works.**Applicant Name & Location:** Gerry Byrne, 2, Eagle Terrace, 109 Sorrento Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Permission sought for retention of removal of part of front wall and forming vehicular access driveway to front of this main location. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention
Add. Information/ Clarification of A.I. Recd. Add. Information: 04-Sep-2007**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1259**Application Rec'd Date:** 03-Sep-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Paddy Byrne, Santa Maria, Cunningham Road, Dalkey. (*A Protected Structure*). **Proposal:** Minor conversion works to the interior and exterior of 'Santa Maria', the dropping of cill at window to the rear of house at the lower ground level to create a door entrance onto existing external courtyard, the removal of wall to underside of access balcony to garden to connect both courtyards, the removal of a non-original flat roof single storey structure to construct a single storey extension with an area of 12.5 sqm to the rear of the house with access onto the courtyard, the replacement of an existing conservatory also situated at the lower ground level between the main house and the coach house with a partially glazed double height extension with internal mezzanine floor with an area of 54 sqm, and the proposed separation of the coach house to provide an independent dwelling with shared vehicular entrance to front of house onto Cunningham Road as currently existing. A protected structure.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1268**Application Rec'd Date:** 05-Sep-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Paul Ingless, 57, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Creation of a new vehicular access and associated site works to the front of the existing dwelling.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1275**Application Rec'd Date:** 06-Sep-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Joe O'Shea, Roslyn, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Demolition of the existing front boundary wall and vehicle and pedestrian access gates and piers. The provision of a new front wall to a height to match the existing at 1.4m generally to include a steel rail and mechanized hardwood timber vehicle access gateway with an opening width of 7m and a proposed gate height of 1.9m. The existing side boundary walls to either side of the front garden are to be raised to match the front wall height at 1.4m max. (subject to sloping site conditions).**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0794**Application Rec'd Date:** 05-Sep-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Ian & Fiona Robertson, Juverna, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Raising walls and roof of rear first floor bedroom to create attic store room. Alteration of existing stairway to roof garden for entrance to proposed store room.**PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 32-36 7/8/07 - 7/9/07****Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0539**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 8-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Charlie Henderson, 6, Saint Margarets Close, Dalkey, Co Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission is sought to construct a single storey extension to the existing two storey terraced house.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0552**Decision:** Request Add. Information**Date:** 8-Aug-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development consisting of an addition to the currently permitted domestic extension (Reg Ref D05B/0379) of a study at second floor level, with associated alterations to the front and rear elevations, and the raising of the second floor parapets and party wall to match the level of the adjoining property. **Application Type:** Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0479**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 15-Aug-'07**Applicant Name & Location:** Brian & Heather McManus, Lands adjoining Shelmalier, Sorrento Road, Victoria Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Permission sought for development consisting of a two storey house over basement level garage at main location.

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Speed Limits:

All public roads have speed limits.

In most cases, a 'default' speed limit applies. This automatically applies to a particular type of road if there is NO speed limit sign to show otherwise.

The table below sets down the default speed limits for different roads under the Road Traffic Act 2004.

1. Roads in built-up areas, such as cities, towns, villages, etc.
The Speed Limit is 50 kph.
2. Non-national roads, i.e. regional and local (white signs; R or L numbers).
The Speed Limit is 80 kph.
3. National Roads, i.e. primary and secondary (green signs; N numbers).
The Speed Limit is 100 kph.
4. Motorway; (blue signs; M numbers).
The Speed Limit is 120 kph.

Local Authorities can, from time to time, set special speed limits to particular types of roads and at particular times such as when children are entering or leaving school, or on different sides of a Dual Carriageway, or where there is a series of bends, or at Road Works. Speed Limit signs, like most other regulatory signs, have a red border, white background and black numbers and letters.

The main speed limit signs on national primary or other roads are sometimes followed by repeater signs to remind drivers of the road's speed limit.

Normally, speed limits apply 24 hours a day and all year round.

No vehicle, other than fire engines, ambulances or Garda vehicles may exceed the road speed limit at any time.

From time to time and on various stretches of road, Gardaí may use equipment such as 'speed guns' to check if vehicles are obeying the speed limits. It is against the law to supply, carry or use any device that can detect or interfere with any speed monitoring equipment under Garda control.

Source: Rules of the Road, 2007

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