

## ❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

Conducted tour of Booterstown Nature Reserve - meet at North end viewing area @2.00pm.....Sun. 2 Sept  
 DCC (Sept.) Monthly Meeting .....Mon.3 Sept  
 Art Exhibition in HC - celebration of the work of the late Anthony Hogan organized by Cathy (O'Boyle) Hogan.....Thurs. 13-16 Sept  
 Garden Reception and Presentation of awards (8pm-10pm in OLH)..... Fri. 14 Sept  
 Art Exhibition - "Art of Anderson" in HC .....Weds.19 - Sun. 23 Sept  
 Grandparent's Day .....Sun. 23 Sept  
 Art Exhibition - "Landscape Memories" by Zora Byrne.....Weds. 26 - Sun 30 Sept  
 World Heart Day .....Sun. 30 Sept  
 Sorting October Newsletter..... Fri. 28 Sept  
 DCC (Oct.) Meeting .....Mon.01 Oct

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate Classes** resume on Sept. 4th and will continue on Tues. & Thurs. in Dalkey Town Hall. Juv. classes are from 6-7pm; Sens. from 7-9pm. The professionally qualified, dedicated & enthusiastic Wayne Deegan coaches these classes. Wayne is a second-degree black belt and he has been running Karate classes in Dalkey for 6 years now. He will be introducing a new Self-Defence Class (for ladies) in Oct. Contact Wayne at 086 857 2546 to book your place. Early booking is advisable.  
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### Oh! How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years.....

*I was pleasantly surprised last July when RTE transmitted the Dublin Laois game from Croke Park in High Definition. The match was carried on RTE's digital terrestrial network. The picture quality was excellent, and the sound superb. To the best of my knowledge this is a first for RTE, and I look forward to more HD programmes in the near future. Top marks RTE . . . . .keep it up!*

*Ian Macdonald,  
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### NEWSLETTER No 368 (Volume 13) Mean Fomhair (September) 2007

**September:** *Latin for seven, was the seventh month of the Roman Calendar*

By all these lovely tokens  
 September days are here  
 With summer's best of weather  
 And autumn's best of cheer.



*Flower: Aster*

**The DCC August Monthly meeting** took place on Monday 30th July in OLH.

**Correspondence:** There was one item of correspondence complaining about the intolerable noise over the weekend of 27th to 29th July from the "King of Dalkey Festival". It was agreed that DCC would contact DLRCC expressing their concerns about the poor organisation of this event.

**Heritage:** The Cathaoirleach of DLRCC has introduced new Community Service Awards in June of this year. The manager of the Heritage Centre Margaret Dunne received an award in recognition of her service to the community of Dalkey.

The illumination has been completed at St. Begnet's Graveyard and this will be more noticeable as the evenings get darker.

**AOB:** The many traffic problems on Dalkey Avenue and the surrounding area are included for discussion when DCC meet Therese Langan of the Transportation Dept. of DLRCC shortly.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.

### DALKEY LADIES CLUB MEMBERS MEET THE PRESIDENT



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## ❖ DALKEY LADIES CLUB ❖

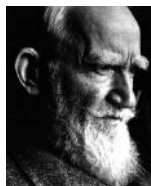
### DO YOU KNOW?

**Q.** *What do Maeve Binchy, Bernard Farrell, Mary Wilson, Marion Keyes, Pat Kenny, Mary Banotti and Julie Parsons have in common?*

**A.** They, and many others, including demonstrators, artists and actors, have all talked at the Dalkey Ladies Club.

The Club, which meets each Thursday evening in Our Lady's Hall, resumes after the summer break, on September 13 at 8.00 p.m. There will be a very interesting season's programme and new members are always very welcome.

## ❖ GEORGE BERNARD SHAW ❖



George Bernard Shaw was a leading dramatist, literary critic and socialist. A giant of English Literature, his works include *John Bull's Other Island*, *Doctor's Dilemma*, *Pygmalion* (translated on to the screen as *My Fair Lady*) and *Heartbreak House*.

In 1925 George Bernard Shaw was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature 'for his work which is marked by both idealism and humanity, its stimulating satire often being infused with a singular poetic beauty.'

Shaw's association with the area now comprising Dun Laoghaire Rathdown was relatively brief. Born in Synge Street he moved with his mother to Dalkey in 1866. They rented Torca Cottage - a three-roomed cottage with spectacular views from front and back gardens.

The Shaws lived in Dalkey full-time for a year and then spent the summer months there until 1874. He would one day say that 'I am a product of Dalkey's outlook.' Late in life he wrote, 'I owe more than I can express to the natural beauty of that enchanting situation commanding the two great bays between Howth and Bray Head and its canopied skies such as I have never seen elsewhere in the world.' In 1947 a plaque was unveiled at Torca Cottage.

*Courtesy of Mr. Tim Carey, Heritage Officer.*

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Unveiling of Plaque at Torca Cottage 1947

## ❖ TRAFFIC MATTERS (8) – Blackrock/Merrion Road QBC. ❖

As part of the Blackrock/Merrion Road Quality Bus Corridor, new bus lanes came into operation along the Rock Road from Monday 30th July 2007.

The new Bus Lanes are operating in BOTH directions, Monday to Saturday inclusive; from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bus times are expected to improve by between 10 and 15 minutes as a result.

Bus frequency on the existing routes of 4,5,7,8,45 has been increased by Dublin Bus, with an additional 34 trips per day in each direction between Blackrock and O'Connell Street.

The QBC upgrade will also benefit other bus and coach services, taxis, and emergency vehicles, as well as creating additional facilities for cyclists.

Richard Mooney

## ❖ HERITAGE WEEK ❖

### Free events in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre has had another record season. Numbers for July have broken all previous records. This can be directly attributed to Living History tours, which are now running seven days per week due to the sponsorship of the Community Dept of DLRCoCo. The Living History tour is very popular and there is fantastic feedback from visitors.

**RTE filmed an episode of the Children's TV programme 'The Den'** here with the Living History characters and the Manager did promotion work on a number of radio stations.

**St Begnet's Graveyard** has been illuminated following a grant from Heritage Council in Kilkenny; it will be more obvious at events in long dark evenings.

**Award:** The Manager, Margaret Dunne was given one of three '**Service to the Community Awards**' by Cathaoirleach Eugene Regan at an event in the County Hall towards the end of June. Her many initiatives for the heritage of the county and for Dalkey were listed on the citation.

**Heritage Week** this year is from Sat August 25th-Sunday 2nd Sept.

**Admission to the Heritage Centre** will be free to individuals for the entire run of heritage week. This will include the Living History Tour. As it is expected to be a very busy time numbers will be limited to 15 people on each tour. Living History Tours run every half hour.

A Talk on **The Industrial Heritage of the County** to include the railways, quarries, bridges and mines will be given by Rob Goodbody at the Heritage Centre on Tuesday August 28th at 7.30 pm. Admission is free.

There will be free **Guided Walks in Dalkey** most days of Heritage Week, starting at the Heritage Centre. Check for times.

The highly popular guided Eyeopener Walks in Dún Laoghaire, will begin in the People's Park on Sunday August 26th and Sunday Sept 2nd at 11.00am. Admission is free.

There will be an innovative Living History element to the tour in **Cabinteely House**, where the character of Earl Nugent who built the house will be incorporated into a guided tour. These Tours will be held on Wednesday 29th August from 2.00 -5.00 every hour and Sunday 2nd Sept from 1.00-5.00pm on the hour. This is highly recommended as it includes a tour around the magnificent house.

**Art Exhibitions** in September begin on Sept 13th in the Art Gallery in the Heritage Centre. The first Exhibition is a retrospective and celebration of the work of the late Anthony Hogan. The Exhibition, in his memory, is being organised by Cathy (O'Boyle) Hogan and runs to Sun 16th September.

This will be followed by Exhibitions from two artists, well known locally: Bob Anderson 'Art of Anderson' from 19th -23rd Sept and Zora Byrne's 'Landscape Memories' from Sept 26th -30th. All the artwork will be for sale and the Exhibitions are open to the public 11.00-4.30pm daily. Not to be missed!

Check with the Heritage Centre for details of the free Heritage Week events, all made possible by a grant from the Heritage Office in DLRCoCo. If you haven't been into the Centre in recent times and taken the Living History tour, use Heritage Week as your opportunity. We look forward to showing you around!

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## BLESSING OF THE BOATS CEREMONY



### Bulloch Harbour - 22nd July



The annual Blessing of the Boats Ceremony took place at Bulloch Harbour on Sunday 22nd July. A large crowd was present including King Larry of Dalkey, who came over from his Royal Residence in Our Lady's Manor, led by a Sea Scout colour party. The Dun Laoghaire Lifeboat berthed alongside the pier for the Blessing given by the RNLI Chaplain. This was followed by musical entertainment, a barbecue and raffle, all in aid of local RNLI funds. Afterwards visitors were welcomed on board the lifeboat and the Irish

Coastguard Helicopter gave an air-sea rescue display. There is a long established link as one of the first lifeboats in Dublin Bay was based at Bulloch in 1816, before the RNLI station was established, and many Dalkey people have since served on the crew.

Peter O'Halloran, Chairman of the Bulloch Harbour Association, received a plaque from Stephen Wynne, Secretary of Dun Laoghaire RNLI, to mark his many years service in organising this popular event. The Trident Sub-Aqua Club presented a cheque for €4,300 to the RNLI - the proceeds of their annual Round Dalkey Island Swim.



*Photographs show: Peter O'Halloran receiving the RNLI plaque from Stephen Wynne; King Larry enjoying the festivities with some of his subjects and the Coastguard Helicopter over the harbour.*



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## ❖ THE GREAT AUGUST 1907 DALKEY FLAGS HOAX ❖

In 1907 people were generally Unionist or Nationalist in political outlook and for Unionists in South Dublin the summer of 1907 was especially great for them with the Royal Visit to Ireland commencing in Kingstown in June followed in August with a visit of the Atlantic Fleet which anchored off Kingstown and drew plenty for visitors to Dalkey to see the fleet at anchor.

However a number of people in Dalkey were not enamoured with this great display of loyalty and one can only imagine the reaction of Unionists in Dalkey and south Dublin when they read in the Saturday August 24th Irish Times the story headlined: "Disloyalty in Dalkey - Flags Torn Down from the Town Hall" which reported that local Nationalists, incensed by the flying of flags to mark the visit of the Atlantic Fleet, had stormed the Town Hall, demanded the keys from the Town Clerk, which he refused to hand over, then acquired a ladder, scaled the ramparts, removed the flags from their staffs, and then in procession, marched to the harbour and immersed them in the sea.

This dramatic story and variations of it was also published in the Irish Independent, Dublin Daily Express and the Freeman's Journal with some accounts stating that one man had been arrested.

But there was one major problem with it – the incident never happened and was a hoax perpetrated on the newspapers by some local residents whose identity afterwards was suspected but never subsequently uncovered or proved.

J. K. Keogh, J. P., chairman of Dalkey Urban Council, was not amused with the accounts of this alleged incident in the newspapers, especially the one published in the Irish Times and wrote a letter of complaint to the editor about the falseness of the report and their coverage of it as well as a letter of denial to the Press Association as he was unsure where in the world this hoax event might be published and was anxious that the reputation of Dalkey should be preserved and maintained globally.

The Dalkey / Killiney correspondent for the weekly Bray and South Dublin Herald said that the hoax was the talk of South Dublin for several days and expressed amazement that the "staid and grave" Irish Times and other newspapers had been taken in by it what - the motive for the hoax never emerged.

**James Scannell**

## ❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS REPORT TO DCC - September '07 ❖

We have entered Dalkey for the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition. This year the competition is more community than environmentally orientated and as members of our committee are involved in both areas we entered Dalkey as a community rather than solely Tidy Towns. I think we submitted a good presentation as Dalkey has so much available for all age groups. We also covered voluntary work. Considerable time and effort was involved so here's hoping for a rewarding result.

An Environcom competition has been introduced by DLRCC for commerce and details of this have been forwarded to several businesses in the town. We hope for some entries and perhaps some successes.

There is also a Volunteer Awards Scheme to acknowledge the dedicated people who help with projects in their own time.

Litter Patrols continue until September when they will be reduced for the winter months. On the whole there has been improvement. The recent article in the Irish Times 'No ifs and butts - that's €125' is an excellent incentive. Also 3 extra Litter Wardens for our area is a bonus and we hope to see them in action sometime soon.

Thank you.

**June Barnett, Secretary, DTT**

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## ❖ GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY . . . *Continued from August Issue* ❖

Leslie did not, naturally, care to have people continually coming through his grounds for water, so he built the subterranean passage we have been through. This gave people access to the well under Leslie's ground, but they did not offend his susceptibilities by their presence on his lawns. The reason the passage comes on to "Villaggio" is that, at that time, Leslie's son-in-law, Peacocke, lived there and thus it gave him a convenient short-cut westwards.

Leslie sold the ground on which Loreto Abbey was built; this was in 1842, with Miss Ball as Superioress. Pending the building she had temporarily rented Bullock Castle for two years, from 1840, and had there carried on a day school for young ladies. Local tradition has it that the plans of the building, which is cruciform in shape, were intended for a convent in Mauritius, while the plans really meant for Dalkey showed a circular structure. Some years ago, the Loreto nuns acquired "Carraig-na-Greine" as an addition to their property.

Turning back from the Convent, we pass along a narrow winding road of small houses, with two larger houses in their midst, "Gunamara" and "Avalon". This is Leslie Avenue, and all the houses, with one exception, on this road were originally gifts from Leslie to people who worked for him or upon whom he wished to bestow a favour. The exception was "Gunamara", which was called "Neptune View" in the '70s. In one of the small houses on Leslie Avenue lives Anna Maria Quinn, a descendant of Martin Quinn, who constructed the subterranean passage at "Carraig-na-Greine", and, in another, Mrs. Tallant, whose father, Michael Murray had the contract over fifty years ago for rowing soldiers over to the Island Battery, and perished at sea while so doing one stormy Saturday night.

Turning to the left down Coliemore Road we pass the front gate of "Carraig-na-Greine" and also that of "Villaggio", the small gate beside which marks what used to be another right-of-way to the well. We then pass, on the left, "Rarc an Ilan", "Cliff Castle", "Inniscorrig", "Elsinore", "Lots", and "Colamore Lodge". "Rarc an Ilan" was one of the first houses a century ago to have an Irish name, and the papers at the time favourably commented on this strange practice; Robert D. Corder, a manufacturer of trimming and coach lace, of 15, Parliament Street, lived there in 1847. The well-known Sir Dominic Corrigan M.D. of 4, Merrion Square, lived in "Inniscorrig" at that time, and the financier Du Cros later occupied and improved it. On the right is the turreted building of "Victoria House", built by James Milo Burke of whom you will hear more.

We now arrive at the little Coliemore Harbour with a fine view of the Island. The present pier was commenced in 1847 by Burke and Rev. Dr. MacDonnell of Sorrento, and apparently completed in 1869. Leaving the harbour, we find two large houses "Queenstown Castle" and "Springfield" also built by Burke. Behind and above "Springfield" we see a striking figure - a sailor, some 8 feet tall, dressed in blue and with a white hat, holding aloft a flag-staff in his right hand which his left rests on an anchor; behind him is an iron capstan. This figure stands on an eminence in the grounds of "Nerano", occupied by Miss Fleming, whose father, John Fleming, a well-known restaurateur and a member of Dublin Corporation, came there in 1863; he found the statue lying prone on the grass, mended it and had it put up in its present position. Nothing seems to be known about its purpose; I have three theories, and I give them for what they are worth. Firstly, that it was put there as a mark for passing vessels to set their course by - and it certainly is a an outstanding landmark; secondly, - and this might almost include the first - a Captain MacAnaspie, who formerly resided there, had a son in the Naval Service, and local tradition says he erected the sailor in his memory - and maybe also to help his brother seafarers, thirdly, Dalkey abounds in eagles, urns and mouldings done in "Roman Cement", Before the days of Portland Cement there was one "Plasto" who dealt in Roman Cement in Brunswick Street, Dublin (now Pearse Street). He is credited with supplying these eagles, urns etc. free as an advertisement for his cement and what better advertisement could he have than to put up the Nerano Sailor in like manner? If he did, both it and Dalkey's eagles are an excellent advertisement for his Roman Cement, for they are standing today after more than 90 years weathering as a testimony to its durability.

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

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## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000-2006 PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 10 OF THE DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004-2010

Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 13 (2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 that Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, being the Planning Authority of the County of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, has prepared a draft of proposed Variation No. 10 of the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2004-2010 in respect of the following:-

It is proposed to designate Dalkey as an Architectural Conservation Area and to remove the current Conservation Area objectives for Dalkey Village, Carysfort Villas, St. Patrick's Road and Ulverton Road on Map No.4.

The reason for the Variation is to protect the special character of Dalkey in accordance with Section 10.3.1 Policy AC1: Architectural Conservation Areas of the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2004-2010 and Part IV, Chapter 2 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

The exact boundaries of the proposed Architectural Conservation Area are delineated on the map accompanying the public display.

Details of the proposed Variation may be inspected at the following locations:

**Planning Department,  
County Hall,**

**Council Offices,  
Dundrum Office Park**

**Library,  
All branches of Dun  
Laoghaire Rathdown libraries**

**Dun Laoghaire  
(between 9.00  
and 16.30)**

**Dundrum  
(from 9.30 to 12.30  
and 13.30 to 16.30)**

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Opening hours)**

Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) from Monday 13th August, 2007 to Monday 10th September, 2007 (inclusive). A non-statutory copy of the proposed Variation may also be viewed on the County Council's web-site at [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie)

An open evening will be held on Tuesday 21st August from 7.30-8.30 in Dalkey Heritage Centre for members of the public to explain the variation.

Written submissions or observations with respect to the proposed Variation made to the Planning Authority within the said period will be taken into consideration before the making of the Variation. Such submissions or observations should be addressed to:

M. Gough, Director, Economic Development and Planning Department,  
County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. Or by e-mail to [planning@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:planning@dlrcoco.ie)

### ❖ LETTER TO THE EDITOR ❖

Re.: BROADBAND

*Dear Editor,*

I read with interest the letter from Mr. Des Burke-Kennedy published in your July Newsletter. I fully support everything Des has written.

It is a shame that our Politicians are so lethargic in this instance. To foreigners we appear as if still Third World despite the exceptional progress made by this country over the last decade and more.

Yours sincerely,

**Sean McCool, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey**

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❖ **NATURE CORNER – Michael Ryan** ❖



You may have heard about a new scheme to reintroduce the Red Kite into Ireland by releasing 30 young birds in County Wicklow. A bird of prey that has been extinct in Ireland for 200 years, it is hoped the captive release of these birds will help them gain a footing in what should be an ideal habitat for them. Once down to single figures in the UK they are now doing spectacularly well in Wales due to a reintroduction programme

which involved the cooperation of local farmers. Mainly carrion eaters often stealing food from other birds, some of the farmers were encouraged and subsidised to supplement the kite's diet by leaving out raw meat for the birds. One of these farms, Gigrin Farm is now a Red Kite Centre and attracts thousands of visitors every year to what has been described as "Surely the largest, most fantastic bird table in the world". Every day at a set time kilos of raw meat are spread from the back of a trailer in front of a row of bird hides. As the hour approaches birds start to gather in the nearby trees. Soon the feeding area is surrounded by eager ravens, buzzards and of course dozens of the star of the show, red kites. Many of these kites have wing tags and they can deduce that some of these birds travel vast distances from their nests during the breeding season for a guaranteed meal. When the farmer stops his tractor and starts to spread the meat around the air becomes full of swooping and diving birds the most spectacular being the kite whose distinctly forked tail gives it great agility for turning and weaving. The birds have become a very important part of the area's economy bringing in thousands of tourists all year round even in winter when there have been up to 400 kites at the feeding station! Hopefully we'll be seeing them over the hills of Wicklow soon and maybe even a little closer to home since in late July Birdwatch Ireland HQ got a call to say one of the Red Kites had been seen over Killiney Hill!

One September morning a few years ago as I was coming down through the trees on Killiney Hill I heard the familiar croak of a raven overhead and got a fleeting glimpse of a black shape through the treetops. Eventually emerging from the tree cover I looked overhead expecting to see a pair of ravens but the sky was teeming with ravens, a seriously large flock of them. I couldn't count them properly because the pairs and individuals were wheeling, diving and soaring within the flock but there were at least 30 and maybe 32. I'd seen groups of 18 and more before but never this many. Unlike Hooded Crows, Rooks and Jackdaws which gather and sometimes nest in large flocks the ravens are generally only seen singly or in small family groups. I had thought maybe the large group of ravens was coming over to visit the resident pair in Dalkey introducing the new family to their cousins but they might in fact be heading a bit further afield. Less than a hundred miles away is the biggest winter roost of ravens in Europe. A Monterey Pine forest outside Anglesea in West Wales holds up to 1,000 roosting ravens in the wintertime and there's every chance that some of these birds, many of whom would be young non breeding birds, may come from Ireland which is only a short hop across the sea for them.



Hopefully Dalkey's ravens will have bred again this year. Adults are still seen regularly on Dalkey Island and over the hills where they often perch in suitably lordly and dramatic fashion on top of the obelisk or on the Telegraph Tower.

In early July our Red Squirrels on Killiney Hill were often to be seen feeding on the ground in the early hours of the day picking up last years beech seeds. It got to the point where we'd put the dog on the lead after she got terribly close to squirrels after very hectic chases. The squirrel would retreat up the tree and wait often perched at a fork of the tree, its front paws held in front of it as if in prayer or contemplation but probably just waiting for the dog to push off. Then for

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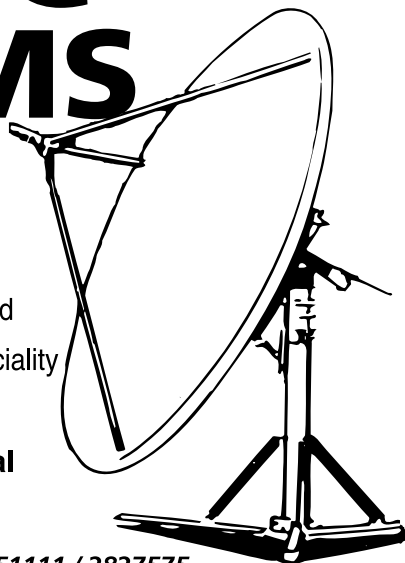
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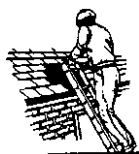
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grown so large it obviously outgrew its highly restricted root system. Regardless of its demise, we consistently watered its base - don't ask me why because I really don't know - but we did!

Yesterday, I felt compelled to take a final look at our beloved dead wisteria before yanking out some of its sad, bare limbs and chucking them in our compost heap. On doing so I noticed, in a bed close by, a precious darling sapling. I was so shocked and surprised obviously that I simply stared and looked and checked again. Quite an amazing feeling and then I thought "How did it get there?" Did some friend who knew our sob story plant it there for us as a 'surprise'? Accordingly, I checked with my likely friends. None of them did such an act. So I then telephoned Mackeys Garden Centre, where our darling wisteria was purchased over twenty years ago. A most pleasant staff member there told me that our famous Wisteria Alba had 'layered itself'. Can you imagine these very words and how I felt? Really, it's not about the money, - going out and buying another, (though I guess, in truth, it possibly is about that too). However, one cannot buy maturity those unique qualities that come with an established plant. Then, to try and find that very strain (there are several alba/white varieties) not to talk about blues, pinks and mauves. Honestly, I cannot do its performance justice with my simple wording. This most interesting member of staff continued to say that wisterias are almost impossible to kill. She said: "it didn't want to leave you and it didn't". I then asked her had she ever heard of a wisteria layering before, to which she said that she had not but she had heard of several other climbers that did so. Amazing. She also said that just because it was originally a white wisteria does not mean that the new sapling will reproduce white racemes. It could be one of the blues (hence, darker leaves). Apparently, it depends on the grafting. So, we'll just have to wait and see. Who knows! We certainly don't! One thing is for sure, this Cosmic Plan of ours never ceases to amaze me. Meanwhile, our very special sapling has been staked, watered and given a little feed.

## COMMUNITY AWARDS 2007

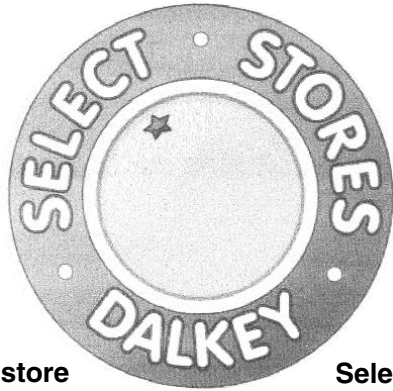
Councillor Eugene Regan, former Cathaoirleach of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, presented awards to three members of the public for their outstanding service to the community at a recent reception in the County Hall, Dun Laoghaire. One of the most worthy of the recipients was the Manager of the Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre, Margaret Dunne.



Here she is pictured with her fellow recipients, Rev. Kevin Dalton and Retired Councillor Sam Carroll. *Congratulations Margaret!*



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weeks no sign of any squirrels till a morning in early August when after the dog's interest in something in the treetops I heard the a rain-like pattering through the leaves and was able to see a Red Squirrel high above on a Scots pine while a little shower of discarded pine scales fell around me. The squirrels peel off the scales to get at the tiny protein packed seed beneath each scale and the bare centre of the cone is left looking like a apple core. I probably mentioned before that unusually for mammals squirrels, like people, are either left or right handed and it's possible to tell which by the way the scales have been peeled off.

In May the South Dublin Branch of Birdwatch embarked on an ambitious field trip, taking a coach load of birdwatchers to Poland. With its large wetland areas, enormous forests including some of the most ancient woodland in Europe and large areas of agricultural land unsullied by intensive farming methods, Poland still has lots of ideal habitat for a vast range of bird species and many mammals. With clear blue skies and temperature hitting 30c the weather was glorious though the weather seemed to give a boost to the population of mosquitoes which were very active, numerous and too willing to get to know the visitors. Lovely wooden farm buildings and meadows full of wild flowers made for very pleasant scenery. Some of the fields, covered with dandelions about to go to seed, looking like they were covered in snow and providing great food for seed eating birds and insects. Storks stood or sat on the mass of twigs that comprise their nests often built on platforms deliberately constructed for them. Cuckoos calling everywhere and even at night we were sometimes surrounded by the 'crak' noise of calling corncrakes. Eagles, woodpeckers and owls including the tiny Pygmy Owl gave great views. One member of the group, up early on our first day, went to a nearby river and got wonderful photographs of a kingfisher feeding its young and a mink ferrying its cubs across the river.

On Tuesday September 4th Birdwatch Ireland's South Dublin Branch public talk in the Kingston Hotel is an illustrated talk about the trip and will have many wonderful photographs of the birds and habitats seen. Free entry and everybody welcome.

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**MY GARDEN . . . . . by Philippa Thomas**



Do you not think a single bloom can be more rewarding than a whole border of flowers, especially when it opens unexpectedly? After a drenching shower in the afternoon, flowers, bamboos, shrubs, etc. can look even more beautiful, agree? Graham Thomas is a most gorgeous rose, it was especially beautiful when dew covered its petals, in one of my friend's gardens, where I saw it last week.

Pleasures, I think, are to be found in the garden every day of the year. Sometimes, we just have to make a little time to discover them. I am beginning to notice those ornamental cabbages once again creeping onto shop fronts here and there. I just cannot get myself to like them. I appreciate that they are bursting with colour but I dislike them intensely for their fading, decrepit-looking displays.

Now that it is September, I'm beginning to cut back those dead, untidy stems, that won't add to our borders in winter. I still have all out little pots of cool growing orchids outside, mostly in partial shade. By doing so, they put out new growth and should flower during our oncoming autumn and winter season.

Our absolute winners this summer have been our Abutilons in our glass room, as they provide so much life and colour. They have rewarded us 110%. They require a feed at least once a fortnight and watering every second day (when indoors). Abutilons excel for approximately five years and then become gangly, leggy and woody. They are one of the easiest of plants to take cuttings from. Try and get your hands on one and see what you think. We have two shades of tangerine, one white, some reds, a blue and some divine pink shades. Their flowers are bell shaped and last several days before going over.

Our Eucomis bulbs are boasting at present: - showing off their magnificent long, shiny, green, maroon and black strap-shaped leaves. I think that they are still my favourite bulb. At present, they are sending up, as they usually do, their most magnificent stately flower spikes. These bulbs last right through until the end of October. Ours are in the same pots, undisturbed for at least 6/7 years: talk about Value for Money! They must be almost completely indestructible.

Don't house plants love a wipe of a damp cloth and a little feed and watering and, on a warm day, to be put out in the shade? They respond by growing stronger and more robust for these oncoming winter months.

Bulbs are now looking at you in earnest in our various shops and gardening centres. It's always worth indulging in a few; even if, just for the sense of promise, the hope, the expectation. They will always do well in the first year especially when planted in a container. I find it best then, to put them into the ground in their second year. Remember, when planting, to lay the bulbs on their side as then they will be less inclined to rot. Bulbs love to sit on gritty soil rather than mushy compost.

Finally, I just have to tell this Most Extraordinary News. One of my brothers planted a white Wisteria (Alba) over 20 years ago, at the gable-end of our house, having removed the usual cobblelock bricks and then substituting with good soil and John Innes No 3. Our Wisteria Alba rewarded us with absolute elegance and devotion for these past 20 years. Creamy white, drooping racemes of flowers abounded on its backdrop of limey green, pinnate leaves. While in bud this past spring, it obviously lacked moisture and died. (Remember those four roasting days we had in early April? Several friends of mine lost a shrub or young tree during that spell) I needn't tell you we were pretty heartbroken to discover that we had lost one of the most beautiful of all climbing plants. Its base had

## APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks 28-31 – 6/7/07 – 27/7/07

**Reg. Ref.:** D06B/0790

**Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission

**Appeal Decided:** 9-Jul-'07 **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** 5 Montevella, Barnhill Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Alterations to existing planning permission (Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Reg Ref D06B/0050) granted on 21st April 2006. The alterations consist of an extension of 113.5 sqm in lieu of the granted extension of 87.6 sqm. the increase in area of the extension is comprised of the construction of an additional flat-roof utility room in the north-east corner of the site (area 10.4 sqm), the construction of an extension to the existing conservatory (of area 19 sqm) in lieu of the granted glazed link corridor (area 6.7 sqm) and alterations in layout from playroom/study to dining/living rooms and increase in length of 830 mm, from 12.72m to 13.55m to the granted extension in the south-east corner of the side. The area of the granted house was 234.7 sqm. the total area of the house with proposed alterations will be 260.6 sqm. **Applicant:** Mr Stephen Cullen.

**Reg. Ref.:** D06A/1906

**Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission. Decision Confirmed by ABP 20-Jul-'07.

**Appeal Decided:** 20-Jul-'07. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission.

**Location:** Montpellier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** The development will comprise of the refurbishment & extension of the existing house. The development will consist of the construction of a two storey extension to the side & rear of the existing dwelling of approx. 142 sq.m. in total incorporating part demolition of the rear return & reducing the number of floors from three to two to the return, the conservation and repositioning of the existing brick screen wall to the side of the house, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance and the re-instatement of the existing pedestrian entrance way fronting onto Ardeevin Road, the demolition of outbuildings to the rear yard, general landscaping works & associated site development works on a site of approx. 0.24 hectares. **Applicant:** Mr Justin MacInnes.

**Reg. Ref.:** D06A/1595

**Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission. Decision Confirmed By ABP 27-Jul-'07.

**Appeal Decided:** 27-Jul-'07. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission.

**Location:** South Winds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Demolition of 'Southwinds' bungalow and for the construction of a two storey dwelling including drainage, landscaping, access road and ancillary works. **Applicant:** Mr. Michael Smyth.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0011

**Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission. Decision Varied by ABP 27-Jul-2007.

**Appeal Decided:** 27-Jul-'07. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission for Retention. **Location:** 56, Ulverton Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Permission is sought for an increase in height of the existing railing to the front boundary from 0.95m to 1.20m & retain the existing front entrance width at the main location. **Applicant:** Mr Anthony Smyth.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0168

**Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission. Decision Confirmed by ABP 27-Jul-'07.

**Appeal Decided:** 27-Jul-'07. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** South Winds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Permission sought for replacement of existing 'Southwinds' dwelling with a two story dwelling house. This includes the demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a two storey dwelling house, including drainage, landscaping, access road, domestic garage/ store and ancillary works. **Applicant:** Mr Anthony Smyth.

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We lunched at the Monasterboice Inn on the way to Beaulieu House & Gardens in the lashing rain. The Garden Outing then became a historical house tour, delighted to find that we could view this renowned Queen Anne house. The grounds and subsequent house have been in the ownership of the Montgomery/Waddington family since 1639. The present house was completed in 1723 and the Dutch artist, Van de Hagen, is thought to have designed the garden. He painted the picture of Drogheda over the fireplace in the Grand Hall and the stunning ceiling in the Drawing Room.

The Grand Staircase was made in Dublin in 1732 and delivered by boat! Many paintings of ancestors adorned the walls with our guide giving us a history of the lives of these very handsome and distinguished people. A few hardy individuals did have a look around the garden.

Back on the bus and home to Dalkey via the Port Tunnel - a first time for many of us. Overall, it was an interesting and pleasant trip.

Colette

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir,

In your July issue, a resident of Harbour Road complained about the problem of dog fouling. We live in Coliemore Road and there are now no litter bins between Dalkey High Street and Killiney Dart station either on the roads or in the parks.

I am a responsible owner of two dogs and always clear up after them but I am often compelled to walk for over 30 minutes with full dog bags. I suspect other owners may not be prepared to do this. The problem with litter is equally serious.

Unless and until Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are prepared to provide adequate litter bins, I fear that the problems of dog fouling and litter will only increase, despite the notices posted on lamp posts.

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**Council Decision:** Grant permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 12-Jul-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal

**Reg Ref:** D07A/0549 **Reg. Date:** 26-Apr-2007 **Location:** 42, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Development:** Permission is sought to widen a pedestrian access on the front boundary to create a new vehicular access onto Ulverton Road and to provide for on-site parking in the front garden to serve the existing dwelling. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 17-Jul-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D07A/0566 **Reg. Date:** 30-Apr-'07 **Location:** 121, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Development:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing converted former garage attached to the side of the existing house, and the construction of a new separate two storey dwelling house in the side garden. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 18-Jul-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D07A/0586 **Reg. Date:** 4-May-'07. **Location:** 16, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

**Development:** Permission is sought for a first floor extension over part single storey extension & terraces (with storage under part) to north and east, two story extensions to link, garage conversion, altered and extended fenestration throughout including single storey bay window extension to front, plaster in lieu of brick to front facade, new slated pitched roofs throughout with velux roof lights, solar panel on front roof slope, chimney on two storey gable to west, altered paving levels to relocated hall door to west, and timber boundary fence opposite hall door. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 20-Jul-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D07A/0572 **Reg. Date:** 1-May-2007 **Location:** Montpelier, Ardeevin Rd., Dalkey.

**Development:** Permission is sought for development comprising the refurbishment of, and extension to the existing house. The development of an additional total floor area of 60.5sqm, will consist of the construction of a two and three storey extension to the existing return, both to the side (west) and the rear (south) where the ridge and eaves height are to match those of the existing front roof. The new works will also incorporate modifications to the east elevation of the return, the construction of a single storey extension to the west of the new return, the conservation and repositioning of the existing brick screen wall to the side of the house, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance and the reinstatement of the existing pedestrian entrance way fronting onto Ardeevin Road, the demolition of outbuildings to the rear yard, the formation of terraced gardens, general landscaping works and associated site development works on a site of approximately 0.24 hectares. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 23-Jul-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D07A/0630. **Reg. Date:** 11-May-'07. **Location:** Dalkey Garda Station, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey. **Development:** Permission is sought to erect a 30m high replacement telecommunications support structure carrying antennae and dishes together with associated equipment cabins to form part of the Gardai's telecommunications system and for their own use at the main location which is A Protected Structure in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2004-2010. The existing 30m high structure will be removed following the erection of the replacement structure.(A Protected Structure). **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 27-Jul-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D07B/0252. **Reg. Date:** 22-Mar-'07. **Location:** 42, Convent Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Development:** Permission sought to add bay window to front & extend rear of house. The development consists of 1) enlargement of existing ground floor window & addition of bay window to front, 2) demolition of existing single storey return & construction of two story extension to rear, 3) two new roof lights to rear of existing pitched roof. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 24-Jul-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party

**Reg Ref:** D07B/0412 **Reg. Date:** 8-May-2007 **Location:** 5, Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey.

**Development:** Sunroom extension at ground floor to rear; extension to ground floor utility area at Northwest side gable; removal of bedroom window; attic level extensions to front, and northwest side gable; removal of roof lights at rear attic level and construction of new roof lights; miscellaneous alterations. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 27-Jul-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/0701 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** I. & M. Mangan, 22, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for extension to existing garden shed to rear to provide utility room with new roof structure attached to rear of existing dwelling, new frosted glass window serving ensuite bathroom to rear and relocation of gate piers to site entrance to provide 3.6m wide vehicular entrance.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/0715 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 20-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Oliver Kavanagh, 2, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** 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.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/0716 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Board of Management of Loreto Primary, At rear of Loreto Secondary School, Loreto Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** For the construction of a single storey prefabricated temporary structure for use as classroom including all ancillary site works to the rear.

**Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** John & Elizabeth Simington, Forthill, Nerano Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** For the reconstruction of walls demolished for which permission had not been granted and for alterations and extensions to the house as it existed prior to the unauthorised development, including single storey extensions to front and rear an extension to the front at first floor level, the construction of a lift from street level at the front, the creation of an enclosed garage within the existing car parking bay with a roof garden over and an amended entrance elevation at street level, as previously permitted under Register Reference D06A/1432.

**Reg. Ref.** D07B/0473 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Martin Pontany, 1, The Rise, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** (a) Convert existing garage to playroom, (b) new front porch (c) alterations to front elevation (d) internal alterations (e) alterations to rear roof.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0484 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. William Hogg, 3, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** Storm porch and roof over at the front.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0515 **Decision:** Declare Invalid (Site notice) **Date:** 16-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Ms Geraldine O'Driscoll, 48, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Permission sought for the retention of an exit door in the west facing wall of ground floor bedroom, which has replaced a window at this location. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention.

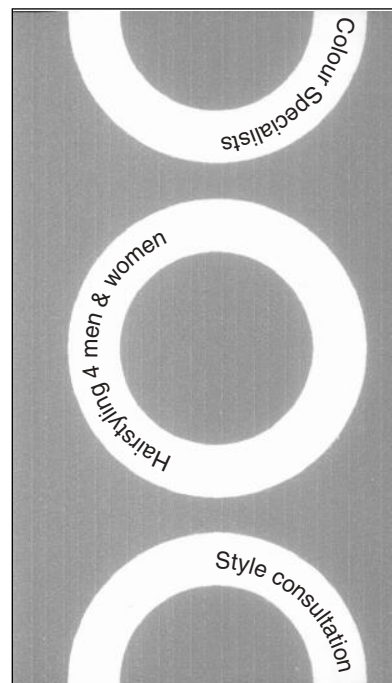
**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0720 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 23-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Niall Keogh, 1, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** The demolition of the existing dwelling on the site and the construction of 3 no. two storey dwellings, 1 no. 3 bed detached house (No.1A) & 2 No. 3 bed semi-detached houses (No. 1B & 1C) and for all boundary walls, fences and gates, hard and soft landscaping, all site services above and below ground and for 1 no. new vehicular entrance from Ardburgh Road to House No. 1B.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/0788 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 3-Aug-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** P. Totterdell, 75, Begnets Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** The development will consist of single storey porch to front of dwelling, single storey 'family flat' to side of dwelling, single storey sunroom to rear of dwelling. New first floor bathroom window to side of dwelling. Relocated driveway entrance and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.** D07B/0580 **Decision:** Declare Invalid (Site Notice) **Date:** 31-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael McGill & Tim Rowe, 5, Ardburgh Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for revised roof profile and revised rear elevation to the permitted rear extension case ref PL06D.217326, Reg Ref D06A/0219 at this main location.

**APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala Wks. 28-31 – 9/7/'07 - 3/8/'07**

**Reg Ref:** D07A/0035 **Reg. Date:** 10-Jan-2007 **Location:** Yonder, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.  
**Development:** Permission sought for demolition of existing 2 storey dormer style dwelling and the



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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 28-31 9/7/2007 - 3/08/2007

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/0995

**Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Jul-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.** D07A/0479

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Apr-2007

**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. Application Type: Permission. Additional Information: 19-Jul-2007.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/0992

**Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Martin Whelan, Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the development of this site. The development will consist of demolition of Linden Lodge, a detached part single, part two-storey 4 bedroom house and the construction of 4 no. detached 5 bedroom 2 storey plus attic level houses (houses no.'s 1,2, and 3 fronting onto Castlepark Road and house no. 4 fronting onto Wolverson Glen) with vehicular access to house no.1 and no. 3 via existing vehicular access onto Castlepark Road, vehicular access to house no.2 via new vehicular access onto Castlepark Road, vehicular access to house no. 4 via new vehicular access onto Wolverson Glen with associated on and off site development works.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/100

**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Barnhill Limited Partnership, Carn, 31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** For demolition of existing two storey dwelling and attached single storey apartment and to construct two semi-detached two storey three bedroom dwellings with off street car parking for 4 vehicles at front and additional vehicular entrance off Barnhill Road and all associated site works at dwelling currently known as Carn beside 31 Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/1009

**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Barry Devlin, Summerfield House, Summerfield Close, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** The demolition of existing cottage, and the construction of a new two storey residence containing three bedrooms, and associated living quarters, with three small external courtyards at ground level and two off-street parking spaces. The existing boundary wall to Dalkey Avenue is to be retained and extended in an identical rendered finish around the Summerfield Close edge of the site, and to incorporate new timber gates to the existing vehicle access.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/1030

**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** J & P Monaghan & R Shiels, Old Tramyard, 15, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development on this site of c. 460sqm subsequent to grant of permission as per Reg Ref D06A/0910; PL06D.2200982. This permission relates to site which includes the tramlines which are PROTECTED STRUCTURES. Permission is sought for the provision of 2 no. retail units (1 no. unit c. 86sqm GFA, and 1 no. unit c. 100sqm) and 1 no. café unit (c. 35sqm GFA) at ground floor level in compliance with Condition 2(a) of Grant of Permission Reg Ref D06A/0910; PL06D.220098. This application also seeks revisions to elevations associated with the proposed commercial/ café uses at ground floor level. The total gross floor area relating to the application is c. 221sqm.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/1033

**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Frank & Lorraine Costello, 22, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing house and for construction of a new two storey over basement house with balconies and roof terrace. Associated site works include new boundary wall, widened entrance gates and rear pedestrian entrance.

**Reg. Ref.** D07B/0661

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Jul-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.

**Reg. Ref.** D07B/0669

**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin Halligan, 3, Barnhill Lawn, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought to construct additional dormer windows to provide additional attic accommodation, and provide new ground floor patio door.

**Reg. Ref.** D06A/1932

**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Dec-2006

**Applicant Name & 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. Application Type: Permission. Additional Information: 24-Jul-2007.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/1081

**Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Jul-2007

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

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for amendments to previously granted planning permission Reg Ref: D06A/1413, including 13.3sqm second floor extension to family flat, to the side of the existing house.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/1091

**Application Rec'd Date:** 31-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** K O'Brien, Site on Meany Avenue to the rear of Milroy Cottage (A Protected Structure), Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the construction of 1 no. new 2 storey mews with a flat roof, roof light and concealed water tank, and with a single storey section to the rear with the provision of one parking space at this main location. A protected structure. Application Type: Permission.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/1117

**Application Rec'd Date:** 03-Aug-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Castlepark School Ltd. Castlepark School (A Protected Structure), Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for 47 no. residential units on lands, measuring 1.5385 hectares. The development will comprise 10 no. 5 bedroom semi-detached houses in three storeys; 4 no. 4 bedroom semi-detached houses with garages in three storeys; 1 no. 4 bedroom detached house with garage in three storeys; 2 no. 1 bedroom; 2 no. 2 bedroom and 4 no. 2 bedroom apartments in a three storey over podium block; and 12 no. 2 bedroom and 12 no. 3 bedroom apartments in a four and five storey over podium block. The development will also provide for widening the existing school avenue from Castlepark Road to provide access to the proposed development and the school; the provision of new gates and railings along the existing avenue; and the use of the existing school entrance from Castlelands as an access for emergency vehicles only; the use of the existing gate to the school from Castlelands for temporary construction access; the provision of 41 no. basement car parking spaces and 34 no. surface car parking spaces and all associated infrastructure and site development works including internal roads, bin storage and bicycle parking areas, landscaping including the provision of open space and boundary treatments. A protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/1121

**Application Rec'd Date:** 03-Aug-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Joanna & Rees Kavanagh, The Cottage, Church Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** For the redesigning of the previously approved development (planning permission No. D06B/1022). The development will consist of:- 1. Demolition of the existing single storey extensions to the sides and to the rear of the existing house of the garage and garden sheds. 2. Construction of a single storey extension to the sides and to the rear of the existing house with a double storey part. 3. Construction of a single-storey garden house to accommodate studio and boiler room ancillary to the main house. Application Type: Permission.

## PLANNING DECISIONS – Weeks 28-31 – 9/7/2007 - 3/8/2007

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/0687

**Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Date:** 11-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr Sidney Taylor, Queenstown Castle (A Protected Structure), Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** 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 miscellaneous minor interior upgrading works. A protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.** D07B/0540

**Decision:** Declare Application Invalid

**Date:** 10-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin Halligan, 3, Barnhill Lawn, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought to construct additional dormer windows to provide additional attic accommodation and provide new ground floor patio door.

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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

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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 a 1 Sorrento Terrace, which was then known as Dr. MacDonnell's 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'

Source: 'In Honour & Memory' Memorials of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown' DLRCC 2007 .

## 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

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## 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 a 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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## 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, 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**