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

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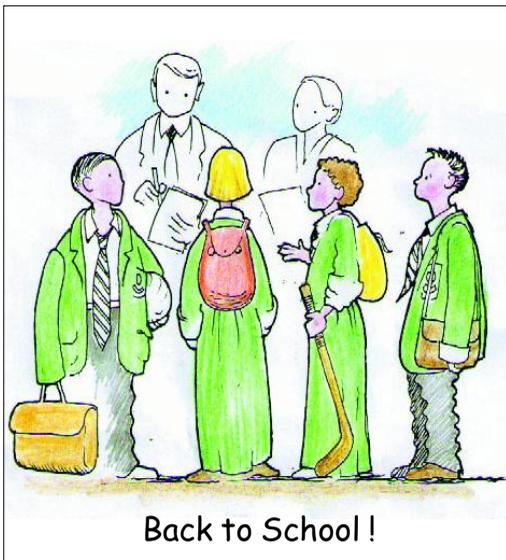
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## ❖ SUMMARY OF DCC AUGUST 2009 MONTHLY MEETING ❖

The monthly meeting of the Community Council was held on 4th August.

**Tidy Towns:** A diary of the days that the mechanical sweeper cleans the roads in Dalkey has been collated by the Tidy Towns Committee and is displayed on the notice boards in the windows of Our Lady's Hall and Maxwell Chemist's. Residents are encouraged to ensure that the road is free from parked cars on their particular cleaning day to facilitate efficient sweeping.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** The meeting was told of research undertaken by the garda about burglaries in Dalkey; many had taken place at properties where the hedges and gardens had become overgrown, allowing thieves to hide and observe the dwelling. It had also been found that many properties had inadequate locking systems on doors and windows allowing easy access for burglars. House alarms are often not serviced so do not function satisfactorily and are not activated at night. Names of key holders for alarms are regularly not left with the Gardai or neighbours so faulty alarms cannot be turned off.



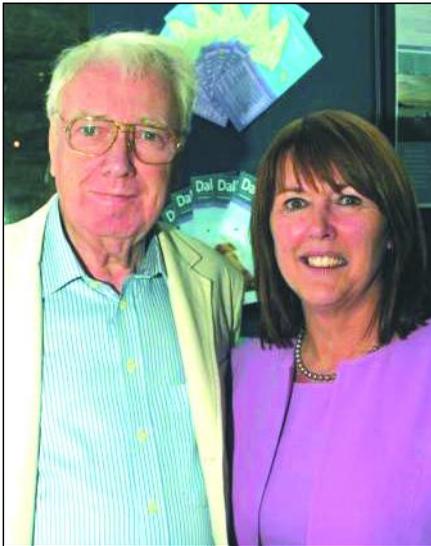
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**‘Hugh Leonard - Odd Man In’**: The RTE Arts Lives documentary will be screened in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on Friday 11th September at 7.30pm. The Dalkey Event-which is part of the inaugural **Mountains to Sea DLR Book Festival** – is to commemorate the passing of playwright Hugh Leonard RIP last February. The Director of the television programme Charlie MacCarthy and Producer Cliona Ni Bhuacalla will be on hand to speak at the event and to take questions afterwards. A number of the contributors to the programme, including playwright Bernard Farrell, will be on the panel. Admission is free. There are a limited number of tickets available at the Pavilion Theatre and at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre.



*“The late Hugh Leonard with Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre Manager Margaret Dunne at the launch of Dalkey Map”*

While all DLR Book Festival events will no doubt be of prime interest to local residents the DLR Grand Literary Tour starting with host Maeve Binchy in Finnegan’s on Sunday 13th at 1.00pm will be one of the highlights. Admission is €20/ 16. . Another ‘must see’ event will be (Dalkey resident) Eamon Morrissey’s one man show **The Brother** based on the writings of Flann O’Brien in the Pavilion Theatre on 12th Sept at 8.00pm. The events mentioned are but the tip of an exciting literary iceberg so log on to: [www.mountaintosea.ie](http://www.mountaintosea.ie) for full Festival programme. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Meanwhile, back at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre visitor numbers for July 2009 bucked the national trend by delivering an **18% increase** on last year visitor numbers. The number of local and Irish families has increased considerably. We attribute this increase to the popularity of the Living History Live

Performance every half hour. The Live Performances continue throughout September & October when the Centre is still busy with visitors. In addition, the Secondary Schools programme is one of the autumn features. The Secondary Schools programme combines the Living History Tour and a Guided Literary Walk to the settings used in the work of famous Irish writers: Flann O’Brien, Hugh Leonard, James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Maeve Binchy and Joseph O’Connor. Secondary Schools from as far away as Arklow attend every year.

**ART EXHIBITIONS:** The new season of Art Exhibitions kicks off with **‘About Time’** from artist Frieda Finlay from 30th Sept-4th October. Frieda has worked as an artist in a variety of mediums and in different styles for many years. Her experience includes commercial art and fashion design; illustration and cartoons; and individual painting commissions. This long-overdue exhibition demonstrates Frieda’s passions and motivations captured on canvas. The exhibition will be open to the public from Thursday

1st October -Sunday 4th from 11.00am -4.30pm. Admission is free.

Coming soon: A note for the diary! The ever popular national Ceramics Ireland Exhibition will run from October 14th -25th

Co Co Markets continue in Dalkey Town Hall every Friday 10.0-3.00. Among the produce on offer you will find: Fish from Kilmore Quay; organic vegetables and meat from the Dominican Farm in Wicklow and fresh traditional garden flowers in season. A number of new vendors have joined the Market recently with appetising gluten free products and fresh Wexford strawberries.

**Karate for all age groups- male and female** will resume in Sept. in the Town Hall from 6.00-9.00pm under the expert guidance of Wayne Deegan. Contact Wayne on 086 8572546 to book.

### FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Hugh Leonard – Odd Man In:** Commemorative Tribute Heritage Centre 7.30pm Friday 11th Sept. (limited availability).
- **Karate:** Town Hall Tuesdays and Thursday 6pm-9pm. Contact Wayne Deegan on 086 857 2546.
- **Art Exhibition: About Time** by Frieda Finlay. Art Gallery, Heritage Centre Sept 30th - Oct 4th 11.00-4.30 daily.



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Have you noticed our greens of midsummer are beginning to fade? There's no doubt about it but some of our herbaceous plants are flopping and drooping about - especially with our recent downpours of heavy rain! So, some need shears; others string and some stakes. Sometimes, when you cut away some summer stems, such as *Tradescantia Virginia*, you can see next year's growth. Isn't what is so heartening about our Dalkey gardens: that there is no definite time or ending to our slowly-revolving seasons. I think that to neglect a garden slightly can be a very good thing because, sometimes, the most delightful surprises can greet one when the overhanging tangle of dead stems and dying leaves is lifted, at this time of year. .... There, beneath all this natural protection, may be found one prize seedling of a plant not normally inclined to grow elsewhere. Gardens that are constantly raked, etc., never get this chance to give rarities and beauties back. I mentioned in a previous article, 'Marie Rose', perhaps one of the oldest - if not the oldest clematis in our world. Her treble flower is tiny, approximately 1 inch wide. I nearly didn't buy her about eight years ago as I had to queue in Devon in a specialist clematis nursery for almost an hour and a half, in absolute lashing rain. Boy, she has been worth it: She is flowering prolifically for the past two months. It seems as if it takes a good three months or so before each tiny, pendulous magenta flower, fully unfurls into its hundreds of wispy, delicate petals that seem to be wrapped in a swirling effect around each other. It's foliage is serrated, lacy and a most magnificent shade of dark olive green.

I hope this past summer we have improved on our little garden somewhat as we have just put in a second, circular patio using re-claimed yellow brick. It's obvious to see that some of these bricks were previously used in chimney stacks in Old Dublin. Each brick has been cut in half, then has been set on its side, so as to create a type of mosaic effect. The idea is that this little area should be ideal for growing vegetables in pots, favourite herbs, etc.

Likewise, we have invested in a decent table and similar chairs so early breakfasts, an early evening glass of elderflower juice shared with a friend or whatever! It is a quiet little suntrap and should also provide a secluded place from which to observe our garden birds.



*Nerines Bowdenii*

If you feel you deserve a little treat, a 'boost of just a little of something very special in your garden? Go out right now and purchase some nerines (*nerine bowdenii*) - they are bulbs! The longer you leave them in the very same place, the better they do. They only require one vital element: they need to be planted in full sun. A nice dry spot at the foot of a sunny garden wall is ideal. They are an amazing type of bulb. Plant and testify and see for yourself! Once they establish themselves, their aim in life, it seems, is to climb out of the soil and form a small mountain of bulbs, almost piled on top of each other (that looks almost unsightly). But, reassure yourself, they are sun-baking themselves! So, forget their pretty odd appearance and remember they will bloom all the better this way and no other way! Nerines are



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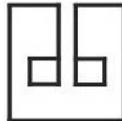
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such excellent value. One bud, displayed in an old, dug-up, chemist's bottle, can look just the part. Another big bonus is that they do not need to be divided for at least ten years. What more could one ask for? They thrive here in our Dalkey soil.

### TIPS

- 1 Divide clumps of overgrown perennials and herbs such as chives, mint and lemon balm; leave late-flowering plants until the spring.
- 2 Collect seed heads and pods from summer-flowering annuals, biennials and perennials. Dry them in paper bags then extract the seed and store in envelopes in an airtight container.
3. Cut back as necessary once leaves have fallen from overgrown Boston Ivy, Virginia Creeper,, Chinese Creeper and Schizophragma, Lonicera nitia (Shrubby Honeysuckle) will like a fine trim by late September.
4. Our big sweep will begin soon. Seeds of annual poppies, larkspur, marigold, cornflower, clarkia and blue nigellas ('Love-in-a-Mist') can all be sown outside now; obviously, in the places where you want them to flower. If you have roses or climbers with long shoots, why not bend them over into arching shapes in order to encourage flowering buds to break open along their length? Some beautiful arching blossoms will reward your efforts.
5. I guess the most urgent of all tasks in September is to get our spring bulbs into the ground or containers. Daffodils (narcissi) are one of the most welcome of spring flowers and should go in now or at least by the end of this month, in order that they get a decent root system established. Only buy clean and plump bulbs, - discard any that are dry, shrivelled or mouldy. Try and mark the spot where you have planted your bulbs. There's nothing worse than slicing through a clump of fat, juicy bulbs with your spade- that have been lying snugly for you in the promise of hope, splendour and glory!



*The garden of one of our local residents.  
Most of these roses have been grown from cuttings.  
Well done and good on you!*

## GARDEN TALKS IN SEPTEMBER

**Saturday, 19th September, 2009 — 2.30 p.m. to 4.30.p.m.**

**ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY SHOW AND WORKSHOP.**

**Thursday, 24th September 2009. 8.p.m.**

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## LITERARY FESTIVAL

Just a quick note to let you know that we are pleased to announce that DLR will be holding its first literary festival in September.

Called *MOUNTAINS TO SEA* it will take place September 10th to 13th 2009.

**The web site is: [www.mountaintosea.ie](http://www.mountaintosea.ie)**

The Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival aspires to honour one of the world's most unique literary landscapes with a festival worthy of that distinction.

Mountains to Sea will feature a glittering array of writers both local and international including Paul Auster, Sebastian Faulks, Sadie Jones, Declan Kiberd, John Carey, Douglas Kennedy, Siri Hustvedt, Patrick Gale, Anne Enright, Hugo Hamilton, Diarmaid Ferriter, Julie Parsons, Ross O'Carroll Kelly and Maeve Binchy. Special theatre productions will celebrate the area's close association with Samuel Beckett, James Joyce and Flann O'Brien. Author readings, theatre productions, political cabaret, literary walking tours, panel discussions, children's events will entertain, challenge and inspire.

Tickets will be on sale for all events via the Pavilion Box Office from August 4th.

***We hope you will support and enjoy!***



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## APPOINTING MR. FULLERTON'S REPLACEMENT

In a previous article I mentioned that in 1908 Mr. A. Fullerton, who had been elected to Dalkey Urban Council in that January's local elections, had to resign his seat as the Local Government Board had reminded him that as a civil servant he was disbarred from serving on a local authority unless he resigned from his civil service position which he declined to do. Under electoral rules the Council was permitted to fill the Mr. Fullerton's vacant seat by co-option so on Wednesday February 10th 1908 a special meeting of Dalkey Urban Council was held in the Town Hall for this purpose.

Council Chairman Mr. J. Judd, J.P., presided at this special meeting at which the attendance included Messrs. T.M. Leckey, D.J. Black, Charles McGowan, Martin Dixon, P. Quigley and Town Clerk J.P. Gahan.

Mr. Leckey proposed that Mr. Daniel John Murphy, The Queen's Hotel, Dalkey, be co-opted as a member of the Council owing to the non-acceptance of office by Mr. Fullerton and went on to say that Mr. Murphy had been a candidate in the recent election and has missed being elected by only 4 votes thus indicating how highly appreciated he was by the people of the town and that he would be a welcome addition to the board. Mr. McGowan seconded the proposal which was adopted unanimously by the meeting and Mr. Murphy was then formally declared elected to fill the vacant seat after which the meeting concluded.

There was a large press attendance at the meeting in anticipation that it might be a heated one over who should fill the vacancy and at the of the meeting Mr. Judd in a light hearted manner apologised to them for the lack of argument at it on that occasion.

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**Tuesday September 8th**

At 8 p.m. Gregory O'Connor will speak on *'The National Archives as Source for Genealogy and Local History'* to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - all welcome - contribution €3.

**Thursday September 10th**

At 8.30 p.m. Rob Goodbody will present his lecture *'Roads and Wells of Ballyman'* to the Enniskerry History Society in the A.O.H. Hall, Church, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow - all welcome - admission €4.

**Wednesday September 16th**

At 8 p.m. Ms. Erica Devine will present her illustrated lecture *'The Conservation of Old Documents, Books and Photographs'* to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire - all welcome.

**Thursday September 17th**

At 8 p.m. Rob Goodbody will present his lecture on *'Milestone'* to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Terrace., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow - all welcome -admission €4.

**Wednesday September 23rd**

Between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. the September *'Morning Open Meeting'* of the Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in weirs of Dun Laoghaire, Lower George's Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - all welcome - Tea / Coffee available - contribution €3.

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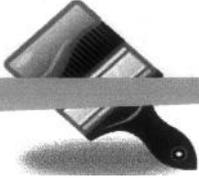
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Thank you to residents throughout Dalkey who are caring for the areas close to where they live. Your numbers are increasing and your efforts are appreciated. Thanks also to two new litter patrol volunteers who have recently joined us.

Dalkey was mentioned in Letters to the Editor in the Irish Times!

*'The scenery, the shops, the restaurants, the clean streets and beautiful buildings were so well presented and it was just brilliant for a family day-out.'*

**Please bin your cigarette butts, do not fill public bins with household rubbish and clean up after your dogs; All of which are illegal.**

## SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR LITTER PATROLS

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Thursdays	meeting at 11.00	at Dillon's Park, Coliemore Road
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**Thank you, June Barnett, DTT.**

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Wks 29-32 13/7'09 to 7/8'09

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0346

**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Leo & Denise Blennerhassett, Clonbeg, Sorrento Lawn, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for (1) demolition of single storey utility room, WC and store to rear, (2) Formation of new window at ground level to dining area to gable wall (west elevation), (3) formation of two-storey extension to rear comprising kitchen, sitting and dining area and utility at ground level and master bedroom over, (4) internal alterations including formation of bathroom and en-suite bathroom at first floor level and shower room at ground level, (5) formation of off-street car parking to front garden, including pavement cross-over and vehicular access gates to existing boundary wall with access from Sorrento Lawn, (6) re-location of existing pedestrian gate to new location within rear boundary wall to access right of way/laneway to rear at Clonbeg, Sorrento Lawn, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin (Protected Structure). **Add. Info:** 14-Jul-2009.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0511

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Jul-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Eileen Sullivan, Parkville, Sorrento Road, Dalkey

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought to demolish existing two-storey house and construct a new 2 storey house with attic room on the same footprint including drainage, landscaping and ancillary works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0315

**Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Jul-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** P. Crosbie & D. Simpson, Rossgannon, 49, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for alterations and extensions to existing bungalow comprising ground floor extension to rear, attic conversion and first floor extension to rear, total area 57sq.m including associated alterations to roof configuration and internal alterations and the provision of roof lights to front and side.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0521

**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Jul-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Robert, David & Michael Doyle, San Antonio, 73, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for a two storey house part of which is below original ground level to the rear of San Antonio, 73, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin together with alterations to the front and side of the existing house and modifications to site services, landscaping and garden walls to facilitate the development. The site is to be subdivided to create two independent houses with a shared access.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0322

**Application Rec'd Date:** 22-Jul-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Brian & Kristi O'Sullivan, Heather House, Torca Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Retention permission is being sought for alterations to previously approved extensions (currently under construction under Reg.Ref.D07B/0176) comprising; 1) Omission of two storey extension (87sq.m) to rear, and 2) omission of two no. dormer windows to attic (1 front, 1 rear).

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention,

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0327

**Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Jul-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mr Robert Cunningham, 36, Convent Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for retention of a single storey garden store (18.8sq.m).

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0547

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Jul-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mrs. Iris O'Malley, The White House, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for the demolition of the existing two storey four bedroom house (226sq.m) and the construction of 4 no. two storey plus attic level accommodation, five bedroom detached dwellings (1 @ 385sq.m and 3 @ 269sq.m) with roof mounted solar collectors on each dwelling, modifications to the existing vehicular access, the provision of 3 no. new vehicular accesses (each 3.0 metres wide) at The Metals, off street parking, landscaping and ancillary site development works at The White House.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0553

**Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Jul-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Colm & Beth Mordaunt, 1, Barnacaille Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for garage conversion to living accommodation, new front porch, revised front and south side elevations, rear extension, new slate roof incorporating revised living accommodation with dormer windows to rear and velux windows to the front, three velux windows to the north side roof, two velux windows to south side roof, internal alterations, revised front boundary wall, revised entrance and site ancillary works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0585

**Application Rec'd Date:** 7-Aug-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** R. & G. Barnes, Moreana, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for development comprising (a) demolition of existing house, (b) construction of 2 no. new two storey over part basement dwellings, with terraces to front at first floor level (c) recessing and widening of existing vehicular entrance at south east corner of site and (d) all associated works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0347

**Application Rec'd Date:** 5-Aug-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** William & Anne McHugh, The Ardburgh, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for alterations to front of existing dwelling house, work includes a two storey extension with balconies on both sides.

**Reg. Ref.** D09B/0351

**Application Rec'd Date:** 06-Aug-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Pearce Rayel, 4, Fairlawns, Saval Park Road, Glenageary.

**Proposal:** Permission sought for provision of new timber frame bay window with painted plaster finish to front elevation and two new timber rooflights to pitched roof of existing house.

## PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 29-32 13/7/'09 to 7/8/09

**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/1414

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 14-Jul-'09

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Don & Julie Godson, Island View, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing two storey side extension to south-west of existing dwelling and construction of new two storey side extension to south-west and first floor side extension to north-east of existing dwelling. The proposed two storey side extension to south-west will incorporate a balcony at first floor level. The development will include alterations to interior of existing dwelling, alterations to existing front and side elevations, widening of existing vehicular entrance gates, all to existing two storey detached dwelling.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0361

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 17-Jul-'09

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Prof. & Mrs. Gilchrist, 1, Seafeld Terrace, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for a modification to a previously approved permission Reg. Ref. D08A/0387 and PLO6D.231056 to provide 1 no. additional bedroom and en-suite below proposed new dining / kitchen to the rear accommodating a new total of 4 no. bedrooms in the entire structure. A protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0212

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 14-Jul-'09

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Louise & Lawrence St. John, Trentham, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a two-storey extension (22.9 sq. metres maximum height 6.245 metres) to the front and side elevations and all ancillary works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D04A/0973/E

**Decision:** Refuse Ext. of Duration of Permission

**Date:** 30-Jul-'09

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** M. McClatchie, 44, Carysfort Rd., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** 1. New 2 storey dwelling and all requisite ancillary site works to side of existing dwelling.  
2. 2 No. dormer windows to rear at 1st floor, new patio door to existing ground floor window to rear.  
3. new velux rooflight to front of existing dwelling. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0188

**Decision:** Withdraw the Application.

**Date:** 29-Jul-'09

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** R. & G. Barnes, Moreana, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** (a) Demolition of existing house (b) construction of 2 no. new two storey over part

basement dwellings, with terraces to front at first floor level (c) recessing and widening of existing vehicular entrance at south-east corner of site and (d) all associated works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0236      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 27-Jul-'09

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Michael Kingston, 38 Dalkey Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for conversion of garage, first floor extension to side, single story extension to the rear and conversion of attic space of existing dwelling house.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0346      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 7-Aug-'09

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Leo & Denise Blennerhassett, Clonbeg, Sorrento Lawn, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for (1) demolition of single storey utility room, WC and store to rear, (2) Formation of new window at ground level to dining area to gable wall (west elevation), (3) formation of two-storey extension to rear comprising kitchen, sitting and dining area and utility at ground level and master bedroom over, (4) internal alterations including formation of bathroom and en-suite bathroom at first floor level and shower room at ground level. (5) formation of off-street car parking to front garden, including pavement cross-over and vehicular access gates to existing boundary wall with access from Sorrento Lawn, (6) re-location of existing pedestrian gate to new location within rear boundary wall to access right of way/laneway to rear at Clonbeg, Sorrento Lawn, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin (Protected Structure). **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0438      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 7-Aug-'09

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mr Jack Coffey, Milano, Vico Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for removal of single storey roofs, and construction of extension and terrace at first floor level on both northeast and southwest sides of existing central two storey portion of house.

## Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanala - Wks 29-32 13/7/'09 - 7/8/'09

**Reg Ref:** D09A/0303      **Reg. Date:** 5-May-'09

**Location:** Waterside, Queenstown Castle, 34, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, (Having shared access through Queenstown Castle)

**Development:** Retention permission sought for development which will consist of; 'As built' partially constructed split level 2 storey detached dwelling house with basement accommodation to rear accessed from foreshore jetty. The dwelling will comprise of 4 bedrooms with associated bathrooms and living accommodation, stores, external terraces, railings, stairs and boundary walls (238.3sqm total floor area). A protected structure. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 22-Jul-'09. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party.

## Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanala Wks. 29-32 6/7/'09 to 7/8/'09

**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/1178      **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission

**Appeal Decided:** 20-Jul-'09      **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission

**Location:** Linden Lodge, Castle Park Road, Sandycove, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposed Development:** Alterations and additions consisting of: (1) The refurbishment of Linden Lodge a 4 bed part single storey / part 2 storey building including the demolition of existing porch to the front (West) and existing single storey extension consisting of garden room and porch to side (South) and single storey conservatory to side (South) and part of existing 2 storey annex consisting of part kitchen and utility at ground floor and part hall and existing bedroom no. 4 at first floor to the rear (east) with alterations and additions to include the construction of and infill extension at ground floor to the rear of the existing dining room under existing first floor bedroom no. 3 supported on columns to create open plan kitchen/dining and living area and provision of 2 no. en-suite facilities in lieu of existing bathroom/part hall at first floor level including the raising of ceiling level to 2.4m high which shall entail the raising of wall level and construction of new slate roof over same. (2) The construction of 3 no. 2 storey 4 bed detached houses. Proposed house no. 1 to the south of Linden Lodge fronting onto Castlepark Road and proposed house no. 2 to the north of Linden Lodge fronting onto Castlepark Road and proposed house no. 3 to the east (rear) of Linden Lodge fronting onto

Wolverton Glen. With vehicular access/ egress to proposed house no. 1 through the reinstatement of existing blocked up vehicular entrance to the South of Linden Lodge onto Castlepark Road and vehicular access/egress to proposed house no. 2 and Linden Lodge through existing entrance serving Linden Lodge onto Castlepark Road and vehicular access/egress to proposed house no. 3 through new entrance onto Wolverton Glen over existing dishd footpath with associated on and off site development works. **Applicant:** Martin Whelan.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0190

**Appeal Decision:** Refuse leave to appeal

**Appeal Decided:** 24-Jul-'09

**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

**Location:** 57, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposed Development:** Provision of a first floor window to the side elevation.

**Applicant:** Moyra Kellett.

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**Tuesday September 8th** – At 8 p.m. Gregory O’Connor will speak on “The National Archives as Source for Genealogy and Local History “ to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - all welcome - contribution €3.

**Thursday September 10th**

At 8.30 p.m. Rob Goodbody will present his lecture ‘ Roads and Wells of Ballymany” to the Enniskerry History Society in the A.O.H. Hall, Church, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow - all welcome - admission €4.

**Wednesday September 16th**

At 8 p.m. Ms. Erica Devine will present her illustrated lecture “The Conservation of Old Documents, Books and Photographs” to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire - all welcome.

**Thursday September 17th**

At 8 p.m. Rob Goodbody will present his lecture on “Milestones” to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Terrace., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow - all welcome -admission 4.

**Wednesday September 23rd**

Between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. the September “Morning Open Meeting” of the Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in weirs of Dun Laoghaire, Lower George’s Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - all welcome - Tea / Coffee available - contribution 3.

### A BOOK TO READ

“*The Biggest Show in Town -Record of the International Exhibition, Dublin 1907*” by Ken Finlay, published by Nonsuch Publishing , recalls the 1907 Hebert Park International Exhibition which opened in July that year and by the time it closed in November had attracted 2,751,113 visitors to the 52 acre site in Ballsbridge of which today only Herbert Park Pond is all that remains on the ground of this momentous event. Through the pages of this excellently illustrated book Ken Finlay tells the story of its origination, operation and winding down as well as providing the reader with descriptions of the many events that took there. Its believed that one of the buildings was subsequently purchased and used as a club house by a sports club in the Dalkey / Killiney area for many years afterwards. A truly remarkable book recalling a famous Dublin event of over a century ago that has been virtually forgotten about.



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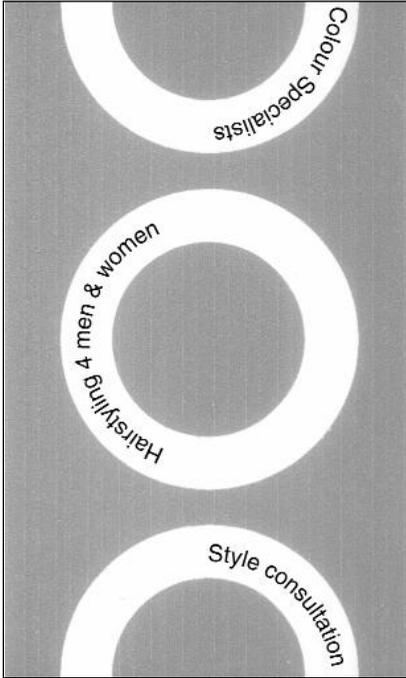
Put the flour, ground almonds, sugar and butter into a food processor and process until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.

Place the sliced pears in a butter ovenproof dish - about 20x18x5 cm (8x7x2 in) in size and sprinkle with the lime juice.

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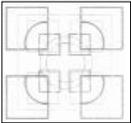
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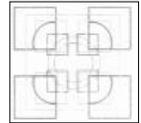
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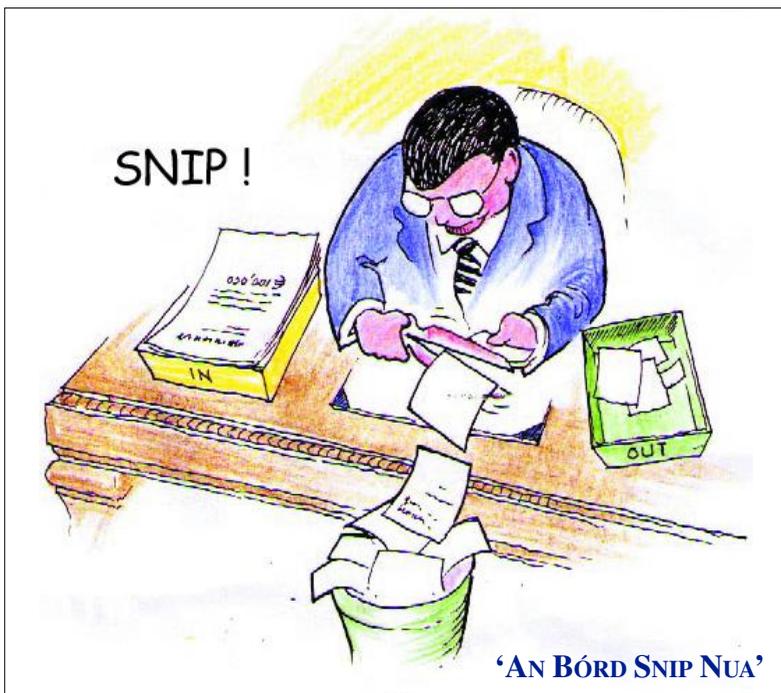
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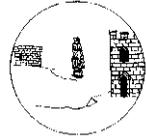
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### TAKING TO THE WATER IN WICKLOW

We'd been for a drive over the Dublin Mountains and found ourselves in Laragh so I thought if there's room in the free car park we'll try Glendalough. Although Glendalough seems to have a mini climate of its own, a very humid and usually very wet one, we'd already driven through a torrential shower and reckoned we'd had our quota of rain for a while. Even with all the sightseers and coachloads of tourists that visit Glendalough it's still a very peaceful serene place and it doesn't take much effort to get off the busier paths and find yourself alone among the trees with only a few thousand midges for company.

Anyhow we had no problem getting parking and we set off wandering around the lakes. Glendalough has some uncommon species of birds breeding there but late afternoon in August wasn't a good time to see them and we'd be happy to have a nice walk without getting drenched.

Some birds that are relatively common in the oak woods of Wales just a few miles across the Irish Sea are almost exclusively only found in Ireland around Glendalough including Redstarts and Wood Warblers which arrive in spring to breed among the oaks, the damp warm woodlands providing lots of insect food. It's also one of the best places in Wicklow to see Jays, another oak wood specialist.

A relatively recent addition to Glendalough are Goosanders, a saw billed fish eating duck, similar to, but much rarer than the Merganser which are regularly seen off the coast. These birds are often seen on the lakes in the early morning before it gets busy but as soon as



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We visited the National Parks Interpretive Centre which has a

great collection of (presumably very old) stuffed animals and interesting displays of creatures and their nests that are common around the area. I was glad to hear that very few Grey Squirrels are found around Glendalough and the Reds are still very prevalent. Coincidentally the person working in the interpretive centre was actually from Killiney and she remembered when she was young having red squirrels in the garden of her family home, sadly all gone, replaced by greys.

We walked on towards the larger lake. I'd been keeping an eye on the little streams but of course it was my much sharper eyed companion who spotted what I'd been looking for. Perched on a stone in the little stream about 20 feet away was a Dipper. These are lovely plump, almost round, little birds. Dark wings and back while their chest and lower front is a lovely chocolate brown colour with a contrasting snow white bib around their neck. They're always found in or beside fast flowing streams or rivers where they bob up and down on rocks before plunging into the water. They feed by swimming or walking along the stream bed picking up insects such as beetles, bugs, mayflies, stoneflies and their larvae and even catching little shrimps.

Apart from the white chest, the constant bobbing motion and frequently flicking tail there's something else very striking about the dipper. When it blinks it's like a little camera shutter opening, as a metallic flash descends over it's eyes. This is a thin film called a nictitating membrane, which acts as a thin, transparent eyelid to protect the eye when it's underwater, enabling the bird to see its prey.

I'd never seen one so close and our presence didn't seem to bother it at all, presumably it was used to all the activity around the lakes and we watched it stepping in and out of the water plucking out what looked like larval cases.

By the lakeside we saw Grey Wagtails and a couple of Ravens croaked their way overhead. The many inaccessible cliffs around the lake make it an ideal habitat for ravens and peregrines. Lots of Chaffinches, Chiffchaffs and Treecreepers and an unexpected small flock of Crossbills enlivened our return walk and it wasn't even a good time of the year to see or hear birds. And the rain kept off. Must go back in the Spring.



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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS IN DALKEY LIBRARY



**Tues 1st Sept** - IRISH BOOKCLUB - 6.30-8pm 'Ulla' by Sean Mac Mathuna. All Welcome

**Thurs 3rd & Thurs 17th** – WRITERS @ the Library meet at 6-8pm. Please enquire at Library.

**Sat 5th Sept** – BOOKCLUB 10.30am-12.30pm - 'All our Worldly Goods' Irene Nemirovsky. All Welcome.

**Thurs 3rd & 10th & 17th & 24th** CROCHET CLASSES 3.30pm - Beginners & Improvers All welcome.

**Webwise - Internet Introduction Sessions** (2 x 2hr sessions). Small waiting list: Please leave your name at library.

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP** meets from Friday 4th Sept: Each Friday 10am-12pm Tea & Coffee & Toys provided. Max 10 adults at any given time - first come first served basis.

**STORYTIME** will resume on Wednesdays in Sept 3.30pm - Suitable for 3-6yr olds All welcome

**GIRLS & BOYS BOOK CLUBS** start in September on 1st Tues & Thurs of Month Please enquire at library for more details.

**FILM CLUB** - We hope to start this new initiative on last Thurs of each month from Sept: Thurs 24th at 6.45pm. Please contact library for more details

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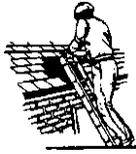


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## ❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

DCC (Sept.) Monthly Meeting	Mon. 7 Sept
Senior Citizens return OLH (2.30pm - 4.30pm)	Tues. 8 Sept
Chat, Bingo, cuppa & meet a new friend. All welcome.	
Garden Reception and Presentation of awards (8pm-10pm in OLH)	Sat. 11 Sept
Dalkey Ladies Club resumes. New members welcome	Thurs. 17 Sept
Hospice Coffee Morning (9.30-12.30 in OLH)	Thurs. 17 Sept
World Heart Day	Sun. 27 Sept
Sorting October Newsletter	Fri. 02 Oct
DCC (Oct.) Meeting	Mon. 05 Oct

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Co Co MARKETS** continue in Dalkey Town Hall every Friday 10.0-3.00. Among the produce on offer you will find: Fish from Kilmore Quay; organic vegetables and meat from the Dominican Farm in Wicklow and fresh traditional garden flowers in season. A number of new vendors have joined the Market recently with appetising gluten free products and fresh Wexford strawberries.

**KARATE** for all age groups – male and female will resume in Sept. in the Town Hall from 6.00-9.00pm under the expert guidance of Wayne Deegan. Contact Wayne on 086 8572546 to book.

**DALKEY PLAYERS** – If treading the boards or working backstage interests you Dalkey Players Drama group will be back in action on Tuesdays and Thursdays from beginning of Sept. Contact Caroline Hickey ●●●●●● or check [www.dalkeyplayers.ie](http://www.dalkeyplayers.ie) for details.

**HERITAGE** – Guided walks to the Obelisk from the Tea Rooms every Sunday till September 13th. Hourly from 1pm to 4.00pm (4 daily tours).

**NATURE WALKS** around Scotsman’s Bay: Marine expert and diver John Kenny and Niall Hatch from Birdwatch Ireland lead a walk around the coastline.

**September 13th at 10am and 1.00pm.** Meet at People’s Park gate opposite old baths.

**NATURE NOTES SEPTEMBER** – Tuesday 8th Sept. Helping the Garden Birds through the winter. Talk and slide show on how you can help the feathered visitors to your garden. Kingston Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. 8.00pm. Free, all welcome.

**Sunday 13th September.** Outing to Kilcoole. Meet at Kilcoole Railway station. 10.30am

**NEW Library Times: Mon & Sat.** 10a.m. - 1p.m., 2p.m. - 5p.m.    **Tuesday. & Thurs.** 1.15p.m. - 8p.m.  
**Wed. & Friday.** 10am - 5pm. Telephone 285 5277

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