

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Collating of April Newsletter | Fri. 30 Mar |
| April Community Council Meeting | Mon. 02 Apr |
| Urban Wildlife - A Talk by Conservationist Billy Flynn | |
| Kingston Hotel, Dun Laoghaire | Tues. 03 Apr |
| Sonrise Easter Ceremony on Killiney Hill | Sun. 08 Apr |
| Ballybrack & Killiney Historical Society - lecture @ 8.00pm. "Maritime Landscapes - Study of Dalkey" | |
| by Darina Tully | Weds. 11 Apr |
| DARA Art Exhibition in OLH from 9.30am-7pm | Sat. 14 Apr |
| Annual Booterstown Nature Reserve Clean-up. Meet DART car park @ 2pm (tea afterwards) | |
| | Sun. 15 Apr |
| Collating of May Newsletter | Fri. 27 Apr |
| DCC Annual Public Meeting @8pm | Mon. 30 Apr |

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate Sessions - Contact Wayne Deegan 086 857 2546. Tues & Thurs. Juveniles from 6-7pm & Adults 7-9pm

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

Last month RTE supplied terrestrial set-top receivers to about 200 homes in the Louth / Meath area as part of a test for their DTT (Digital Terrestrial Television) system. There were 30 channels on offer including channels from Sky the BBC, ITV (and RTE). I also tried one receiver with an indoor aerial, and it simply did not work properly and needed a small rooftop aerial to ensure the pictures were perfect. So fortunately there will still be a demand for professionally fitted quality rooftop aerials for many years to come !

Ian Macdonald,
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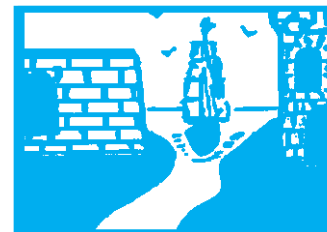
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April: Possibly named for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love or from the Latin verb meaning 'to open' or the Greek word meaning 'the opening'. Greeks called the season of Spring 'the opening'.

Flower: Sweetpea & Daisy

*Winter's done, and April's in the skies,
Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!*

Charles G.D. Roberts - 'An April Adoration' 1896

The DCC AGM was held on Monday 5th March in OLH at 7.30pm. The secretary read the minutes from last year's AGM. The meeting received and adopted the accounts for the year-ended 2006 and re-elected the Council Members who retired in accordance with the Articles and who offered themselves for re-election. Two new members were elected and Ann Perry was re-appointed as Company Secretary.

The monthly meeting for March then followed the AGM at 8pm. The Chairperson welcomed Carmel Threadgold who is replacing Peggy Comerford on the council.

Matters Arising: DCC has been investigating the possibility of CCTV and recognise that it is a huge issue that needs a lot of research as there are so many groups that need to be consulted.

Correspondence: A number of emails were received making complaints about the anti-social behaviour in the town. DCC will be attending a review meeting in connection with this at the end of the month.

Planning: A new proposal from DLRCC for Hyde Park would incorporate an all weather pitch, a locked playground, planting of new trees and a new entrance. It is hoped that ongoing consultation with the residents will help to alleviate their many concerns.

AOB: Dumping of litter is still ongoing around the area and garden rubbish in black plastic bags has been dumped at the gazebo in Dillon's Park.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Dalkey Community Council Annual Dinner will be held on **28th April, 2007**, in St. Patrick's Hall, Harbour Road. Tickets are €25.00 and the event is open to all Road Representatives past and present.

Tickets available from: Colette: 087-2971831 or Maura: 01-2801732

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN is a yearly event that runs through the month of April. Now in its ninth year it is Ireland's biggest anti-litter campaign. NSC encourages people from all walks of life to take pride in their local environment and to take action against litter. Anyone can get involved in NSC. Just choose an area nearby to clean up, and get together with family, friends or colleagues to make your event fun.

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❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS REPORT TO DCC ❖

A four-month-old seal was released from Scotsman's Bay Seal Sanctuary on 10 February. A member of our committee attended. By coincidence, whilst attending an inter-regional Clean Coast Seminar at Collins Barracks in Dublin, we met the girl who released the seal.

51 Dalkey businesses contributed towards the Christmas streetlights, the all year round flowers in the town and the 'Entry to Dalkey Signs'. The list of these businesses is displayed on DCC notice board. On behalf of Dalkey Tidy Towns I wish to record thanks for their generosity. We all know how to show our support. Do Council members think that this list should be published in the newsletter?

A meeting between the Senior Executive Officer of DLRCC and representatives from Tidy Towns groups in the area was held in County Hall on 15 February. Chairman Terry Wheatley will publish a report on this separately.

Gaelic inclusion of any description is needed for Dalkey's Tidy Towns progress in the competition. We have got the ball rolling with a one liner on our notice board complete with leprechaun. Is there anyone out there who is prepared to help?

We have one reply so far to our promotional insertion in February's DCC Newsletter.

For the monthly Litter Patrol on 27 February there were nine of us, a record. The bottle banks at the station were disgraceful. Their CTTV had recorded two women dumping several bags from a car at the bottle banks and we are hoping for a prosecution. Dumping by the public is not to be tolerated. Please report any instances in confidence to environ@dlrcoco.ie or the phone numbers on the back of the newsletter. The public car park behind Eurospar was also bad, mainly with Eurospar rubbish. Please help us to overcome this by complaining to the management if you see rubbish such as plastic packaging that is obviously theirs. The volunteers work very hard and everyone can support this effort by reporting offenders.

A Schools Project is underway. Castlepark School have agreed to arrange for a group of children to plant and care for a small area of ground close to St. Begnet's Castle. Preparation of the site is underway. We encourage other schools to show an interest in the environment with Dalkey Tidy Towns. Transition Year Student Projects would be particularly welcome. For example a survey on Dalkey businesses and how they control their waste would be good?

As you can see from this report we are active in many respects concerning the environment in Dalkey and what is more we are enjoying it. Please feel free to join us and help in any way.

❖ MEALS ON WHEELS ❖

The residents of Kilbegnet Close share very limited parking spaces with the cooks and drivers of Dalkey Meals on Wheels, whose premises are at No. 11. The smooth operation each morning of Meals on Wheels has frequently been hindered lately by people from outside Kilbegnet Close taking up parking berths as well as clogging the roadway, especially on Sundays.

Therefore, it would be hugely appreciated if people from outside Kilbegnet Close were to park elsewhere so as to ensure that Meals on Wheels volunteers can serve the community without undue stress while residents too, can be spared inconvenience. It is equally important that there is unhindered access for the ambulances calling to the Health Centre.

Dermot Ashmore,
Chairman, Dalkey Meals on Wheels

❖ FEELINGS — NOTHING MORE THAN FEELINGS ❖

Feelings or emotions are a very complex part of our make up as human beings. A feeling can be described as an involuntary physical response brought about by chemical changes in the body. An event happens, we interpret it, then release hormones, experience further physical sensations and then we react. In particular situations, what we need to ask ourselves is whether our reaction is appropriate or not?

Inappropriate feelings can cause difficulties in relationships. This is when feelings from the past (often from childhood) are triggered by similar events in the present. Because of this unconscious memory our reactions may be inappropriate to the event that has just occurred. While it is always important to trust our own true experience i.e. what feels right to each of us in the moment: it is equally important to be able to re-evaluate these feelings. It is always in our power to change the way we feel about something.

Ability to communicate how we feel, especially in close relationships, is important. Rather than allow these emotions to build up and become overwhelming, it is always good to talk. Therapy also helps people to become more aware of what they are feeling, it can help them find the language and enable them to express these feelings.

Feelings, wouldn't life be dull without them?

Catrina Kelly - Psychotherapist. 087 272 8185 www.therapy.ie

STORM AT BULLOCK HARBOUR

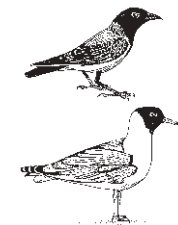
The harbour looked so empty
With its lack of shiny boats
Just plastic markers bobbing
At the end of slimy ropes

The lobster pots lay empty
Weighed with heavy stones
Confirming hardy fishermen
Were safely in their homes

The waves looked Oh so awesome
As they crashed across the pier
But the beauty of their coming
Made you never think of fear

The seagulls hovered motionless
Despite the howling wind
Then dropping, gliding recklessly
And soaring once again

I love the sea, I fear the sea
So beautiful, so cruel,
But all must have respect for it
If not, you are a fool.



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DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

ST BEGNET'S GRAVEYARD – The Graveyard has been cleaned up and the paths restored. All of this was made possible by:

- The funding from the Heritage Office of DLRCoCo towards signage & info panels €9,000.
- Dalkey Community Council's donation of €5,000 paid for gravel and materials for restoration of footpaths.
- EBS gave a grant under their community initiatives of €1,500.
- Dalkey Tidy Towns donated their prize money of €500.
- Dalkey Credit Union gave €500.
- Physical help and support was given by the Parks Dept DLRCoCo.
- Oracle IT Company did valuable manual work on a team building day.

At end of the year the Heritage Council in Kilkenny came up trumps with €15,000 to finish off the restoration and illuminate the church. This work will be done later in the season.

New promotional leaflet: You can pick it up locally. It gives an overview of all of the activities of the Centre: In-house Tours, Guided Walks and Living History etc.

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre has secured the necessary finance to run the Living History programme for all visitors from beginning of May to end of October. The Community Dept of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co. is the main sponsor. The Living History will be provided by Deilg Inis Theatre Company, based locally.

The Dalkey Guided Walks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will begin again in May and continue to the end of August. The package provided includes the Guided Historical Walk, half price admission the Centre and Special Offer price on lunch locally.

BUILDING WORK (Revamp of Centre).

A Guarantee of €400,000 has been received from DLRCoCo and an **Application to Dept of Art Sport & Tourism under Access 11** has been submitted by the Centre Manager. The result of the application is due any day. This will provide: a new entrance, office space and a revamp of the old committee meeting room upstairs.

The Art Gallery is booked out for some months already. A number of the national organisations are now holding their annual Art Exhibitions in the Gallery. There is still some availability. An info pack can be sent out if you email diht@indigo.ie

The Schools Living History Programme is currently on where the schools from the area spend the morning with characters bringing the past to colourful life. The medieval merchants of Dalkey deal with questions of trade with Bristol and Chester and the unique defensive features of Goat Castle. The archer demonstrates the use of the longbow and the language of archery (rule of thumb, keep it under your hat, another string to your bow etc.) and the medieval maid outlines the living conditions, the food they ate and how they cooked it. The Victorian era is dealt with by a character from Dalkey Quarry, based on factual research. To finish with a flourish, the King of Dalkey (with all his titles) presents each child with a scroll as a memento of the visit to Dalkey.

FÁS continues to place a **Community Employment** programme in the Heritage Centre which provides valuable work experience for participants and is a valuable resource for the Centre, without which it could not operate successfully. It is greatly appreciated by the Dalkey community and we thank FÁS for their continued involvement in the Centre and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council who act as Sponsors for the programme.



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❖ OATS- CAN BRING A HOST OF BENEFITS! – Tina Dunne ❖

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30-DAY OAT MUFFIN — Makes 15

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| 110g porridge with nuts and seeds | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract | 2 teaspoons bread soda |
| 2 eggs | 120ml sunflower oil | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 225g raw sugar cane brown sugar | 140g chopped apricots | 370g plain flour |
| 500ml milk | 100g raisins | 2 teaspoons coconut |

1. Pre-heat oven to 180degreesC or Gas Mark 4
 2. Whisk the eggs and sugar together, add the milk and vanilla. Mix well
 3. Add the sunflower oil, apricots and raisins
 4. In a separate bowl, sieve the bread soda and salt with the flour, add Porridge and stir into the wet mixture, mix in the coconut
 5. Mix again and cover until needed
- Cook for 15-20 minutes or until set and golden brown. This oat muffin mixture keeps perfectly in the fridge for 30 days. It gets tastier as it sits. You can cook up a few muffins daily. For some tasty alternatives grate some fresh carrot into your mixture or fresh lemon or orange rind. You can of course add grated apple, fresh berries or prunes.

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DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE *Continued*

Annual Grant: Best news of all from the beginning of 2007 is that the DLRCoCo has included Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre in the Estimates for 2007. The Centre will now receive an annual operational grant. We would like to thank all the councillors and the Cathaoirleach who vigorously supported this motion especially the two councillors on the board of the Heritage Company, John Bailey and Maria Bailey.

Special mention should be made of the County Manager, Mr Owen Keegan who is very appreciative of the work of the Centre and the great care the voluntary board and the Manager and staff take of the County Council's asset in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre.

EVENTS IN DALKEY TOWN HALL, CASTLE STREET, DALKEY

Antiques Sales will begin on Sundays in summer. Details in next issue.

An exhibition of paintings 'Sensuous Nature'. The Gallery, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre: Judy Cobbe 12th -15th April.

See back page for further Events in Dalkey Town Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Latest research indicates that 'driver fatigue' may be a contributory factor in up to 20% of fatal crashes/driver deaths in Ireland. It is also said that driving when very tired is as dangerous as driving while over the drink drive limit.

These disturbing facts were revealed in October 2006, at the launch of the Road Safety Authority's winter Road Safety Campaign. It also means that this silent killer could have been a contributory factor in almost 200 driver deaths in a recent five year period.*

The people who are most at risk of being involved in a driver fatigue related crash are drivers who try to fight the effects of sleep when driving. Tactics such as turning up the volume on the radio and opening the window do not work, explained Noel Brett, CEO of the Road Safety Authority.

As soon as you realise you are fighting the urge to sleep, you should stop driving, park in a safe place, drink two cups of coffee and take a fifteen minute nap. Caffeine takes about 20-30 minutes to enter a person's system and start working. So, by the time you wake up the caffeine should have taken effect. Following the nap, stretch your legs and get some fresh air.

The critical points at which driver fatigue related collisions happen are between 2a.m. and 6 a.m., and mid-afternoon between 2 pm.and 4 p.m. when our body clock is at it's lowest point.

Eventually, a driver will drift in and out of consciousness and experience 'micro sleeps' which can last up to ten seconds. In this time a driver has NO control over the vehicle.

Driver fatigue not only impairs driving in a similar way to alcohol, but it also magnifies the damage alcohol does. It is estimated that alcohol is twice as potent mid-afternoon and in the early hours of the morning because we are more likely to be tired at these times. Consequently, people who think they are driving under the legal limit should be aware that even small amounts of alcohol consumed at these key times when we are tired combine to render a driver totally unfit to drive.

Richard Mooney

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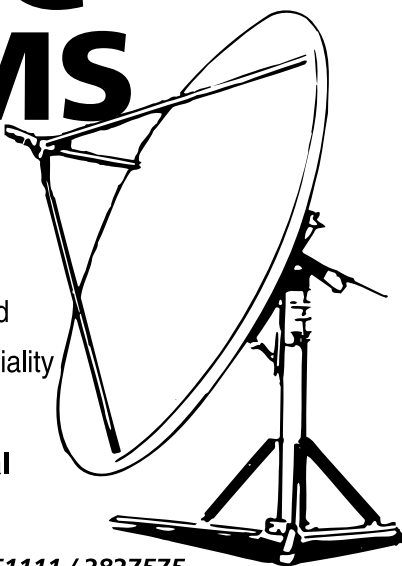
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THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND DUN LAOGHAIRE

An English man's view

As an Englishman living locally for three and a half years, I have naturally formed a personal view of Ireland.

Every viewpoint is of course relative to the origin of the observer. My background was a fortunate one. I lived in a small East Midlands village close to a market town with all facilities and surrounded by beautiful unspoiled countryside. As a result, my opinions could be notably different to that of someone coming from say, suburban Birmingham. But, for better or worse, these are my impressions of Dun Laoghaire and district.

GOOD: A superb public transport system. I have heard of complaints, but I find it second to none. I am most grateful to have left my car in England.

BAD: Excessive traffic, parking on footpaths, private cars regularly George's Street Pedestrian area with impunity.

GOOD: Fine town centres of period buildings and shopfronts in Dun Laoghaire, Dalkey and elsewhere.

BAD: Contemporary Irish architecture. Utterly grotesque and aesthetically bankrupt. Office and apartment blocks that would not be out of place in Warsaw or Ulan Bator. What IS that monstrosity over the road from the Dun Laoghaire DART platforms?

But then, developers have no interest in aesthetics, do they? As for the dubious practice of charging people to appeal a planning decisions, - astonishing, and highly questionable.

GOOD: Irish people in general, (if you can find them among the cosmopolitan throng). It is not unusual, as I have found, to be smiled at and greeted by people I have never met. It's a pleasant experience.

BAD: Charity muggers on the High Street. Having run the gauntlet the these every few yards and being hailed as a lifelong friend. Their wages would be better directed to the needy themselves.

GOOD: Irish pubs and food. Wonderful!

English pubs are fine, even world renowned, but there is something indefinably great about Irish pubs. The atmosphere is warmer, waiters will bring you your drinks, and the no smoking law is of huge benefit. As to the food, suffice to say I have never enjoyed food to the degree that I have in Ireland.

BAD: Eastern European accordion music. Fun in Eastern Europe! On Irish streets, under compulsion? No, thank you! In Ireland I want to hear Irish music.

GOOD: The Piers. Better without the Banjo player, but wouldn't you miss them if they weren't there? Sunday afternoons would never be the same.

BAD: Graffiti. How it degrades the environment! The authorities seem to have no will to counteract it. How much more attractive the area would be without these ugly scars. It would lift the quality of the environment immeasurably.

GOOD: Sandymount Beach, Bray Head, Killiney Hill, and its views, the Vale of Avoca, Skerries, Dalkey, the People's Park, and so on.

So there you go. These are things I will remember when returning to England. There's good and bad everywhere, but that's how one outsider living among you sees the area. It may be exactly as you do.

Michael Salter

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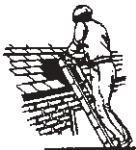
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NATURE CORNER – by Michael Ryan

A lot of birds will have built a nest by now due to the mild spring but not all and sometimes birds that nest early can lose their early clutch through sudden drops in temperature or disturbance. Birds that nest in dense bushes aren't to know somebody is going to be coming along soon with hedge clippers or mechanical trimmer to cut it back, leaving their newly constructed home destroyed or exposed. If birds are nesting in your garden they're going to make sure you don't see them going into the nest so it's recommended that the best way of checking hedge or bush is to get down low and look up to see the mass of twigs silhouetted against the light.

If you have a nest box at least you'll know where the birds are. It's very enjoyable watching the adults come and go never failing to wonder at the work the parents put in constantly feeding their young, making hundreds of visits during a single day. A big industry has developed in Europe and the US making nestboxes with built in video cameras which connect to a monitor or to your television so you can watch what's happening inside the nest box, the eggs being laid then hatched, the chicks growing and being fed and eventually taking their first flight.

Nest boxes can also serve a useful function outside the nesting season as birds use them as a safe, warm roosting space in winter when a number of birds may cram in to a box together. Apparently somebody has recorded over thirty wrens piling into a Blue Tit nest box together!

Many years ago I bought a House Martin nest box, a little plastic dome nicely finished to resemble the moulded mud of a real nest. I fitted it under the eaves of the house outside the kitchen where it would be out of direct sunshine. To the best of my knowledge no House Martin ever even looked at it, let alone tried to nest in it but it did serve a function. One evening in mid summer I saw a adult wren clinging on to the pebble dash wall a few inches below the nest box urgently calling. Suddenly young wrens started appearing out of the bushes and the adult bird seemed to be ushering them into the nestbox. It was a complete reversal of the usual procedure when adult birds urge fledglings to leave the nest to which they rarely return but it was probably due to a peculiar aspect of wrens breeding habits. Sometimes before a brood of wren chicks are fully reared the female will start brooding



and hatching another clutch leaving the male to look after the previous family and I imagine this was what was happening, the male adult wren taking the first family to safety in the nest box.

I've seen the wrens nesting in it subsequently and suspected one might be roosting in it in winter. One night in late winter I slammed the lid of a bin and saw a wren darting out of the box closely followed by another.

And another. Then one more. Then two more. Six birds came out before

I went back indoors afraid of keeping them out of their warm refuge so there may have been even more squeezed in there. Fiercely territorial during the breeding season they can all cram in together when the need arises.

Buds on Ash and Oak trees will soon start to open containing the tightly packed leaves which have been storing up energy since last autumn. Apparently scientists are studying buds of hornbeam trees to develop practical applications from seeing how they can compress so much into a very small density.

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Nature Corner *continued*

Usually the first buds I notice opening on a tree is on a particular Horse Chestnut on the Vico Road whose own micro climate brings them out early in March but this year there were leaves on elder bushes in January. Buds opening early due to a milder climate can spell trouble for wildlife since complex feeding chains have developed over millions of years with caterpillars feeding on the fresh young leaves then birds eating the caterpillars or in the case of Great Tits feeding then to their newly hatched chicks. If the leaves open too early they'll be too tough to digest by the time the caterpillars emerge and subsequently they won't thrive to feed the birds and their chicks.

Dalkey has a good range of native mammals including fox, badger, rabbit, red squirrel and possibly even stoats and it's urban wildlife that will be the subject of a illustrated talk by conservationist Billy Flynn at the Kingston Hotel in Dun Laoghaire on Tuesday 3rd April at 8.00. All welcome and free entry.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



I refer to last month's letter from a neighbouring engineering professional. Where was this lone dissenting voice on July 20th at the public meeting? An eminent physicist was on hand to answer any questions and to give his opinion that we should err on the side of caution in relation to the placement of masts. But maybe it is easier to vent your spleen in print.

I have not met anybody in this campaign who is against mobile technology. My question is why is this mast not situated on Killiney Hill, then, you may be able to download your emails or movie clips on your mobile phone.

With reference to the unnecessarily unkind comment concerning budding politicians, I know of nobody involved in this who has aspirations towards politics, but why should a good slur get in the way of the truth?

Shame about the person for example who has the present mast situated 39 inches from her garden wall. Or, the other residents who live in very close proximity, who, when they look out their garden, or window, can see nothing else except this monstrosity.

But here is the good news for you. The telecommunications company applied for planning permission again and have just had their plans withdrawn by the council as they were unclear. I would presume they will shortly apply again and you may get your wish. But we will again campaign against this mast as not all professionals agree with you.

Oliver McCabe

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NATURE CURES

Common plantain *Plantago major* and ribwort *Plantago lanceolata* belong to the Plantaginaceae family of which there are more than two hundred species. These common weeds which are ubiquitous on town and country paths, roadsides, gardens and waste ground are native to Europe and the temperate regions of Asia but have spread as far as North America and the South Pacific where they are called 'Whiteman's Footprint'.

These perennial herbs have strongly ribbed or furrowed leaves in a basal rosette with very small flowers packed onto a slender wiry stalk. The common plantain has a broad leaf somewhat like a wide tongue. The ribwort has a lance-like leaf and grows much taller. Many of you will recognise this plant as it can cause great disfigurement to lawns as it rapidly multiplies and destroys the grass that originally occupied the spot usurped by its dense rosette of leaves!

Plantain and *Plantago* mean the sole of the foot in reference to the lie of the leaves. They were recommended for keeping inside the socks to keep the feet fresh and free from blisters and fatigue! Medicinally the common plantain and the ribwort may be used interchangeably and both have invaluable healing properties. Known as 'the healing plant' in Gaelic it may be applied to any type of wound, sore, bite, sting or ulcer. It is an excellent first aid remedy, especially if gardening or in the country as the leaves applied whole or bruised in the form of a poultice to any sting or bite will bring relief in seconds. In fact plantain is more cooling than dock leaves for nettle stings! The leaves help staunch bleeding and encourage the repair of damaged tissue. Taken internally it acts as an expectorant and anti-catarhal while soothing inflamed and sore membranes making it ideal for treating respiratory complaints including sinusitis, hay fever, allergic rhinitis and the common cold. The ribwort is considered especially effective for lung conditions including long standing bronchitis, tuberculosis and persistent irritable coughs.

It also used in the treatment of many digestive system complaints including gastritis, diarrhoea, dysentery, haemorrhoids, gastric ulcers and IBS. In fact it may be used to treat almost any condition from the mouth down! It makes an excellent eye wash for conjunctivitis and drops of the fresh plant juice may be used for ear infections. Poultices may be made of both plantains to draw out abscesses and boils.

Farmers apparently used to twist the leaves as a guide to humidity so they could judge the fire danger to their hay! How this worked I don't know! The leaves are used preferably fresh and although they are out from April onwards they are best used when in flower from May to June.

If a serious condition is suspected consult your doctor or a qualified medical herbalist.

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Reg Ref: D06A/1690 **Registration Date:** 22-Nov-'06

Location: Marley House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Construction of a single dwelling house (site 3) including driveways, landscaping and ancillary works on the lands of Marley House. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 20-Feb-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D06A/1740 **Registration Date:** 29-Nov-2006

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

Development: For demolition of an existing period house, and the construction of a new residential development consisting of 24 apartments in two 2 to 3-storey blocks with penthouse floor over, arranged around an inner courtyard, all over basement car park on a site of 0.25 ha (0.61 acres) at Linden Lodge. The development will consist of (a) 19 no. 2-bedroom apartments and 5 no. 3-bedroom apartments; combined total area 2,396.4 sq.m. (b) combined total building floor area including basement is 3,612 sq.m. (d) basement car park with 24 car spaces; area 1,074.8 sq.m. including vehicle ramp refuse store and bicycle parking (e) there are 24 no. external balconies on the apartments (f) external wall cladding in clay brickwork and coloured render generally; and flat felt roof generally with zinc sheet cladding at parts of penthouse level and bay windows (g) external works including access road and car access ramp, hard and soft landscaping works, new foul water and surface water drainage systems and associated site works. (h) landscaped courtyard podium over basement (i) existing boundary walls will generally be retained. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 27-Feb-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala - WEEKS 7-10 5/2/'07 to 2/3/07

Reg. Ref.: D06A/0153 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 6-Feb-'07

Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** Valentia, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Replacement dwelling and retention of all elements of the existing building deemed to constitute sustainable development by the provision of additional floor area of 57 sq. meters to side and rear and 44 sq. meters to the front at ground floor level, 49 square meters at first floor level and provision of attic storey, 45 square meters, and roof terrace within the confines of the space constituted by the existing attic, the re-planning of the interior of the building and remodelling of the front and rear elevations. The provision of new access gates the existing entrance widened.

Applicant: John Flynn and Fidelma Kirby.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/0540 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission. Decision Confirmed by ABP 13 Feb-2007. **Appeal Decided:** 13-Feb-2007. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

Location: 57, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: The development will consist of an amendment to the existing planning permission (Planning Registration Reference D04A/0464) to include the following:- the addition of 1 no. 2 bedroom penthouse apartment with private terrace, with stainless steel guardrails to the north, west and south elevations and privacy screens to the east elevation to prevent overlooking of adjacent property, and an increase in building height of 2.625 metres to penthouse roof level with an additional 0.6 metres to top of lift over-run. **Applicant:** Tusker Property Holdings Limited.

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MY GARDEN

by Philippa Thomas

The name of this month, April, is derived from the Greek word for 'opening'.

“Soon, o'er their heads blithe April airs shall sing; A thousand wild flowers round them shall unfold. The green buds glisten in the dews of spring.”

J. Keeble from “The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady.”

. . . So, another spring, another chance and then, . . . another summer. April is our spring time in blossom. We can look forward to months of garden delights. Some of these April days are great for being out there in the garden. Almost everything now is in leaf, full of vigour and vitality. One of the nicest things about being in our little garden this morning was its greenness all around me. When I think of April, I always reflect on those starch white, lacey flowers of candytuft, (*iberis semperervirens*). As a child, I used to lose myself making “May Altars” with these flowers and likewise decorating old tree trunk stumps, making them into fairy forts. A must for an old cottagy effect.

Now is the time to tease out all those weed seedlings before they begin to grow more rapidly. Young trees, too, look their best when kept free of grass and weeds; so a clean circle cut around the trunk at the base will reduce all unnecessary competition and thus, also provide better nutrients for the young tree.

I must say it has been so nice to see those masses of daffodils growing so lovingly in St. Patrick's Square and at the entrance of Old Quarry. The Burgage too, looks splendid at present. The gardens there are beautifully kept. What a wonderful idea: - those two enclosed compost heaps close to the Burgage entrance. They blend so well into the landscape there as they are built and painted appropriately.

Why not plant a bit of excitement in your garden this spring so that when you out there, in the morning or evening, you will simply have to stop in your tracks and say ‘Wow’! I made this happen; I helped to make that grow; it's a wonderful feeling. A nice thing to remember is that just as some families like being together, so, too, some plants thrive on being together, i.e. a group of different types of ferns, hostas, or *Eucomis* bulbs planted in plain terracotta pots can make a superb display/statement.

I find it extremely helpful to simply walk around our local Dalkey areas, homes/residences and just observe; see what our neighbours are growing in their soil, their containers and in their front gardens. ‘Zoom in’, on whatever takes your fancy mentally, or even inquire. Then, why not make a ‘splurge’ and treat yourself to a similar plant and then ‘off you go!’

Indoor Plants – You may feel like chucking out some of your pot plants but first spare a thought for them. Take time to examine your plants carefully. Remember, this plant was once very much alive and may still have some little fibre of life buried deep down inside that pot. Tease out the old dead roots and start watering and feeding sparingly and maybe you will nurture your plant back into full health. (Other pot-bound plants can be completely re-potted this month before new growths begins) Plants really do want to please you, they want to live, not die; most want to reproduce. So, believe in them and respond to their needs. It's amazing how your little darling plant will perk up once it is cleaned with a damp cloth, etc. If you were given a present of some dwarf, miniature daffodils this spring, don't forget to save them by planting the bulbs outside in your garden. Next spring you will have an inspiring drift to look at and admire.

Tip: Save your old newspapers in order to make starter pots for raising your seeds in.

“The fairest Thing in nature, a flower, still has its roots in earth and manure”

D.H. Lawrence

“Violet grows, quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine, with sweet musk roses, and with egplantine.”

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Reg. Ref.: D06A/1762 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: P. & C. Cleary, Binnian, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for the construction of a ground floor (43 sq.m) and first floor (34 sq.m) side extension on the gable facing Ardrugh Road. Alterations to the existing vehicular entrance off Ardrugh Road and associated site works, at 'Binnian'. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1773 **Decision:** Clarification of Add. Info. **Date:** 7-Mar-2007

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

Proposal: Permission is sought by Charjac Properties Ltd. for single storey detached covered swimming pool, partially recessed into hillside on Western side of existing house, with paved terrace and railings to flat roof over, with plant room recessed into terrace to front, with landscaped terraces and retaining walls using granite and fill from excavations, Phase 3 of proposed development at 'Torca Hill'. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D06B/1022 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 8-Mar-2007

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

Location: The Cottage, Church Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Demolition of existing extension, alterations to existing cottage, construction of a single storey extension to the side and rear of the cottage. Hard and soft landscaping and all ancillary works at the Cottage. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0029 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 7-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: M Byrne, 7, The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought to demolish an existing domestic single garage to the side of the existing two storey dwelling house, to construct a new two storey dwelling house to the side garden and minor alterations to the existing front driveway and entrance to accommodate a new shared entrance. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0035 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 5-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr C Mahon & S Charlton, Yonder, Ulverton Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for demolition of existing 2 storey dormer style dwelling and the provision of 2no. detached part 2 storey/ part 3 storey houses with separate vehicular access to Ulverton road, together with all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0241 **Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid **Date:** 8-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Alan & Tara Murphy, 4, Sorrento Lawn, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for the erection of a two storey rear conservatory and a single storey extension with balcony over, to the front elevation. **Application Type:** Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by AN Bord Pleanala - Weeks 7-10. 12/2/ - 9/3/'07

Reg Ref: D06A/1669 **Registration Date:** 17-Nov-'06

Location: 17, Corrig Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: The development will consist of the following:- construction of a new 82 sq.m. detached two storey dwelling adjoining existing with new vehicle access driveway off Corrig Road; new vehicle access driveway to existing house off Corrig Road; permission is also sought for all new boundary treatment; landscape works and ancillary site development and service works all on a site of 347 sq.m. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 14-Feb-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D06A/1682 **Registration Date:** 21-Nov-'06

Location: Chatswood, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Alterations to a previously approved planning permission (Planning Ref D03A/1210) namely moving approved first floor window on south elevation, and replacement of door with window at ground floor level on south elevation all on the southern house at Chatswood.

Council Decision: Grant Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 15-Feb-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type Of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

including a new velux window over the bathroom, reducing the rear garden to less than 25sqm and the conservation and repair of existing historical features.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1926 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 20-Feb-'07

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr. Aidan Ringrose, The White House, Knock-na-cree Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for a single carport with vehicular access and new pedestrian access and associated site works. A protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1979 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23-Feb-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Aiden & Marguerite O'Leary, Ard Aluinn, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of single storey extensions to front, rear and west side, two storey extensions and small cellar to east side and rear, all to provide new living, dining and bedrooms, extension of roof and conversion of roof space to habitable room including dormer windows to rear, extended deck at ground floor level to rear and widening of front vehicular entrance including construction of new pillars.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1985 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Feb-'07

Applicant Name & Address: Peter Murphy, 12 South Fredricks Street, Dublin, 2

Location: 74, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Alterations to the front elevation consisting of new front door position (& block-up the existing door); widen windows to ground and 1st floor, new stair location & associated internal alterations.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/2004 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23-Feb-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Bernard Doyle, Ardeevin House, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a development consisting of alterations and extension to existing detached two storey dwelling consisting of inter-alia construction of a new single & two storey extension to the western side of the existing dwelling, new ground floor bay window to rear elevation of existing kitchen, internal alterations at ground and first floor levels, 3no. velux windows at roof level, and minor alterations to existing rear fenestration and existing front garden wall located within the site. Additionally, it is intended to refurbish the existing coach house to the rear of the garden so as to provide a new shower room at ground floor level, along with all other associated site services and site development works to facilitate the overall development.

Reg. Ref.: D06B/1128 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Feb-'07

Applicant Name, Address & Location: J. & D. Flynn, 9, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: (A) The construction of a 2 storey extension to the front (B) Alterations to the fenestration to the front at ground floor and to the rear at garden, ground and first floor levels, including associated internal alterations and (C) Replacement of low pitch slates with zinc sheeting to entire roof.

Reg. Ref.: D06B/1143 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Feb-'07

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Ashley & Charlotte O'Brien, 1, Ardeevin Terrace, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: New two storey extension to rear and bay window to side at first floor level with associated site works

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0011 **Decision:** Refuse Permission for Retention **Date:** 26-Feb-2007

Applicant Name & Address: Mr Anthony Smyth, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Location: 56, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for an increase in height of the existing railing to the front boundary from 0.95m to 1.20m and retain the existing front entrance width at the main location.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0034 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 1-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr & Mrs Christopher Johnston, 15, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for new entrance gate for car-parking to front.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0171 **Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid **Date:** 26-Feb-'07

Applicant Name: Vodafone, O2, Meteor & Hutchinson 3G

Applicant Address: Dalkey Garda Station, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Location: Dalkey Garda Station, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

❖ VISITORS ❖

Many visitors came to the school in the more than thirty years I was there. All of them were welcomed but some remain in my mind as memorable and special. The following is a selection - in no particular order - and each visitor was a treat for the pupils of the time.

In the mid-70s Dublin won the Sam Maguire. I don't know how many primary schools there are in Dublin but a school year wouldn't be long enough for the cup to be taken to each school. But, surprise, surprise, Sam arrived in our school one Spring morning. Two famous Dubs came with it: Paddy Cullen and Pat O'Neill. Lessons were abandoned as pupils touched the trophy and begged for autographs as they held out their pieces of paper and biro to the two Dub heroes. A photograph taken at the time shows me, a Westmeath mans, holding the Sam Maguire in the schoolyard. A dream?! Sam revisited in the 1980s and this time a local Dubs hero, Mick Holden, was greeted with roars of "Cuala".

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has an artist-in-residence scheme for schools. On the second occasion that I applied for it for the school we were delighted to hear we were successful. As the new school year started in 2000 we met a gentleman called Joonas Servio, and artist from Finland, who was going to be with us for the first term. First we discussed with him what the project would be. We mentioned that the school would be celebrating its centenary in January 2001. He then mentioned how impressed he was by the redbrick exterior as he approached the school that morning. "What do you need?" we asked. Each class then became involved in bringing in ring-pulls from soft drink cans, tea bags, nuts and bolts, cigarette paper from boxes and even shells from the seashore! The Parents Association supplied paint, glue and long wooden planks! The boys supplied vast quantities of materials and the room began to take on the appearance of a recycling plant. As teachers passed in and out, heads were shaken in disbelief that all this could end up as something artistic! Each day different classes got their turn working with Joonas. Slowly but surely a beautiful work of art took shape on the bare wooden frame. When Centenary Day came it was ready and hanging on the wall for all to admire. It was worth going to see in the Assembly Room in the school. Thank you Joonas.

History is part of the school curriculum. I was teaching 6th Class and it was probably in the early 1980s. During that school year I met a gentleman on Convent Road and we talked. His name was Mr. Armstrong and he lived on Convent Road also. He was an elderly man and during our chat I told him I was teaching in the local school. He said he would love to show the boys a wonderful historical object that he owned. We arranged a day and date. The day came and Mr. Armstrong came into the room carrying a long pole with the top covered. He removed the cover and there before our eyes was a pike. The class had come across pikes in their history books. Mr. Armstrong told us that is grandfather had been a bodyguard of Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator, and that this was the weapon he carried to do his job. Incredible, but true and all part of Dalkey. We were privileged to meet this resident of Dalkey and it just seemed to the boys he had stepped right out of their history books to talk to them.

I hope you enjoyed reading about people who visited our school at different times but left memories for us to treasure.

Seán Ó Gormáin

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - WEEKS 7-10 12/2/'07 to 9/3/'07

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0133

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Feb-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr & Mrs P Airey Eden, 40, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for construction of extension (21.2sqm) to existing house incorporating alterations to existing house and roof.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0241

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Feb-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Alan & Tara Murphy, 4, Sorrento Lawn, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for the erection of a two storey rear conservatory and a single storey extension with balcony over, to the front elevation.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0257

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Feb-2007

Applicant Name & Address: Mark Gavin & Susan Lynch, 27, Whites Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Location: 23, Whites Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for demolition of existing 9sqm single storey rear extension; construction of a 52sqm two storey extension to the rear and side, consisting of 35sqm at ground floor level & 17sqm at first floor level; construction of a 3.9sqm private courtyard at 1st floor level; elevation changes to the north elevation, new vehicular access off Whites Vls., all on a site of 176sqm.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0176

Application Rec'd Date: 01-Mar-2007

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

Proposal: Permission sought for construction of the following 1) Two storey extension (13m²) to front comprising entrance porch at ground level with study above, 2) Single storey extension (11m²) to front extending bedroom and en-suite, 3) First floor balcony (18m²) to front, 4) Single storey extension (26m²) to rear comprising bedroom, en-suite and dressing room, 5) Two storey extension (87m²) to rear comprising garage at ground level with family room above, 6) 2no. dormer windows to attic (1 front, 1 rear), 7) Remodelling of elevations to include new glazing, stone and cedar cladding, associated internal alterations and all ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1522

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Oct-2006

Applicant Name & Address: Charjac Properties Ltd., 2, Marine Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

Location: Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Single storey extensions at first floor level to side containing kitchen, and to rear containing games room, two storey extension to rear containing stairs linking ground floor to first floor level, extension to existing bathrooms at ground floor level to front with continuation of existing patio over, new steps up to entrance door, new platform on concrete frame to front to provide additional 2 no. car parking spaces, removal of existing chimney, new cupola to roof over internal stairs, new terracotta tiles to existing and new roofs, new windows and external doors throughout, new pumped sewage connection, to existing public sewer removal of existing obsolete septic tank.

Application Type: Permission. **Add. Info.:** Clarification of A.I.: 05-Feb-2007, 05-Mar-2007.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1581

Application Rec'd Date: 06-Nov-2006

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Michael & Frieda McGovern, St Pauls, 8, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: The development will consist of the construction of a single detached two level dwelling to the North-East of the existing semi-detached house. The existing vehicular entrance is to be retained with parking provided for two vehicles. The development will provide for South-West facing terraces to the rear as well as a balcony to the North-East together with all necessary site works.

Applic. Type: Permission. **Add. Info.:** Clarification of A.I. Recd. **Add. Info.:** 07-Mar-2007.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0303

Application Rec'd Date: 07-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr & Mrs D Murphy, Strawberry Hill House, Vico Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the reconstruction of existing single storey double garage (area c. 27sqm); construction of new single storey double garage (area c. 31sqm) on existing car-parking bay; new driveway from the existing vehicular access, including a low-sliding gate; reconstruction of former greenhouse (area c. 37sqm); replacement of existing unauthorised conservatory (area c. 40sqm) with a sun room (area c. 46sqm), including a lobby area (c. 4sqm), associated site works and landscaping in the grounds of 'Strawberry Hill' (a protected structure).

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0308

Application Rec'd Date: 08-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr Peter Woods, Breffni Cottage, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for 2no. two-storey semi-detached houses together with associated site works and the realignment of the existing boundary wall to the road and removal of existing detached garage.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0324

Application Rec'd Date: 09-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Colin Edwards, 1, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for widening of existing entrance and driveway from 2.7m to 4.7m.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0193

Application Rec'd Date: 07-Mar-2007

Applicant Name & Address: Peter Lavelle, 30, Heytesbury Lane, Dublin 4

Location: Sorrento, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for development consisting of minor internal alterations to existing two storey dwelling; inclusion of east facing external ground floor lobby to internal hallway; construction of mansard roof on existing flat roof to create study/ studio and bedroom accommodation of 120sqm on new second floor, with dormer windows to southeast, southwest and northwest elevations and glazed sliding doors accessing 20sqm roof terrace to northeast; chimney stacks height to be increased.

PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 7-10 12/2/'07 to 9/3/'07

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1843

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 12-Feb-2007

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

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

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

Ref.: D06A/1932

Decision: Request Add. Info

Date: 16-Feb-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: G Murphy, N Rafferty, M Howard, 1, 2, 3, Victoria Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D06B/1089

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 14-Feb-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr Ian Daly & Ms Anne Cleary, Capri, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for the replacement of an existing glazed door to the ground floor terrace with a larger door, a roof light to an existing flat roof over terrace, and an attic conversion with a new link and proposed linear roof light on the first floor of 'Capri'. The attic works will comprise of extending the roof to the rear of the house with a proposed zinc and cedar clad frame with glazing, which is still below the overall height of the existing house.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1906

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 20-Feb-'07

Applicant Name & Address: Mr Justin MacInnes, 61, Eglinton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4

Location: Montpellier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: The development will comprise of the refurbishment and extension of the existing house. The development will consist of the construction of a two storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling of approx. 142 sq.m. in total incorporating part demolition of the rear return and 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 and associated site development works on a site of approx. 0.24 hectares.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1919

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 20-Feb-'07

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Karen Coleman, 19, Carysfort Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of single storey pitched roof extension to the rear, relocation of gateway to rear laneway, internal alteration to existing modern extension