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

Late last November Channel 4 confirmed that they would not be renewing their contract with Sky TV. In short this means that channel 4 will no longer be scrambled, and will be available free to anybody with a suitable satellite system. With the exception of Channel 5, ALL British terrestrial channels (BBC!, 2, 3, 4 ITV, ITV 2, 3, 4 Channel 4) will now be available via satellite subscription free. While going to press Channel 4 also announced the launch of their new High Definition channel (more on that next month).

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February: Latin for "Februa" a ceremonial feast of purification held by the Romans centuries ago every February 15th. The early Saxons renamed February "Sol-Monath" - sun month because of the returning sun after winter.
Flower: Primrose & Violet



A wet February, a wet Spring

St Valentine's Day - Tuesday, 14th February

Our love is like the misty rain that falls softly - but floods the river.

African Proverb

The December meeting met on Monday 3rd December at 8pm in OLH.

Tidy Towns: Graffiti on both sides at the top of Coliemore Road was reported and cleaned by DLRCC. This is an expensive and difficult type of operation and perpetrators should be reported.

Sports: The 40th AGM of the Dublin Community Games took place on the 6th November 2007 in Carmichael House. There will be National Finals on 3 weekends in 2008. Mosney is the venue for 2008. A sub-committee will be set up to locate another venue.

AOB: The public car park at the Coliemore Apartments will be pursued with the Enforcement Section of DLRCC. A member suggested that DCC should contact the Heritage Officer, Tim Carey as the parking down at the harbour has become much more difficult due to the painting of double yellow lines on both sides of the road. As there was no further business the meeting ended.

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The first meeting of DCC for 2008 took place on Monday 7th January in OLH at 8pm.

Planning: Residents from Ardbrough Road have contacted DCC in connection with the implementation of double yellow lines by DLRCC. These lines run on the northern side of Ardbrough Road for a length of 130 metres. The residents were not consulted about this measure and many of them have been left with nowhere to park their cars. DCC can confirm that they were in no way involved with this decision taken by DLRCC. It was agreed that DCC would arrange to meet the residents after Christmas.

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Minutes of January DCC meeting continued/

AOB: Mary Frewen on behalf of SVP thanked DCC members who delivered the envelopes and it is hoped that the collection will provide a good return for the local Dalkey conference. As there was no further business the meeting ended

❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS REPORT to DCC - January 2008 ❖

During 2007 An Taisce carried out a survey of 50 towns and cities for Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL). The survey concluded that overall the State's litter problem is improving, with 22 towns now achieving "litter-free" status, compared to just two towns when it was first conducted in 2002. The current four black spots, in descending order of dirtiness, are: Mallow, Co Cork, Tallaght in west Dublin, Nenagh, Co Tipperary, and Sligo. ***I have to say that it is only by chance that Dalkey is not included in this list.***

The Bottle Bank at Dalkey Station was once more seriously abused over Christmas. Domestic rubbish was dumped as well as bottles. I know that the bins were full at times during the holiday period but this is no excuse for dumping as we have another facility nearby at Killiney Hill. ***Dumping of domestic rubbish must be reported. Often it can be identified and the culprits fined.*** Tel. numbers are on the back page of every newsletter.

February Litter Patrol Schedule; to which residents are welcome;

Tuesday 5 Feb	- meeting 10.30	at Select Stores
Saturday 9 Feb	- meeting 10.30	at the church gates
Thursday 21 Feb	- meeting 11.00	at Dillon's Park

A 'Care for our Environmental Lecture' is planned for February and support would be appreciated from the community. Details will be announced shortly.

Thank you, June Barnett, Secretary, DTT.

Pride in your community

❖ LITTER MATTERS ❖

Litter is an on-going problem for ALL areas, and is constantly highlighted in the Tidy Towns Reports each year.

But what is "litter"? The dictionary defines it as "untidy rubbish dropped in public places". As far as the Litter Act is concerned, "Litter" can be a matchstick, a sweet paper, a cigarette butt, bags of all kinds, gum, cans, bottles, juice and food cartons, etc. the list is almost endless.

Some people seem to think that by dropping litter they are "creating a job", as was the case in the 1950s when it was necessary to create as many jobs as possible to prevent emigration.

Now, the attitude is "somebody is paid to clean that up!" **WRONG!**

People are no longer paid to clean up rubbish. County Councils all over the country are constantly cutting budgets and one of the many things which suffers is ROAD SWEEPING. Apart from Castle Street in Dalkey, how many times have you noticed the Road Sweeping Truck clean other roads in the area? You could count on one hand the number of times it has been spotted around the locality.

Recently, the Litter Fine has been increased from 125 to 150 with a much stiffer fine if the offender is taken to Court and convicted.

Residents of all areas should notice and record any activity which results in litter of any kind, but particularly bags of litter, including drink cans and bottles being dumped in their area. Such activities should be reported to the Litter Warden in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for action to be taken.

❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

Collating February Newsletter	Friday	1 Feb
February DCC Monthly Meeting	Monday	4 Feb
Shrove Tuesday	Tuesday	5 Feb
Ash Wednesday - Lent begins	Wednesday	6 Feb
Ballybrack & Killiney Historical Society Lecture @ 8.00pm. "Preservation and Conservation of Artefacts" by Claudia Köhler	Wednesday	13 Feb
St. Valentines Day	Thursday	14 Feb
Sorting of March Newsletter	Friday	29 Feb
March DCC Monthly Meeting	Monday	3 Mar

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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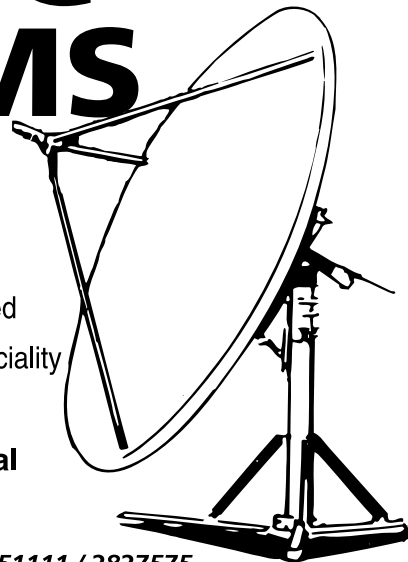
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DR. WRIGHTS 'OULD' BOYS



In the 1930s young lads in Dalkey began using a field that lay between Carysfort and Church Roads. The field was owned by a genial old G.P., Dr. Wright.

There were numerous fields around the Dalkey area both before and after the Second World War but attempts by young boys to play a game of football, cricket or any other field games usually ended by the lads being chased out of the fields. Dr. Wright's field was the local field where games could be played without any worry of the game being interrupted except by fading light or breaks for teatime.

Many lads who played on that field went on to have successful and enjoyable careers in football over the years. The list is extensive, too long to include here but anybody fortunate enough to be still around will recall the names of Peter Farrell who was the greatest to "graduate" from that hallowed piece of land. Peter played most of his career with Everton in the English League as it was then called, this followed a great few years when he played on one of the greatest Shamrock Rovers teams in the early 1940s. He was a star with Rovers while a schoolboy. He played 28 times for Ireland and captained them when he played his first game against Portugal on Sunday, 16th June, 1946 in Lisbon. Overall, he captained Ireland on 12 occasions.

Paddy Fox played League of Ireland for many years as did Harry Hill who also played for Huddersfield Town in the English 1st Division. Both received Amateur and Junior Caps respectively for Ireland during their distinguished careers.

The field was sold in 1953 when Dr. Wright dies and Carysfort Drive stands on the site of the football field that meant so much to Dalkey lads over many years.

In 1953 Peter Farrell led Everton to victory and back into the First Division having been playing 2nd Division for a couple of years.

The late Jack Dowd from Church Road suggested that a function should be held to make the closing of the field and Peter's achievements with Everton.

A dinner was organised in the old Beechwood Hotel off Ballinlea Road to mark the occasions. A committee was formed for the purpose. The President was "the Doc", Dr. Eamonn Kenny, Hon. Sec. Paddy Flynn and Treasurer Jim (Gus) Farrell.

For forty five years a re-union dinner was held annually in various venues, with some as far as Woodenbridge were booked in the name of "Dr. Wright's Ould Boys". The staffs, some of the non-Dalkey venues were under the impression that they were entertaining a group of medical people! That great character and eminent member of the "Ould Boys", the late Paddy 'Mochy' Duggan often remarked after being addressed as "Doctor" by waiters for hours after said: "Thanks be to the Ja....they don't know who we really are or we would not have been let into the place!"

The Dr. Wright's Ould Boys - you could write a book on them: it would be a long story. One fact that could not be included in it is the identity of the person who bestowed the title on the group. His or her identity has been lost in the mists of time

Frank Mullen, Chairman, Dalkey United A.F.C.

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We attended the Blessed Sacrament Procession and saw the sick gathered in Rosary Square for a blessing. The Candlelight Procession is extraordinary as it winds its way around the square. The boys' voices rang out with 'The Lourdes Ave' and, of course, 'The Bells of the Angelus'. For adults and boys it was a wonderful experience.

After our four days in Lourdes the long journey north to Le Harve started. We stayed overnight in Poitiers in a hostel and said goodbye to Leon at Le Harve. A pleasant, storm-free journey to Rosslare followed and the trip to Dalkey ended a school tour that was different for each of us. A treasured memory.

Seán Ó Gormáin

❖ **NEWS FROM DALKEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB** ❖

The venue, as you already know, is Cuala Sports Stadium, Hyde Road. Wednesday mornings 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. The club is thriving but nevertheless new members of all ages are always welcome.

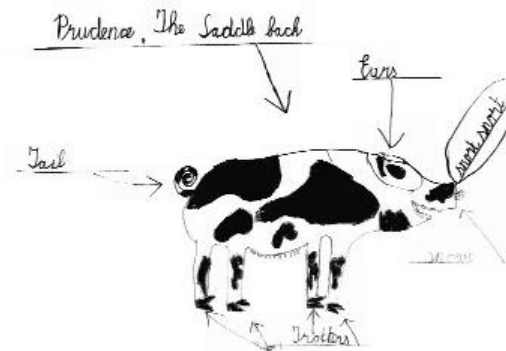
Our Christmas Tournament on 19th December 2007 was a great success. EuroSpar presented us with two beautifully engraved silver plaques.

This presentation was made by our President, Eva, with 1st prize awarded to Noreen Egan and Mary Boushell (jointly). The Runner-Up prize went to Eileen Williams and Philippa Thomas. Congratulations to both groups.

Afterwards we had a party upstairs. The committee served delicious buns and mince pies with cream. Next was Santa Claus (i.e. myself dressed in full Santa costume!) who distributed gifts to all the members. The morning was great fun with many photographs taken. I'll finish by wishing all of you a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

Marie Byrne

❖ **VISIT TO AIRFIELD – NOVEMBER 2007** ❖



We walked down to Cuala to get a bus to Airfield. The journey was fun but long. We eventually got to airfield and went into a big room. It was filled with chairs for just about everyone. They talked to us about the purpose of nature. Every animal had job. Then we split into 2 groups. I thought that we would feed the chickens but we went to look at the house. It was HUGE. We then went to feed the donkeys and their names were Smoky-Joe and Michael. Then we went for a run. We fed the ponies. We saw a

frog! It was s very slow one! After that we had our lunch. Then we saw the cars. Every member of the family had a car. They had their own petrol station. We then fed the chickens. It was so exciting. I loved it! My neighbour is the leader of Dalkey Tidy Towns. This has been a very good school tour. I would like to thank Tidy Towns and the Parents Association.

By Conor Newman

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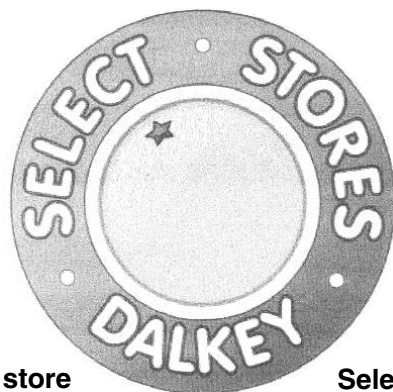
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❖ NATURE CORNER – Michael Ryan ❖

Although usually very happy to attract wildlife to my garden I'd have reservations about playing host to wasps' nests. We've had them in the garden before, usually finding the nest after it has been abandoned when you can admire the wonderful wood pulp weaving artistry of the nests with their spiralling patterns resembling photographs of the planet Jupiter. As I mentioned before we've preserved some wasps nests held together with liberal quantities of hair spray and they're wonderful demonstrations of animal architecture. I've also got a collection of Blue Tit's nests taken from nest boxes in the garden (they way they're compressed could give the impression that blue tits build square nests) kept in the greenhouse and late one summer wasps began to build their nest on top of one of those. Anyway it's one thing having wasps nest in the garden but an entirely different matter when they're in or very near the house.

In early summer last year before the warm weather took a downward turn we'd noticed a large wasp, evidently a queen, flying into a space between the hall door frame and the rough granite facing on the wall. Couldn't imagine there would be much space in there to build a nest and after half hearted attempts to block the space didn't think too much about it. The weather turned cool and wet and summer moved on and it was quite a surprise when we noticed a string of wasps flying in and out of the little space.

They rarely came into the house flying in and out of the nest with great purpose (you could say 'making a bee line' to the nest), very diligent workers who were all in bed by dusk. We were never stung by them though they did sting the dog a couple of times after which she kept well away from them. But it was quite intimidating having wasps flying by one's ear or clipping your hair and clothes as they buzzed past and you'd literally keep your mouth shut going out, a gobful of wasp being a unhealthy prospect! It was also a big a cause of concern for any visitors. It was interesting, and a little alarming to find out that when you kill an individual wasp it sends out a signal to the rest of the hive who will become very aggressive.

Reluctantly I got a chemical spray whose name Wasp Nest Destroyer in bold yellow type out of a black background left no doubt about its purpose. The warning notices on the can stated it should only be sold to local authorities or pest specialists, you shouldn't inhale it, you should wash any clothes that got contaminated and immediately wash off any that got on your skin. Wearing a medical face mask under a scarf wrapped tightly around my face I sneaked up on the nest at night and sprayed the deadly chemical into the entrance almost emptying the container into it. I didn't get any pleasure out of doing it but knew if the nest had been disturbed and we'd had a confrontation with the wasps we were heavily outnumbered and would have come out worse. I'd watched them a few times piling into the opening at dusk, hundreds probably thousands of them and if they'd come into the house it could have been disastrous. In the morning I was surprised to see a few wasps buzzing around on the wrong side of the entrance looking as if they were trying to get in but evidently repelled by the chemical residue. I wondered if all the wasps in the nest actually stay in it at night or maybe there wasn't enough room and they slept somewhere else in the garden returning to work in the morning. A few of them looked dazed but quite a few looked healthy enough and by the following evening it was business as usual, dozens of wasps coming and going. The nest must have been well in under the floorboards far enough away from the deadly spray. Eventually I thought, well it's nearly the end of the summer and they'll be gone soon, we'll wait it out. At the end of their breeding season all the wasps die off apart from the queens who leave the nest, survive the winter then start a new nest.

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TOUR LA DIFFERENCE

Since I started teaching in the mid-sixties school tours took place annually. When I taught in Arklow generally the tour took us to Dublin. When I came to Dalkey we went to the country. Some of the places we visited were Enniscorthy, Pottery in Arklow, Turlough Hill, Drogheda, Monasterboice, Hill of Tara, Glendalough, on the Shannon to Clonmacnoise and one year we went to Lough Allen in Roscommon.

The school year 1982/83 was different. I don't know how many primary schools had school tours outside the country then. With very enthusiastic parents, the Principal, Proinsias, and Fr. Paul, the chaplain, it was decided to travel to France and Lourdes in particular under the umbrella of Cantores Christi. The Department of Education would allow it on that basis. It was now up to the school to fundraise and Proinsias to teach the choir.

By Christmas '82 all the plans had been made and fundraising and choir training had begun. The choir was chosen from the boys from 4th to 6th classes and this meant that 40 boys with parents, Fr. Paul and two teachers, Proinsias and myself, would travel to France on the 12th May 1983.

Proinsias produced a booklet containing hymns for each person travelling and on page 13 he gave advice to the boys in this way: - "They are expected to do Ireland proud." As is often said nowadays, he saw the bigger picture.

On the afternoon of the 12th May we gathered in the church car-park for the bus to Rosslare. A school uniform was not worn then but badges with the Dalkey Coat-of-Arms and the school name were pinned to each boy's jumper. About 52 people in all were travelling. Well-wishers cheered as the bus set off for Rosslare.

We boarded the ship for a 20 hour journey to Le Harve. Ominously, the wind had risen! We sailed out into St. George's Channel and down to Land's End and it was about midnight when we got to that point. The wind continued to rise and, speaking for myself, I was too! It was just a matter of lying down and hoping we'd survive. It was said that night that even the sailors were sick! As we sailed into Le Harve about mid-day on a very placid sea it was hard to believe what had happened during the night.

Leon, our bus driver for the next two weeks was waiting for us. We were soon on our way to Paris. We spent two nights there and visited Notre Dame, Montmartre, Pompidou Centre, the Eiffel Tower and the Irish College. At that time the college was a centre for students and priests from Poland. Fr. Paul said Mass and the boys sang out 'Ag Chríost an Síol' in a little bit of Ireland in Paris. It was a treat to walk around the quadrangle of the college and see the names of all the Irish dioceses etched in stone. We also visited Versailles and in the building and grounds we wondered at the opulence created by Louis XIV, the Sun King!

When we left Paris our destination was Blois in the Loire Valley. On the way we stopped in Chartres and gazed in awe at the brilliant blue in Chartres Cathedral. We reached the hotel in Blois and we stayed in this lovely, leafy town for one night. In the dining rooms of each hotel we stayed in, the boys sang before and after the meals and the other guests clapped and asked about the crest worn by the boys. Proinsias conducted and a hymn 'as Gaeilge' was always on the menu!

We departed early from Blois for the long journey south via Bordeaux. Although we didn't stop in Bordeaux, I remember crossing the Garonne River on a very high bridge. By evening we had passed through Pau and shortly after that we arrived in Lourdes.

What amazed me about Lourdes were the contrasts. On the one hand, the commercialism of the town with the sale of religious objects and, on the other hand, the peace and quiet of the Grotto area. Walking around or saying a prayer there late at night is something I will always remember.

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Thought they'd be gone in late summer but there were still lots of them there in October and if any 'trick or treaters' had arrived before dark at Halloween they might have got a nasty response. The mild autumn weather probably caused their prey to survive while the nest itself was probably near a central heating pipe so no chance they were going to freeze at night. I heard a radio DJ reading out letters about wasps and one said the latest the writer had removed a live nest was on Christmas Eve! Ours were there in early December but didn't make it through to the New Year and thankfully didn't stay to share the holiday with us.

Elder berries are highly desired by birds and usually the bush is cleared of them in early autumn by hungry blackbirds and wood pigeons. The last week of December seemed very early to have new leaves unfolding on an Elder bush although this bush was towards the east side of Dalkey Hill in the milder mini climate of Killiney Bay above Vico Road. It is on the Vico Road where for years I've seen the first unfolding buds on a Horse Chestnut tree though that isn't usually till the early days of March so don't know if this is another indication of global warming or just a plant that's found a warm niche for itself.

The Little Egret, in appearance like a snow white heron with black legs and yellow feet would have been a cause of great excitement if it was seen in Ireland fifteen years ago but now they breed in many counties and they can be seen almost anywhere there's water, even in the little stream behind Spar in Deansgrange. A recent winter count in Booterstown Marsh, constantly improving as a feeding and roosting area, had more than 1600 hundred



Knot, a small plump wading bird and over 1,000 Dunlin but if you're passing on a dart the bird that's most likely to stand out, especially on dull winter days, is the Little Egret.

Many people who leave out food for birds in their garden were saying earlier this winter they didn't have many birds coming to their feeders. It might be down to the mild weather but it's often noticed that birds become more reliant on food left out for them only after their wild food has run out when all the choicest berries are gone and the insects are hibernating or have died off, so if you have been putting out

peanuts and sunflower seeds keep doing so as they could be most useful now for birds survival.

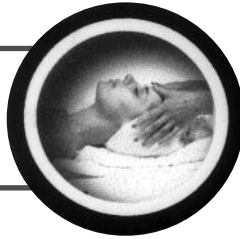
I'd seen Blackcaps in the bird bath and foraging in bushes in late autumn but it was only in the bitter cold days of January that they began to feed on the halved apples I'd left out. Siskins are another species which are more commonly seen in gardens after Christmas although once they do arrive they might stay till April before returning to conifer woods to breed. Usually facing downwards when feeding on peanut holders they're very busy little birds often chattering from nearby trees and bushes. It's thought a lot of the siskins that come to our gardens are actually visitors from the continent.

New and very welcome visitors to my garden this winter were a pair of Jays who perched in an apple tree seemed to check out the peanut feeders but didn't take any. Hope they'll be back. They're still to be seen on Killiney Hill but being secretive often just seen as a fleeting glimpse of a blue wing flash or white rump patch.

The Brent Geese that fly from Sandymount to Wicklow every day and back again in the evening will continue to grow in number peaking in late March or early April before they all fly off north to breed in Arctic Canada. Their food will have got scarce around Dublin Bay and it's evidently worth the energy they burn off on the long return journey in return for the food they'll get in Wicklow. They fly down along the coast through Dalkey Sound across Killiney Bay and down to Kilcoole and Newcastle on the coast where they will spend the day grazing in fields, sometimes in either of the Birdwatch Ireland reserves

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❖ THE DARK SECRET OF DALKEY ISLAND ❖

Just before Christmas the Currach Press published the latest work by Brian Mac Aongusa called "*Hidden Streams*" in which he brings the reader on a voyage of discovery into the past of that part of south County Dublin which we know today as Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown and whose history has been influenced by many of the rivers and streams in this area which number over 30. By tracing the history of these rivers and streams which were important in this history of the lives of all those who settled in the area, this remarkable book contains a fascinating history of this area and the origin and developments of the various towns in this area.

Brian points out that while we may consider the Vikings as pillagers and plunderers, they were not afraid to interact with the native Irish from the point of commerce and language and that by the 10th century the Irish were not afraid to adopt Viking names. Equally, Vikings were not afraid to adopt Irish names and many Norse words crept into the Irish language. Vikings engaged in farming and developed many urban settlements.

But a darker side of the Vikings was their use of slavery as from the 9th century the Vikings took slaves and used them as labour in various settlements outside Ireland. The Vikings realised that prisoners of war could be sold as slaves, something that was later copied by the Irish with Dublin becoming the centre of a very lucrative slave trade in prisoners of war at a time when there were many internal political struggles within the Irish.

Brian reveals that the Vikings used Dalkey Island as a holding camp for their slaves where they were kept in chains until shipped out. It is recorded that that the abbot of Killeigh was held in this camp after being sold at auction in Dublin when no ransom was received for him. In a desperate bid to escape he attempted to swim to the shore from the island but drowned in the attempt.

Taking prisoners for slavery ended after 1120 but for over 200 years Dalkey Island was the location for a Viking prison camp for Irish and foreign slaves destined for the Dublin market.

"Hidden Streams - A New History of Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown"
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where they'll be undisturbed. It seems a long roundabout journey to make every day but they feel safer from predators spending the night by the coast in big flocks at Sandymount Strand or on the Bull Island so that brings them back up again every evening. There have been large numbers of Brent coming to Ireland this year and they had a very good breeding season last year with lots of juveniles returning with them. Although they go down in the morning in little groups they often come back all together very near dusk. Often it's nearly dark when they return and you'll hear them honking before you see them. It's a spectacular sight seeing thousands of geese appearing out of the gloom in flying V's. Sorrento Park and Colimore Harbour are good places to see them from.

❖ LETTER TO THE EDITOR ❖

Re.: PARKING ON BARNHILL ROAD

Sir,

Isn't it time that car parking on Barnhill Road was prohibited? I have counted as much as eight cars partially parked on the footpath in that part of the road from the bridge to the roundabout. It is often necessary, when a buggy is approaching, to leave the path and step on to the main road in the face of oncoming traffic. For older people this presents a serious hazard. I thought we had a traffic warden in Dalkey.

Yours etc.,

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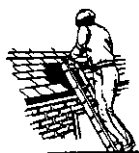
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Reg Ref: D07A/1259 **Reg. Date:** 3-Sep '07 **Location:** Santa Maria, Cunningham Rd, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure). **Development:** Minor conversion works to the interior and exterior of 'Santa Maria', the dropping of cill at window to the rear of house at the lower ground level to create a door entrance onto existing external courtyard, the removal of wall to underside of access balcony to garden to connect both courtyards, the removal of a non-original flat roof single storey structure to construct a single storey extension with an area of 12.5 sqm to the rear of the house with access onto the courtyard, the replacement of an existing conservatory also situated at the lower ground level between the main house and the coach house with a partially glazed double height extension with internal mezzanine floor with an area of 54 sqm, and the proposed separation of the coach house to provide an independent dwelling with shared vehicular entrance to front of house onto Cunningham Road as currently existing. A protected structure. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 7-Jan '08. Appeal against Grant of Permission. 3rd Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS An Bord Pleanala Wks. 45-2 30/10/2'07 to 11/1'08

Reg. Ref. D07B/0323 **Appeal Decision:** Grant permission Decision Confirmed By ABP 5-Nov-'07. Appeal Decided: 5-Nov-'07. **Council's Decision:** Grant permission.

Location: 56, Hillside, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** 2 storey extension to the side at 1st floor level making the existing single storey side accommodation into a 2 storey structure & the conversion of the attic to habitable accommodation. **Applicant:** Eibhlin Loughman & Cormac O'Tighearnaigh.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0035 **Appeal Decision:** Grant permission Decision Confirmed by ABP 14-Nov-'07. Appeal Decided: 14-Nov-2007. **Council's Decision:** Grant permission. **Location:** Yonder, Ulverton Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:**

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. **Applicant:** Mr C Mahon & S Charlton

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0252 **Appeal Decision:** Grant permission. Decision Confirmed by ABP 26-Nov-'07. Appeal Decided: 26-Nov-2007. **Council's Decision:** Grant permission. **Location:** 42, Convent Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:**

Permission sought to add bay window to front and extend rear of house. The development consists of 1) enlargement of existing ground floor window and addition of bay window to front, 2) demolition of existing single storey return and construction of two storey extension to rear, 3) two new roof lights to rear of existing pitched roof. **Applicant:** Michael & Susan Loughnane.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0549 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse permission. Decision Confirmed by ABP 06-Dec-2007 Appeal Decided: 6-Dec '07. **Council's Decision:** Refuse permission. **Location:** 42, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission is sought to widen a pedestrian access on the front boundary to create a new vehicular access onto Ulverton Road and to provide for on-site parking in the front garden to serve the existing dwelling. **Applicant:** Gary & Barbara Morrison.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0566 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse permission. Decision Confirmed by ABP. Appeal Decided 17-Dec-'07. **Council's Decision:** Refuse permission. **Location:** 121, Hillside, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing converted former garage attached to the side of the existing house, and the construction of a new separate two storey dwelling house in the side garden.

Applicant: Mrs Joan Mathews.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0687. **Appeal Decision:** Refuse permission. Decision Confirmed by ABP 11-Dec-'07. **Appeal Decided:** 11-Dec-2007. **Council's Decision:** Refuse permission. **Location:** Queenstown Castle (A Protected Structure), Coliemore Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:**

Permission is sought for works to apartment no.s 1 and 4. Demolition of existing single storey conservatory at rear of building (seaside), replace with a new two storey conservatory to match existing adjoining conservatory to apartment no.s 2 and 3, re-position rear exit steps, and miscellaneous minor interior upgrading works. A protected structure. **Applicant:** Mr Sidney Taylor.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0507. **Appeal Decision:** Grant permission. Decision Confirmed by ABP 3-Jan-'08. Appeal Decided: 3-Jan '08. **Council's Decision:** Grant permission. **Location:** Site at, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission sought for a two storey dwelling and associated works and car-parking. **Applicant:** Peter Dempsey.

Reg Ref: D07A/1221 **Regi. Date:** 27-Aug '07 **Location:** Ardeevin Tce., Ardeevin Rd., Dalkey.
Development: Construction of 4 bedroom 2-storey over semi-basement detached house, associated vehicular access, car parking and ancillary site works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission
 Appeal Lodged: 15-Nov-2007. Appeal against Refusal of Permission. 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D07A/1152 **Reg. Date:** 10-Aug '07 **Location:** 57, Mapas Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey conservatory and existing detached garage to side and sub-division of existing site to provide for new two storey detached three bedroom dwelling over part basement storage space (total floor area 199sqm) with new vehicular access to side boundary and pedestrian access to front boundary and ancillary works to the side of this main location. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 3-Dec '07. Appeal against Grant of Permission. 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D07A/1046 **Reg. Date:** 25-Jul '07 **Location:** 7, The Paddocks, Ulverton Rd, Dalkey.
Development: Permission is 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 to accommodate a new shared entrance.
Council Decision: Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 11-Dec-'07. Appeal against Grant of Permission. 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D07A/1348 **Reg. Date:** 25-Sep '07 **Location:** 4, Marlay House, Saval Pk. Rd., Dalkey.
Development: Construction of 2 number dwelling houses to replace a single dwelling house granted under Planning Ref. No. D06A/1210 including ancillary works, drainage and landscaping.
Council Decision: Refuse Permission. Appeal Lodged: 14-Dec '07. Appeal against Refusal of Permission. 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D07A/1380 **Reg. Date:** 2-Oct-2007 **Location:** Montpelier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.
Development: The refurbishment and an extension to the existing house. The development of a total additional floor area of 60.5sq.M, will consist of the construction of a two storey extension to the side (west), the addition of a two/three storey extension to the existing return, (the ridge and eaves height are to match those of the existing front roof). The new works will also incorporate modifications to the east and west elevations of the return, the construction of a single storey extension to the west of the new return, the conservation and repositioning of the existing brick screen wall to the side of the house, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance and the re-instatement of the existing pedestrian entrance way fronting onto Ardeevin Road, the demolition of outbuildings to the rear yard, the forming of terraced gardens, general landscaping works and associated site development works on a site approx. 0.24 hectares. **Council Decision:** Grant permission. Appeal Lodged: 21-Dec-'07. Appeal against Grant of Permission. 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D07B/0841 **Reg. Date:** 27-Sep '07 **Location:** Saint Marys, Cunningham Rd, Dalkey.
Development: Alterations to existing house and for two number extensions to front and changes to existing roofscape, including new dormers to side and rear and roof-light to hallway at front.
Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 17-Dec-'07. Appeal against Grant of Permission. 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D07A/1117 **Reg. Date:** 3-Aug '07 **Location:** Castle Park School (A Protected Structure), Castlepark Road, Dalkey
Development: Permission is sought for 47 no. residential units on lands, measuring 1.5385 hectares. The development will comprise 10 no. 5 bedroom semi-detached houses in three storeys; 4 no. 4 bedroom semi-detached houses with garages in three storeys; 1 no. 4 bedroom detached house with garage in three storeys; 2 no. 1 bedroom; 2 no. 2 bedroom and 4 no. 2 bedroom apartments in a three storey over podium block; and 12 no. 2 bedroom and 12 no. 3 bedroom apartments in a four and five storey over podium block. The development will also provide for widening the existing school avenue from Castlepark Road to provide access to the proposed development and the school; the provision of new gates and railings along the existing avenue; and the use of the existing school entrance from Castlelands as an access for emergency vehicles only; the use of the existing gate to the school from Castlelands for temporary construction access; the provision of 41 no. basement car parking spaces and 34 no. surface car parking spaces and all associated infrastructure and site development works including internal roads, bin storage and bicycle parking areas, landscaping including the provision of open space and boundary treatments. A protected structure. **Council Decision:** Grant permission. Appeal Lodged: 8-Jan-2008. Appeal against Grant of Permission. 3rd Party Appeal.



Surely, this time of the year has to be great: - this start of a new gardening year, another opportunity to try new ideas, cuttings as well as putting into further swing, your old reliables and trusted favourites. Sometimes, I think our garden looks at its best in the rain when all those amazing shades of green glisten and shine, stone work stands out and everywhere seems to look 'cleaner' in the rain. Even our own 'bottomless pit' type of garden looks good!

This winter, I decided to leave most of our perennial flower stems and spent seed heads as they can lend their own grace and beauty to the garden. Also, some seed heads can be a vital food source and supply for small birds. Obviously, I have removed the odd, unsightly frost-eaten clump here and there.

I find many types of weed seedlings are capable of growth during these mild winters and early spring days. In fact, it can be quite staggering the amount of progress they can make in these supposedly 'dormant' months. This morning, after pouring my last drop of coffee into my mug, I decided to tackle our plumbago (conservatory climber with powdery-blue clusters of tiny flowers) and then two hibiscuses (very showy plants when in flower - again, ours are conservatory house plants). As this particular day was a Saturday, my husband had a field day doing a similar job outside with our *cestrum fasciculatum* Mexico, height 5-8 ft, lanceolate mid-green leaves with clusters of salmon-red funnel-like flowers on slender arching growth, - evergreen).

Pruning most houseplants early in the season along with some watering and feeding will bring on new growth quickly. One of the most flamboyant plants, (indoor and outdoors) that can be overlooked is the Abutilon (native to Brazil and tropical areas of India and Asia). There are many varieties of abutilons, ranging from sumptuous reds, rose pinks to citrus shades and then pure whites. They, typically, have soft tissue in pendulous nodding flowers with evergreen leaves. Each bud seems to open out somewhat like a swirl of petals that seems to flare or frill out like some incredible (miniature!) elegant and dainty ballgown. Our various abutilons have flowered every single day of every single week of every single month throughout this past year (indoors and that's been with little and, sometimes, no heating. Their big show of flowers is in the summer). Obviously, ours are at this stage, look a little leggy and woody but I'm in no hurry to prune them as I have a few small cuttings that I can replace them with when the time arises. Sometimes, I think it can be interesting to allow a plant to follow through its whole cycle, (left to do its own thing 'fly its kite' so to speak!) It can be most interesting to observe its durability, its acquired shape and habit for survival.

Isn't there a special feeling of tranquillity about working outside in the garden at this time when all around you seems to be still resting- your only company being a cheeky robin perched on the handle of your spade or a blackbird chirping in a nearby tree who seems to be watching your every move with something that looks like his approval. Remember, any work done outside now is an investment for the summer months to come. This morning I noticed some little spring bulbs trying to force their way through some of our most inhospitable soil in order to brave the elements and show off their little faces. Any little display/container of bulbs, especially miniatures, looks such a treat at this time of year.

Now is the time to enjoy planning our little gardens for these oncoming spring and summer months. I think it is important to bring as much meaning to your garden as possible. This meaning can be quirky, open, simple, busy, dramatic or very private. You can decide, so to speak, to create a 'motel' room, a 'hotel' room or a 'home' in your garden. A little bit of advice, if I may, please do not overdo the ornaments! One or two good pieces that act as focal points, I think, have a far greater impact and dramatic effect than a host of ornaments; - that can, ultimately, turn your precious little garden into the next bric-a-brack sale or junk yard!

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now proposed to be retained and completed to the previously permitted scheme, to provide a change of (two-storey detached) house type to incorporate internal reconfiguration of rooms and minor alterations to all elevations including new windows and 1 no. balcony over entrance to North / West facing elevation. Provision of all associated site development works. All on a site measuring 0.06 ha.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1505

Decision: Request Add. Info. **Date:** 21-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: M Wright, D Kelly & J Kelly, 31, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Retention of works to 31 Castle Street, Dalkey (a protected structure) including 1. provision of basement 42.5m.sq incl. patrons toilets and ancillary staff facilities, 2. retention of existing roof to 31 Castle Street facing laneway, 3. omission of 1 no. double door to laneway at Ground Floor level, 4. retention of hip and parapet to main roof to southern boundary at First Floor level, 5. retention of as built external wall at first floor to south elevation to provide 3m separation from first floor to southern boundary, 6. retention of 3 no. velux roof lights to first floor roof, 7. retention of kitchen 29.5m.sq to First Floor and minor internal alterations to approved plans Ref D03A/1163 and An Bord Pleanala decision PL 06D.207051. **Applic. Type** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0720

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 3-Jan-2008

Applicant Name & Location: Niall Keogh, 1, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: The demolition of the existing dwelling on the site and the construction of 3 no. two storey dwellings, 1 no. 3 bed detached house (No.1A) & 2 No. 3 bed semi-detached houses (No. 1B & 1C) and for all boundary walls, fences and gates, hard and soft landscaping, all site services above and below ground and for 1 no. new vehicular entrance from Ardrugh Road to House No. 1B.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1507

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 3-Jan-2008

Applicant Name & Location: Monzio Limited, 36,37,38, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Mixed use development on lands at 36, 37, 38 Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Nos. 36 & 37 Castle Street are currently occupied by Eurospar and No. 38 Castle Street is occupied by Gemma's Newsagents at ground floor levels, with ancillary office and storage accommodation above. The development will consist of the demolition of an existing lower and upper ground floor rear extension at Nos. 36 & 37 Castle Street and the excavation of the existing rear car park of numbers 36 & 37 Castle Street for the installation of a basement extension to the existing Eurospar. It is also proposed to extend the existing Eurospar over the ground floor area of storey over basement rear extension which will include a ground floor retail unit. Also proposed are 2 no. office units at first floor level and 4 no. duplex apartments at first, second and third floor levels consisting of 2 no. 2 bed units and 2 no. 3 bed units. The proposed development further consists of a reconfiguration of the existing car parking arrangements to the rear of nos. 36, 37 & 38 Castle Street including the erection of a single storey service building containing delivery lift and fire escape and all associated site and landscaping works. Revised signage is proposed for the front elevation of the existing buildings at nos. 36, 37 & 38 Castle Street, no other changes to this elevation are proposed. The development is located within the Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area and contains a protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1524

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 2-Jan-2008

Applicant Name & Location: Declan O'Donovan, White Cottage, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Comprising amendments to previously approved Planning Permission (Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Register Reference Number D05A/0323). The proposed alterations to the building comprising i) demolition of existing single storey extension (38 sq.m) to the south-east corner of the dwelling and construction of a two storey (77 sq.m) extension, to provide additional habitable accommodation ii) construction of a 30 sq.m single storey conservatory to the north-east side of existing dwelling iii) an increase in ridge height of 300 mm to previously approved extension (fronting Nerano Road).

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1529

Date: 8-Jan-2008

Applicant Name & Location: Noel & Valerie Quirke, 4, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Two bedroom dormer bungalow. New entrance and associated site works. Height to ridge over ground level is 7.8 metres. Two no off street parking bays. Development to side of house.

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Reg Ref: D07B/0552

Reg. Date: 19-Jun '07

Location: Villa Maria, Sorrento Hgts., Dalkey.

Development: Permission is sought for development consisting of an addition to the currently permitted domestic extension (Reg Ref D05B/0379) of a study at 2nd floor level, with associated alterations to the front & rear elevations, & the raising of the 2nd floor parapets and party wall to match the level of the adjoining property.

Council Decision: Grant Perm. Appeal Lodged: 8-Nov '07. Appeal against Grant of Permission. 3rd Par. Appeal.

to the school from Castlelands for temporary construction access; the provision of 41 no. basement car parking spaces and 34 no. surface car parking spaces and all associated infrastructure and site development works including internal roads, bin storage and bicycle parking areas, landscaping including the provision of open space and boundary treatments. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1259 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 12-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Paddy Byrne, Santa Maria, Cunningham Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure).

Proposal: Minor conversion works to the interior and exterior of 'Santa Maria', the dropping of cill at window to the rear of house at the lower ground level to create a door entrance onto existing external courtyard, the removal of wall to underside of access balcony to garden to connect both courtyards, the removal of a non-original flat roof single storey structure to construct a single storey extension with an area of 12.5 sqm to the rear of the house with access onto the courtyard, the replacement of an existing conservatory also situated at the lower ground level between the main house and the coach house with a partially glazed double height extension with internal mezzanine floor with an area of 54 sqm, and the proposed separation of the coach house to provide an independent dwelling with shared vehicular entrance to front of house onto Cunningham Road as currently existing. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1462 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 11-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Vincent Finnegan, 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Demolition of single storey garage and the construction of a two storey over garden level 4 bedroom detached house comprising three levels of accommodation (177.5 sq.m) the widening of the existing access to 3.5 m, new entrance gates and new boundary walls to both sides at the proposed house, new 3.5 m wide access at the existing house and all associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1464 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 11-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Brennan, 5, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: single storey domestic extension to the side entrance canopy; widened and raised vehicular entrance gates and piers; alterations and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1549 **Decision:** Declare Invalid (Site Notice) **Date:** 12-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. J. Hefferon, 20/21, St. Patrick's Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: For an extension of the development including; an additional floor with office use with mansard roof over existing 2 storey, 2 block office building with 7 no. dormers to front, with windows facing courtyard and rooflights. New roof lights to rear elevation of building at first floor roof level. Extend existing staircase to new second floor enclosed with glass and metal roof. New roof terrace on top of existing ground floor roof connected to staircase.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0870 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 10-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Aviv Quinn, 49, Saint Begnets Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: 1) Demolition of existing single storey shed, boiler house and lean-to kitchen extension to rear, 2) Construction of new 2 storey pitched roof extension to side and rear with roof lights to western slope and installation of solar panels to eastern slope at rear, 3) Installation of solar panels to front and new roof lights to rear slope of existing roof, 4) Formation of new window opening at ground floor to side of existing building, 5) Consequential internal alterations &, 6) Associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0896 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 13-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Ian & Fiona Robertson, Juverna, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Raising walls and roof of rear first floor bedroom to create attic store room. Alteration of existing stairway to roof garden for entrance to proposed store room.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1489 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 18-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Fergal Murray & Darina Heavey, Woodbank, Saval Park Rd., Dalkey

Proposal: Replacement of existing house at 'Woodbank' with a detached dwelling house. This includes the demolition of the existing structure and construction of a two storey dwelling house with attic living space and includes driveways, landscaping and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1499 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 18-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Amanda & Donal Coyle, 3, Marley House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention and completion of development to previously approved scheme Reg. Ref. D06A/1690. The proposed works for retention and completion are generally in response to Condition 3 of Reg. Ref. D06A/1690 imposed by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, which required alterations to the design of the house. The proposed development is in accordance with the intentions of condition 3, however minor modifications are

that most of our birds seem to have a particular fondness for eating red and black berries rather than other colours? Someone told me recently, on inquiring, that these are the colours in a bird's visual spectrum that stand out best against green leaves and foliage. On that note, my husband squealed with delight, one day last week and shouted at me to come quickly to our kitchen window. There, perched on one of our Portuguese Laurels, was a magnificent goldfinch (14 cm long, burgundy red face, yellow on his wings and tail) eating insistently the black Niger seeds (cost 2.50 per bag from The Dalkey Pet Shop) in one of our bird feeders. It was an absolutely thrilling sight and I think, every day since I have spotted two goldfinches (I wonder, are they 'partners'?) My husband said that he has not seen these birds since he was a little boy in Wales. So, go on, forget that second pint or creamy cup of coffee and go out and treat yourself to a bird feeder: - there is a special type of bird feeder that holds Niger seed, so make sure to ask for it and then your 'very good value' bag of black Niger seed, which should last a long time as the seed is so fine. It may take a month or so before these birds decide to trust you and your surroundings. Yesterday, I bought a bag of meal worms. They are freeze dried. Meal worms attract blue tits, great tits, blackbirds, wrens, robins and thrushes. I've just been reading on its packet that these meal worms can be re-hydrated by soaking them in warm water for 15 minutes or until soft. My friend, Morlin also bought the same packet of meal worms. Her intention is to coax her robins to feed from her hand. We shan't hold our breath! I will let you know how she fares.

❖ **DALKEY CC LTD. ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION** ❖

10th & 11th November, 2007 – Our Lady's Hall, Dalkey

Guest-of-Honour: Mr. John Waters

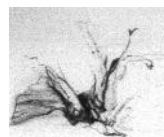
The Exhibition was opened on Friday, 10th November by Mr. John Waters, journalist, commentator and local resident. Opening the exhibition, he spoke about the paintings, the power of landscapes on our lives and how he came to live in Dalkey. He then stayed to mingle with the artists and guests among these was Ms. Mary Hanafin, T.D., Minister for Education & Science as well as An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan.

Ninety three paintings were exhibited and varied in both subject and style. Fourteen were sold. John Holland's wood turnings proved as popular as ever, many being bought for Christmas presents.

Many people came in to the exhibition over the two days, remarking on the high standard of the paintings exhibited.

I would like to thank all those who helped with all aspects of the Exhibition. All help is much appreciated and thanks also to the artists who allowed us to show their works; it's a pleasure to meet them every year.

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Reg. Ref.: D07A/1345 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 15-Nov-2007
Applicant Name & Location: M. Leahy & B. Breen, 4, Harbour Crescent, Harbour Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: For the construction of a two storey dwelling house and auxiliary works drainage and landscaping in the side garden of 4 Harbour Crescent.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1348 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 19-Nov-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Terry O' Brien & Catriona Lawlor, 4, Marlay House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Construction of two number dwelling houses to replace a single dwelling house granted under Planning Ref. No. D06A/1210 including ancillary works, drainage and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0836 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 20-Nov-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Teresa & Damien Coleman, 13, Hyde Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: For a first floor level extension to the rear to provide for a new two bedrooms with en-suites and all associated site development works to include internal amendments to ground and first floor level and 3 no. new velux windows.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0837 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 20-Nov-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Francis McGagh, 1, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: A three storey (new ground floor is one storey below existing ground floor) extension to the rear of existing dwelling. The extension will consist of a three bedrooms, balcony, corridor, toilet, extension to kitchen, en-suite, dressing room, office, utility and shower room.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0841 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21-Nov-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Shay O'Donoghue, Saint Marys, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Alterations to existing house and for two number extensions to front and changes to existing roofscape, including new dormers to side and rear and roof-light to hallway at front.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1380 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 26-Nov-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Justin Mac Innes, Montpelier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposal: The refurbishment and an extension to the existing house. The development of a total additional floor area of 60.5sq.M, will consist of the construction of a two storey extension to the side (west), the addition of a two/three storey extension to the existing return, (the ridge and eaves height are to match those of the existing front roof). The new works will also incorporate modifications to the east and west elevations of the return, the construction of a single storey extension to the west of the new return, the conservation and repositioning of the existing brick screen wall to the side of the house, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance and the reinstatement of the existing pedestrian entrance way fronting onto Ardeevin Road, the demolition of outbuildings to the rear yard, the forming of terraced gardens, general landscaping works and associated site development works on a site approx. 0.24 hectares.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1432 **Decision:** Request Add. Information **Date:** 3-Dec-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Tuskar Property Holdings Ltd., 57, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: A new boundary wall to a site at No. 57 Castlepark Road, Dalkey (Planning Reg. Ref. D04A/0464 as revised by Reg. Ref. D06A/0319). The new boundary wall is to be 900mm high, increasing to 1100mm high to rear of site and faced with granite with granite capping and hedging behind.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1439 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 3-Dec-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Iseult Hannon & Ronan Greany, 2, Mapas Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Reversion from existing use as Doctor's Surgery to Domestic Residence, construction of a two-storey extension to side and one-storey extension to rear at first-floor level, demolition of existing one-storey garage structure, various internal alterations and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1117 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 10-Dec-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Castlepark School Ltd., Castle Park School (A Protected Structure), Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: Permission is sought for 47 no. residential units on lands, measuring 1.5385 hectares. The development will comprise 10 no. 5 bedroom semi-detached houses in three storeys; 4 no. 4 bedroom semi-detached houses with garages in three storeys; 1 no. 4 bedroom detached house with garage in three storeys; 2 no. 1 bedroom; 2 no. 2 bedroom and 4 no. 2 bedroom apartments in a three storey over podium block; and 12 no. 2 bedroom and 12 no. 3 bedroom apartments in a four and five storey over podium block. The development will also provide for widening the existing school avenue from Castlepark Road to provide access to the proposed development and the school; the provision of new gates and railings along the existing avenue; and the use of the existing school entrance from Castlelands as an access for emergency vehicles only; the use of the existing gate

Proposal: Demolition of existing single & two storey 4 bedroom detached dwelling and the construction of a replacement two storey 5 bedroom detached dwelling with 2 no. balconies to the north elevation at first floor level and the widening and minor relocation of the existing vehicular access in an easterly direction (circa 1 m).

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1725

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Gerard Gasparro, 104a, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Alterations and extensions to front of existing 3-storey semi-detached dormer family dwelling to include new bay window/entrance canopy and 3-storey living/bathroom/dormer attic bedroom roof extension and widening of existing vehicular access.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0986

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Teresa & Damian Coleman, 13, Hyde Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: 1st floor level extension to the rear to provide for 1 bedroom with en-suite & all associated site development works. To include internal amendments to ground and 1st floor level & 5 no. new Velux windows.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0999

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: John & Elizabeth Simington, Forthill, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: The development will consist of the erection of railings on the wall to the boundary with Nerano Rd.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1726

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Foghlu Ltd, 115-116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Change of use at ground and first floor levels from a bar and restaurant at ground floor level to 2 no. retail units; and from a bar and restaurant at first level to 1 no. one bedroom and 1 no. two bedroom apartment. Planning permission is sought to extend existing building (two storey) by a single storey to accommodate 2 no two bedroom apartments with independent access by way of a two storey extension to eastern elevation (off Tubbermore Road) and a three storey extension to rear/northern elevation. The application includes interior modifications and changes to fenestration at ground and first floor levels, re-roofing of part of ground floor level and the inclusion of roof gardens at first floor level (to rear of property); the re-location of access to yard, and all ancillary works and services. This property is in a designated Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1735

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr J Hefferon, 20/21, Saint Patricks Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for an extension of the development including an additional floor with office use with mansard roof over existing 2 storey, 2 block office building with 7 no. dormers to front, with windows facing courtyard and rooflights. New rooflights to rear elevation of building at first floor roof level. Extend existing staircase to new second floor enclosed with glass and metal roof. New roof terrace on top of existing ground floor roof connected to staircase.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/1038

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Greg & Aoife McDowell, 42, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: (a) W.C. room (toilet & sink) in the attic. (b) A small window on ground floor to the dining area on the east facing elevation. (c) The most easterly window at 1st floor level on the south facing elevation, (d) The glazing to the single storey flat roof extension on ground floor level, (e) The omission of 2 no. rooflights to a single storey flat roof extension to rear. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention

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Reg. Ref.: D07A/1152

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 7- Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: P & J O'Loughlin, 57, Mapas Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey conservatory and existing detached garage to side and sub-division of existing site to provide for new two storey detached three bedroom dwelling over part basement storage space (total floor area 199sqm) with new vehicular access to side boundary and pedestrian access to front boundary and ancillary works to the side of this main location.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1319

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 9-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Corinne Giacometti, Moytura, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: A 2 storey house with new entrance gate on Saval Park Road.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1046

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 15-Nov-2007

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

Proposal: Permission is 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 to accommodate a new shared entrance.

DUBAI 1

Crazy, crazy country I am glad I went. Shop till you drop is the main attraction so you need lots of cash and energy. If shopping were an Olympic sport, Dubai would win the gold medal. The shopping is divided into huge shopping malls or souks which is a special market. The gold souk, the silver souk, an herb souk and on and on. Temptation all around especially if you have a credit card! Dubai is one of the United Arab Emirates. The rulers of the seven emirates are all descendants of the Sheik Maktoum family. They have gone to great lengths to ensure the local heritage and Bedouin traditions and skills still remain. The national dress for men is a white dishdasha and is worn with a headdress called ghutra and, of course, they fiddle with their prayer beads. The women wear black; some of the older women will wear a mask called a burkha. You are very conscious that it is a male city. We were at a barbeque and when we queued for the food we were divided, men on the right, women on the left and the men were served first. The official religion is Islam and mosques are just everywhere; the various other religions are tolerated, especially Christianity. We were very impressed with the packed Catholic, very well organised Mass. Mass times are 5.30. a.m., 7.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. and two Masses in the evening, Tea and coffee were served after Mass. There is no graffiti and practically no crime. If they offend a few times, they disappear (so our guide told us), drugs are not tolerated and drink driving is a 'no no'. We went on a cruise to the Dubai Creek, one glass of wine per person for our New Year Gala Dinner which was followed by a fireworks display to sing in the New Year. I never hugged so many Indians and Filipinos. We chatted with them and they were in Dubai simply to earn lots of money for their families at home. We also went on a desert safari and BBQ where we had one hour 'dune bashing' in four-wheel drives. It was total madness for our age group. All was forgiven when we tasted the sumptuous oriental buffet. A belly dancer and a henna lady to tattoo us. Our final day we went to lunch at the Burj Al Arab. It is the largest hotel in the world and has a coveted seven stars. We had to pay 120 in advance to book our lunch. Fifteen of our group had to go so I was lucky I had drawn the number. The building is all gold and glass. The floors are marble with matching carpets, gold and blue in colour. The restaurant reminded me of a beautiful art gallery. We were on the 27th floor with magnificent views of The Palms and The World, two more of the Emirates. The started was tiny pieces of cooked fish very glamourously presented. Then each person was assigned a chef who cooked the vegetables on the spot. The meat was already cooked. I just had about ten vegetables and roast eye of beef and then to the desserts. Sheer heavenly and artistically designed. Just mouthfuls, I sampled about seven - sheer gluttony, but yum! Coffee and water were an extra thirty-five Euro but it was all worth it.

Blathnaid MacGinty

MAST UPDATE

On January 10th An Bord Pleanála refused the erection of a 30 metre high replacement telecommunications mast on the grounds that:

The proposed development, by reason of its scale, location and design, would materially and adversely affect the character and setting of a protected structure, Dalkey Garda Station, and would detract from the visual amenity of the wider Dalkey area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all the residents who gave their support, feeling that Dalkey would pay too high a price in the name of technological progress. I would also like to thank members of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council whom we hope will support us again should new plans be submitted in the future.

Oliver McCabe

PLANNING APPLICATIONS Wks 45 – 2 5/11/07 to 11/1/08

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1529

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Noel & Valerie Quirke, 4, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Dublin.

Proposal: Two bedroom dormer bungalow. New entrance and associated site works. Height to ridge over ground level is 7.8 metres. Two no off street parking bays. Development to side of house.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1549

Application Rec'd Date: 9-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. J. Hefferon, 20/21, St. Patrick's Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: For an extension of the development including; an add. floor with office use with mansard roof over existing 2 storey, 2 block office building with 7 no. dormers to front, with windows facing courtyard & rooflights. New roof lights to rear elevation of building at 1st floor roof level. Extend existing staircase to new 2nd floor enclosed with glass & metal roof. New roof terrace on top of existing ground floor roof connected to staircase.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1117

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Aug-2007

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for 47 no. residential units on lands, measuring 1.5385 hectares. The development will comprise 10 no. 5 bedroom semi-detached houses in three storeys; 4 no. 4 bedroom semi-detached houses with garages in three storeys; 1 no. 4 bedroom detached house with garage in three storeys; 2 no. 1 bedroom; 2 no. 2 bedroom and 4 no. 2 bedroom apartments in a three storey over podium block; and 12 no. 2 bedroom and 12 no. 3 bedroom apartments in a four and five storey over podium block. The development will also provide for widening the existing school avenue from Castlepark Road to provide access to the proposed development and the school; the provision of new gates and railings along the existing avenue; and the use of the existing school entrance from Castlelands as an access for emergency vehicles only; the use of the existing gate to the school from Castlelands for temporary construction access; the provision of 41 no. basement car parking spaces and 34 no. surface car parking spaces and all associated infrastructure and site development works including internal roads, bin storage and bicycle parking areas, landscaping including the provision of open space and boundary treatments. A protected structure. Application Type: Permission. Add. Info: 13-Nov-2007.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1577

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Prof. and Mrs. M. Gilchrist, 1, Seaford Terrace, Coliemore, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission sought to demolish, extend and restore existing semi-detached dwelling (protected structure) extending at 3 storeys to the rear providing a total of 4 bedrooms and north-facing balcony / terrace together with internal reconfiguration to existing structure including new walls, stairs, blocking up gable windows and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1578

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Henry Farrell, Rear of Sorrento House, Nerano Road, Dalkey. (fronting onto Green Road).

Proposal: Construction of 1 no. two storey four bedroom detached dwelling house of 321sq.m that will also be part single storey including the provision of a terrace to the north-east elevation. A new vehicular and pedestrian access will be created, as well as maintaining of existing pedestrian access, to serve the dwelling off Green Road. Permission is also sought for all excavation of site; roof lights at ground and first floor level; and all ancillary site development and landscape works at this site fronting onto Green Road.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0931

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Finola O'Neill, Grianan, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Conversion of attic space in existing bungalow to family flat.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1259

Application Rec'd Date: 03-Sep-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Paddy Byrne, Santa Maria, Cunningham Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Minor conversion works to the interior and exterior of 'Santa Maria', the dropping of cill at window to the rear of house at the lower ground level to create a door entrance onto existing external courtyard, the removal of wall to underside of access balcony to garden to connect both courtyards, the removal of a non-original flat roof single storey structure to construct a single storey extension with an area of 12.5 sqm to the rear of the house with access onto the courtyard, the replacement of an existing conservatory also situated at the lower ground level between the main house and the coach house with a partially glazed double height extension with internal mezzanine floor with an area of 54 sqm, and the proposed separation of the coach house to provide an independent dwelling with shared vehicular entrance to front of house onto Cunningham Road as currently existing. A protected structure. Additional Information: 19-Nov-2007.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1602

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Sean MacNaBheatha, 7, Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: The development consists of demolition of the existing single storey side extension, front conservatory, front and side boundary walls and construction of an extension and alterations to the existing house, new garden shed, new vehicular entrance and driveway to the front, new front and side boundary walls, entrance piers and ancillary site works. The extension to the side is two storey with a pitched roof with areas of single storey construction to the front, side and rear. Also proposed are roof lights and solar panels to the front and external insulation to the rear and side of the existing house.

Applicant Name & Location: Corinne Giacometti, Moytura, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: A dormer bungalow with a new entrance gate on Saval Park Road.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0949

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Nov-2007

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

Proposal: Insertion of 2 windows to front elevation at ground floor level.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1636

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: D. & E. Coulson, The Mews, Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Ave., Dalkey.

Proposal: Extensions to and remodelling of The mews comprising (a) new first floor extension with pitched roof including 3 no. velux rooflights to rear and 1 no. velux rooflight to front internal slope of rear roof (b) screened first floor terrace to front facing Barnhill Avenue (c) single storey bathroom extension to rear (d) alterations to fenestration to front, side and rear elevations (e) new chimney to front/side elevation (f) new pitched canopy roof to side at ground floor level (g) new boundary walls, vehicular entrance and piers to Barnhill Avenue and all other associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0963

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Nov-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Hugh O'Donnell, Knocknacree House, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: The development will consist of proposed single storey domestic extension to the side and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0720

Application Rec'd Date: 29-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Niall Keogh, 1, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: The demolition of the existing dwelling on the site and the construction of 3 no. two storey dwellings, 1 no. 3 bed detached house (No.1A) & 2 No. 3 bed semi-detached houses (No. 1B & 1C) and for all boundary walls, fences and gates, hard and soft landscaping, all site services above and below ground and for 1 no. new vehicular entrance from Ardbrugh Road to House No. 1B. Applic. Type: Permission. Add. Info.: 4-Dec-2007.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0788

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Jun-2007

Applicant Name & Location: P. Totterdell, 75, Begnets Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: The development will consist of single storey porch to front of dwelling, single storey 'family flat' to side of dwelling, single storey sunroom to rear of dwelling. New first floor bathroom window to side of dwelling. Relocated driveway entrance and associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission. Additional Information: 7-Dec-2007

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1649

Application Rec'd Date: 03-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Dr. Hugh Byrne & Pamela Byrne, 3 & 5, Ulverton Place, Dalkey.

Proposal: The change of use of an existing first floor residential apartment to a medical / dental surgery at No.3 Ulverton Place, Dalkey, including internal alterations and provision of a new internal stair case to be linked to the existing medical/dental surgery situated at ground floor level.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1674

Application Rec'd Date: 07-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: AIB Bank PLC. AIB Bank, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: A single storey extension to the rear of the bank premises (Protected Structure).

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1683

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Clarity Developments, 9, Mapas Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: (a) Demolition of 1 No. existing 2 storey habitable 5-bed house (approx. 232 sq.m); (b) Construction of 2 no. 3 storey semi detached houses of 140 sq.m each and 1 no. 3 storey detached house of 174 sq.m, all of them with 1 No. velux window to the front elevation roof and associated garage to ground floor level and off street parking. (c) With individual vehicular access onto Mapas Road; and (d) Landscaping and all other ancillary site works. The proposed development is on a 605 sq.m site.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1702

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Dec-2007

Applicant Name & Location: P.J. Gallagher, Old Rock, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.