



# DALKEY - Deilginis 'Thorn Island' COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Irish Heritage Town

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**July:** *Named for Julius Caesar born 12 July 100BC by Mark Anthony.*

*Flower: Water Lily*



## ❖ SUMMARY OF DCC MONTHLY MEETING – 2nd JUNE 2009 ❖

The monthly meeting of the Community Council was held on 2nd June; the treasurer informed the meeting that the annual collection was running slightly below last years figures for the same period.

There has been considerable local interest and widespread opposition to a planning application that proposes to allow vehicles along part of the pedestrian right of way between Knocknaree Rd and Torca Rd. We have similar concerns which we have voiced to the DLRCC planning department.

There have been several complaints about bushes overhanging the footpaths around Dalkey; residents are advised to cut these back in the interest of public safety.

Concerns were expressed that several of the bins in the Castle Street area were often overflowing with rubbish and appear to be missed by the refuse collection service; we will contact DLRCC to try to resolve the problem.

They say  
"If the cap fits wear it."  
Thank goodness I don't  
have a vote!

### GARDEN OUTING

#### The Community Council's ANNUAL GARDEN OUTING

will take place on  
**29th July 2009.**

Those interested should please  
keep an eye on the Council's  
Notice Board in Our Lady's Hall.



## DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE LAUNCHES NEW DVD!



*Bernard Farrell*

### DISCOVER DALKEY .... A Stroll through the Centuries

The new twelve minute DVD was launched by playwright Bernard Farrell on Wednesday 27th May in the Heritage Centre. A large crowd attended and the event got good publicity in the social diaries. The DVD graphically chronicles Dalkey's history from earliest times on Dalkey Island to the present day. If you ever wondered what the Island looked like in early Christian times, where the seven medieval castles were or what Castle Street looked like in days gone by, this will give you your answer. The DVD is a 'must have' item in every local household. It will also make an ideal present to send to those from the area who are living away. The assistance of the DLR Accessibility Officer and the NDS of DOEHLG is greatly appreciated in bringing this

project to fruition. Copies of the DVD are available to buy in the Heritage Centre and are on a Special Offer Introductory price of 15.99 for the month of July.

**Living History Live Performances** from Deilig Inis Living History Theatre Company continue every half hour with the Coin Minter, Barber Surgeon, Archer and Medieval Cook. The Coin Minter is proving popular in these recessionary times! Sitric the Viking will show you how to mint your own coins. The story line is based on the hoard of Viking coins from the 900s found in Dalkey in the 1830s, now in the British Museum.

**The Live Performance** every half hour is given by costumed characters, portraying Dalkey's Viking and Medieval past. You can marvel at the extraordinary skill of the medieval Archer with his long bow and selection of deadly arrow heads. Smack your lips to the Cook's description of the evening's feast and barely resist scratching due her vivid description of living conditions of the time. Last but not least- painful- the travelling Barber-Surgeon will offer to trim your hair and your beard; tempt you to a blood letting, amputation and more....all in character and in engaging good fun!

### Enjoy the Fun of 'The Medieval Experience'! Great Family Fun Day out!

After the performance you can climb to the battlements for panoramic views of surrounding sea and mountains. Later you can enjoy the tranquillity of the 10th Century Church and Graveyard dedicated to St Begnet and read the local literary connections in the Writers' Gallery.

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## MY GARDEN – Philippa Thomas



What absolutely super colour, texture and variety of planting at the entrance to Dalkey Quarry and also that little enclave of burst of colour on the petrol station side of Ulverton Road. Again, all our Dalkey planters have been painted and beautifully prepared with fresh soil and appropriate planting. Let's watch and admire their progress. They should, as usual, be spectacular by mid July/August, as they definitely were last year.



My little cherub, 'Precious', (a King Charles Ruby) now ten months definitely has worked out how to upset me! He seems to sense what I value, so today he ate one of my smaller aloe vera

plants on his way out to our back garden where he then whirled his way through our little herbaceous border, beheaded several Alliums in their priceless burst of beauty and then tore his way through one of our prize large-leaved tropical plants. Having said all this, he is worth it and by tomorrow, our Dalkey weathering agents will have taken care of his crazy outburst and all will appear as normal again: energised by our spasmodic rainfalls and general outbursts of sunshine!

Would you believe it all this raging and scampering about was to chase a large bumble bee that he spotted initially drinking nectar from our giant Forget-Me-Nots (*Myosotidium Hortensia*).



*Two of our remaining beauties, - Alliums liliaceae. There is a genus of bulbous plants with 280 species*

The 'Cup and Saucer' climber. I have grown this from seed several times. It is a superb climber and literally zooms its way wherever you give it the opportunity. It is self-clinging, so doesn't need tying in. It's a beautiful bell-shaped flowers appear in late July and will continue right through to November, perhaps even December, in a sheltered spot. Its



bell-shaped flowers are really large and there is also a white form, 'Alba'; it generally spreads approximately 3 metres. It has over-wintered for us, successfully, for several years.

### **TIPS – Watch and Grow!**

It's almost magical watching a plant burst into life in front of your eyes and it's a brilliant way of getting children 'hooked' on growing things. All you need is a plastic bottle and plants that will root easily in water. This way, you can all watch them root before your eyes. Mint roots in weeks, Fuchsias, Willow and Busy Lizzies are also good candidates. House plants such as Spider Plants, Wandering Jew can also be propagated in this way. Take new shoots from this season's growth. Remove the bottom leaves and keep two or three pairs at the top. Place in your water-filled bottle and don't let the water level drop. Take a few cuttings of one type and you'll soon have enough to share with friends.

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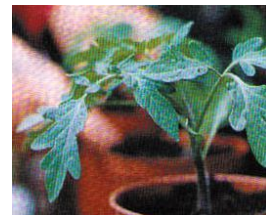


On the note of our treasured Dalkey children, I think one of the best ways to get them into a garden is to build them a den and give them a space they can call ‘their own.’ Plant around it in order to make it private for them. You can choose robust plants that they can run through and brush against such as Phormiums, etc.

If you want to extend the height of your seed trays for seedlings that have long roots, put the inside cardboard tubes from ‘loo’ rolls into the seed tray and fill with compost. Sew your seeds into the cardboard rolls. You can plant the cardboard tubes directly into the ground to avoid root disturbance. This is particularly suitable for Sweet Pea, Sunflowers and any



plant with a long root system.



*‘Wow! How well worth it that little bit of effort is!!’*

Most herbs can be chopped and then frozen in ice cube trays, topped up with water. Parsley, chervil, dill, chives and any soft-leaved herbs are good preserved this way.

If the mood hits you, you could try dropping the frozen cubes into soups, stews and sauces. Borage flowers and the smaller varieties of mint leaves look great in summer drinks.

*P.S. Regarding our tap drinking water test results, these will be published in a future article.*



## ❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS JUNE 2009 REPORT ❖

Our entry for the National Tidy Towns has been submitted and judging can be anytime until 1st September. We have also entered the DLRCC Tidy Districts competition so please help us to give our town a good image for residents, visitors and adjudicators. Committee members and volunteers are litter patrolling 3 times a week.

Congratulations to Harold Boys and Loreto Junior Schools who have recently raised Green Flags. The pupils and staff enthusiasm towards helping the environment is admirable.

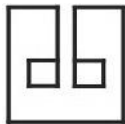
### SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR LITTER PATROLS

Tuesdays	meeting at 10.30	at Select Stores to cover central Dalkey
Thursdays	meeting at 11.00	at Dillon’s Park, Coliemore Road
Saturdays	meeting at 10.30	at the Select Stores car park

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Thank you.

**June Barnett, DTT.**



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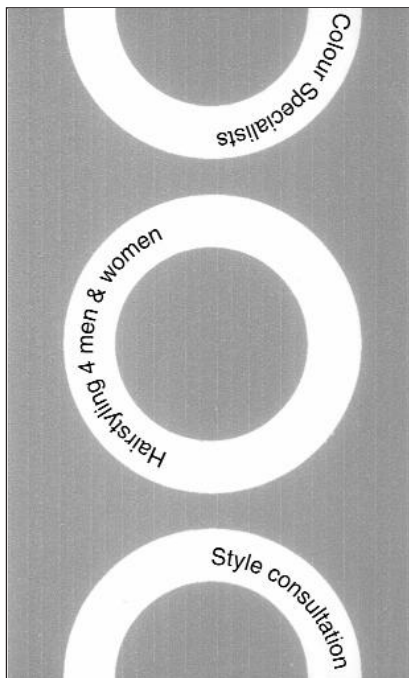
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**“IARNROD ÉIREANN - 20 YEARS OF PROGRESS”** by Tom Ferris,  
published by Ian Allan Publishing.

In 1987 C.I.E ceased being a public transport operator and became the holding company for Dublin Bus, Bus Eireann and Iarnrod Eireann which took over the Dublin City bus service, long distance bus service and rail operations respectively and this particularly excellent photobook recalls the first 20 years of Iarnrod Éireann in 80 pages of pictures showing the various types locomotives, liveries and rolling stock used during this time period. All the colour photographs are to the extremely high standard that is the hallmark of Ian Allan Publications and come complete with notes and dates. Its only when reads through this book that one sees wide range of locomotives and rolling stock, a lot of which has since withdrawn, used by the company in the first decade of it's operation. There are at least 3 photographs of trains in the Killiney area. All in all this is an excellent book for the railway enthusiast, railway historian and general reader.

**James Scannell**

## ❖ COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS ❖

Every year in January the Dalkey Urban District Council (1899 to 1930) held an annual election to fill one third of the seats on the Council with the electoral procedure being subject to the scrutiny of the Local Government Board (up to 1921). The alternate system was to hold an election for the entire Council every three years but in 1899 when Dalkey Township Commissioners became Dalkey Urban District Council following the passage of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the councillors opted to hold an annual election under which one third of the board would stand for election every year - term of office was three years.

In January 1905 Mr. A. M. Fullerton was elected to the Council but once the Local Government Board reviewed the election results it very quickly discovered that that there was a problem with his election. Fullerton was a civil servant employed in the Valuation Office and under the Civil Service regulations was prohibited from serving as an elected public representative.

Fullerton had two options - either resign from the Valuation Office or resign from the Council. The Council was advised of Fullerton's ineligibility to sit on it and given that his job was permanent and pensionable, Fullerton opted to withdraw from the Council with it deciding to co-opt Mr. Daniel Murphy, whom Fullerton had defeated by four votes, at their next meeting.

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## LOVE AFFAIR WITH NEW ZEALAND

As the month of May gallops to a halt, June, on the doorstep, just doesn't relate to winter - really can't get my head around it. It is still the time when one should be finishing up for yet another school year and looking forward to a long summer ahead - *helas!* we head into mid-winter with June 21st being our shortest day. We have mid-winter plunges in the sea, full roast turkey dinners to celebrate what it might feel like to have a cold, wintry Christmas and a score of the other mid-winter events to keep the brain and body active over the quieter, slower winter months. (Temperatures have been 14-19 Centigrade this past while but with quite a bit of rain which makes the whole picture damp. Yuk!).

It's been a good year so far. We started off in the beautiful Bay of Islands, up North with friends visiting from Perth. They were blown away with the beauty of New Zealand and we were blessed with fabulous weather which brought out the full splendour of this area.

Our most recent escapades during the Easter holidays took us first of all to Napier and Hastings on the East Coast, known for its long hours of sunshine and fine Art Deco style. We then headed deep into the centre of the North Island, via Lake Taupo which is quite spectacular as the largest lake in New Zealand. (I cycled the 160 km around it last November). Across the volcanic plateau; this area is the main ski field of North Island and with just a smattering of snow on top, we climbed the boulder-strewn slopes of Mount Ruapehu in beautiful clear mountain air. Really amazing. There are three active volcanoes that combine together to make the wonderful central volcanic plateau: Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. It is a fantastic melange of barren rock fields and native forest that provide amazing walks and picnic areas that are too good to leave! The kids grumbled from time to time, but got on with it and were happy enough in the end. However, they did give up at one point on Mount Ruapehu and sat down on fine flat rocks until David and I returned from our trek to higher ground. The sun shone for most of our visit which made ALL the difference. The ski centre officially opens on June 20th - but compared to skiing in Europe this looked so dangerous and challenging - so we'll give it a go July time.

We ventured on down the Wanganui River and up to the region of Taranaki where we travelled on some beautiful scenic roads climbing through rain forests and high up into the subalpine zone of Mount Egmont. It was incredible to go from rainforest area, so typical of New Zealand with twisted, moss-covered trunks to stark alpine environment, where the trees suddenly stop growing and it becomes a cloud forest leading up to the steep beauty of Mount Taranaki. This is also a ski resort, not very commercial and only for the extremely committed skier as the climb to the ski lifts and Ski Lodge is a challenge and a half. We did it without snow or skis and it was a heck of a climb. It is a cluster of dormant volcanic cones with the peak known as Mount Egmont. It last erupted in 1755! It all makes amazing outdoor entertainment and changes rapidly; however, we did not make the summit of 2,515m that day! Next time we visited friends living not far away from this very picturesque landscape, near a small town called Stratford, named after Shakespeare's birthplace (I'm not too sure why, mind you!) They run a sheep farm in the hills not far from the town and the children get to run wild and free for a few days. They didn't want to leave - maybe there is a message there with their feeling of 'attachment' to the land!!

We hit the 'Hidden Highway' for our return to Auckland; again, an area we had not yet discovered - kilometres of rolling hills, winding rivers and the odd old hidden farmstead or old wooden shed rotting as time almost stands still. We drove along kms of loose gravel roads as the tar-seal has not managed to get this far!! It is incredible how 'untouched' this land appears in parts - like getting back to Nature and a step back in time.

Auckland is so built-up like any city but to feel so quickly enveloped in houses, schools,

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octopus-like road junctions, commercial centres, and more, made me want to ‘get out’ again. But, then we amble out to our little suburb of Mellons Bay by the sea where life takes on a simple pace and the city lights don’t annoy us too much, we relax into our sea views and easy walking distance to the village and schools. We admire the bush across the road and relish in the fact that nothing is too far away.....and pick up just where we left off. But still, it’s not feeling like home just yet.....

New Zealand is a beautiful country and has lots to offer in the great outdoors and other parts; however, we carry on with our simple lifestyle like all the rest of you: work, school, activities, fun and leisure- just in a different place. It seems so FAR away from all the places and people I’d love to see and visit in the coming months and that is when the ‘love affair’ begins to falter a bit, i.e. 30+ hours to most European destinations which is a bit too long for a weekend! Oh, to hop on that train from Belfast to Dublin for a ‘day out’ or hop over to Paris for a taste of the ‘je ne sais quoi’: make the most of it as it really is on your doorstep!

**Hilary Dixon**

*Hilary is a former resident of Dalkey now based temporarily in New Zealand*

### **DALKEY HILL by ALVA WALSHE – Aged 10**

The wind blew hard against cementless stone walls,  
“Welcome, welcome” the whispering wind calls.  
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**Blueberries** – Small, very dark blue berry. Originally wild but they are now grown commercially. Eaten raw with cream or made into pies, jams and preserves.

**Blackberry** – This nutritious black fruit decorates country hedgerows in late Summer and early Autumn. Blackberries are thought to aid infections of the mouth and throat. Good source of Vitamin C, Folate and Vitamin E. Eaten fresh they make a refreshing dessert

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1 egg white beaten



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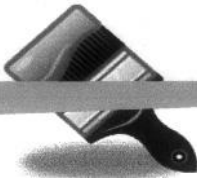
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## KILLINEY HILL

To other lands, to other skies,  
 With restless feet we stray,  
 While Erin stands with tearful eyes,  
 Inviting us to stay.  
 "Are not my hills and valleys fair,  
 "For thee to roam at will?"  
 "Has earth a picture to compare,  
 With sweet Killiney Hill?"

There proudly was I wont to climb,  
 For summers twenty-five,  
 And, gazing round me felt each time,  
 'Twas good to be alive,  
 God's bounty over sea and plain,  
 Would care and envy kill,  
 And all the ways of men seemed vain,  
 On fail Killiney Hill.

When Spring with rosy fingers dressed,  
 The trees in tender green,  
 'Twas bliss along the slope to rest,  
 To watch the living scene;  
 I've heard her stealing o'er the sod,  
 At eve when all is still,  
 More fragrant turf she never trod,  
 Than fair Killiney Hill.

When Summer held the sultry air,  
 Mid Glenageary trees,  
 How glad was I to wander there,  
 To catch the evening breeze.

When Autumn brought the pensive mood,  
 I lingered in the chill,  
 To think of God and all things good,  
 On fair Killiney Hill.

Not Winter's weird, unwelcome blast,  
 Could turn my steps away,  
 Watching the rain-clouds as they passed,  
 Across the mountains grey.  
 Each changing season of the year,  
 With fresh delight could thrill,  
 To make remembrance yet more dear  
 Of fair Killiney Hill.

But passing are the joys of earth,  
 As all our lives we prove,  
 And tears too often wait on mirth,  
 And loss aye shadows love;  
 Now cast upon distant shore,  
 Dim fears my bosom fill,  
 That seldom may I visit more,  
 My own Killiney Hill.

S.S. Mc.Curry

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED Wks 20-23 11/5/09 - 5/6/09

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0330

**Application Rec'd Date:** 12-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mr & Mrs Shane & Sheelagh O'Neill, San Elmo Lodge, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for proposed two storeys extension to existing dwelling incorporating all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0331

**Application Rec'd Date:** 12-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Marie Conlon, Ardbrough Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for on a 0.2165 hectare site for 3 no. dwelling houses consisting of House Type A, to be located on the southern portion of the site nearest Ardbrough Road comprising a 6 bedroom, three storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 478.3 sq.m. House Type B, located in the centre of the subject site, comprising a 5 bedroom, three - storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 344.2 sq.m, House Type C, located on the northern portion of the site comprising a 5 bedroom, three - storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 344.2 sq.m. The houses are set within the contours of the site with only House Type A visible from street level at Ardbrough Road. Each house has a north - facing terrace / balcony at ground floor level. Each house is served by 2 no. car parking spaces and connected via an internal driveway to a shared vehicular and pedestrian entrance to be created from Ardbrough Road. The proposed development includes all site development works, services, landscaping and boundary treatments.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0207

**Application Rec'd Date:** 14-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Fionn Comerford & Ann Marie Casey, 14, St Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought to construct a two storey extension to the rear & side of the dwelling house, relocation of the cross-over and adaptations to the front boundary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Application Rec'd Date:** 25-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Prof. & Mrs. Gilchrist, 1, Seafield Tce, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0221

**Application Rec'd Date:** 25-May-2009

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

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for alterations and extensions to Rossgannon comprising ground floor extensions to rear and attic conversion and extension of total area 57sq.m including



associated alterations to roof configuration and internal alterations and the provision of roof-lights to front & sides.

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

**Application Rec'd Date:** 05-Jun-2009

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

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

**Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0160

**Application Rec'd Date:** 04-Mar-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Clarity Developments. Ltd., Site at, 9, Mapas Road, Dalkey

**Proposal:** Part demolition of the western side of the existing house (comprising garage, Wc and staircase) and refurbishment and extension at first floor level of said house (including internal revisions and construction of new external wall); and construction of one new 4-bedroom detached house of approx. 163sqm with individual new vehicular access onto Mapas road and off-street parking; all landscaping and ancillary site development works. All on a site of approx 0.06 ha.

**Application Type:** Permission. Additional Information: 4-Jun-2009.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0236

**Application Rec'd Date:** 04-Jun-2009

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

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

## PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 20-23 11/5/2009 - 5/6/2009

**Ref.:** D08A/1146

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 14-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Hilarie Geary, 11, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** 1) The demolition of the single storey extension to the rear of the existing 3 storey terraced house. 2) The construction of a new single storey flat roof extension with roof lights to the rear. 3) Ancillary site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/1392

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 14-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Dominic Galvin, 66, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing garage to side gable of 66 Ulverton Road, construction of new five bedroom, three storey split level detached dwelling with balcony to rear; existing vehicle entrance extended to accommodate 2 no. car parking spaces. To include all hard and soft landscaping and associated site works.

**Date:** 14-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Enda Kearns, 9, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for 1) construct a single storey extension (approx. 16.5 m2) with pitched roof and 2 no. velux roof-lights to rear of dwelling 2) single storey extension with pitched roof to front of dwelling; 3) conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation with first floor extension above, 4) attic conversion with 1 no. dormer and 1 no. velux to rear, 2 no. velux to front and 1 no. velux to side of dwelling and 5) widening of front entrance from approx. 2.5 m to 3 m in width. The development will also include alterations to the internal layout & associated site development works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0072

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 14-May-2009

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Suzanne & Vincent Finnegan, 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** The demolition of the single storey garage and two storey house and the construction of two, two-storey, 4 bedroom, semi-detached houses House 1: 193sq.m, House 2: 182sq.m, the widening of the existing access to 3.5m and new 3.5m wide access, both with entrance gates and piers, new boundary walls to both sides and between front and rear gardens of proposed houses, and all associated works.

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

**Decision:** Request Add Info

**Date:** 11-May-2009

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

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

- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0204      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 15-May-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mr. Sean McConnon, 2, Carysfort Drive, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission sought for switching of pedestrian and vehicular entrances to front boundary, internal modifications, construction of new single storey extension to side with side gate, modifications to existing roof including part removal, demolition of chimney stack and provision of roof lights to East, South and West elevations and extension to rear with modifications to return roof
- Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0107      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 12-May-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** J. Walker. Ard Na Greine, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Development of the attic floor of house for non-habitable accommodation incorporating 3 no. roof lights to the front, 3 no. roof-lights to the rear and 1 no. circular window in the east gable wall.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0114      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 14-May-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Garrett Hughes & Christine Cullen, Raglan, 13a, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a first floor extension to side over existing single storey utility room, porch and bay window extension with alteration to existing windows at first floor level to front and ancillary works.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0221      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 20-May-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** U. Walsh, 6, Corrig Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Revisions to previously approved (D07A/0119) works, to provide the following: (1) two front bay windows (4sq.m). (2) A parapet to the roof at corrig road. (3) A pitched roof over the proposed garage conversion. (4) An additional rear ground floor bedroom and bathroom extension (6sq.m).
- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0228      **Decision:** Request Add. Info.      **Date:** 20-May-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Dermot Duffy, The Coach House, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Retention permission sought for random rubble wall 2000mm high including Pedestrian gate 900mm wide on the front site boundary to Dalkey Avenue with 1200mm wide footpath outside boundary wall to Dalkey Avenue. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0146      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 20-May-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mr Declan Doyle, 34, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Permission is being sought for a single storey kitchen extension and patio to rear.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0237      **Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Date:** 28-May-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Marie Conlon, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development on a 2.16 hectare site at Ardrugh Road, Dalkey. The development will consist of the construction of 12 no. two bedroom apartments contained within a single four storey building which also includes a private gym, communal storage areas, plant room, circulation areas including a lift, and balconies and terraces associated with each apartment. The apartment building will follow the contour of the hill will all 4 storeys below street level (being four storeys along its northern elevation). The building ranges in height from 3.6 m to the street (including roof garden fencing) to 13.4 m along its northern elevation. The development also includes a separate cycle and bin storage building with lift access. The gross floor area of the proposed development is 1,291 sq.m. The development will be served by 18 no. car parking spaces located at street level with a shared vehicular and pedestrian entrance to be created from Ardrugh Road. The proposed development includes all site development works, landscaping (including the provision of a roof garden and private open space), and boundary treatments.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0133      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 28-May-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Derek Spiller, 44, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Planning permission is being sought to install a velux roof window to the front roof slope.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0221      **Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid      **Date:** 4-Jun-2009  
**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** P. Crosbie & D. Simpson, Rossgannon, 49, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for alterations and extensions to Rossgannon comprising ground floor extensions to rear and attic conversion and extension of total area 57sq.m including associated alterations to roof configuration and internal alterations and the provision of rooflights to front & sides.

**APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala Wks. 20-2311/5/09 to 5/6/09****Reg Ref:** D09A/0072**Reg. Date:** 3-Feb-2009**Location:** 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Development:** The demolition of the single storey garage and two storey house and the construction of two, two-storey, 4 bedroom, semi-detached houses House 1: 193sq.m, House 2: 182sq.m, the widening of the existing access to 3.5m and new 3.5m wide access, both with entrance gates and piers, new boundary walls to both sides and between front and rear gardens of proposed houses, and all associated works. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 3-Jun-'09. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party.

**APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wks. 20-23 11/5/09 to 5/6/09****Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0992. **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Decided:** 8-May-'09**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** 23, Whites Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposed Development:** The demolition of an existing 9sq.m single storey rear extension; the construction of a 45sq.m extension to the rear, consisting of 30.5sq.m at ground floor level and 14.5sq.m at first floor level; construction of a 5sq.m private internal courtyard at first floor level; elevation changes to the north and west elevations; and a new vehicular access off Whites Villas, all on a site of 176sq.m. **Applicant:** David Murphy.

**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0688. **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Decided:** 12-May-'09.**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** 7, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposed Development:** Two storey extension to the side, the extension of the first floor creating a larger two storey-return to the rear and for the creation of a terrace to the front garden with new retaining and balustrade walls. **Applicant:** Anna and Niall Breslin.

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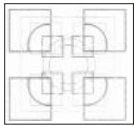
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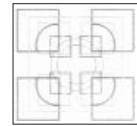
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



### ANCIENT DALKEY PEDESTRIAN RIGHT-OF-WAY MAY BE THREATENED

In glorious sunshine this morning, I met a very fit looking 92 year old local resident on the ancient right-of-way footpath which connects Knocknacree Road to Torca Road. If you have walked there you will recall seeing

the magnificent Eucalyptus trees on one side and the old ivy covered wall on the other. In places views over the wall extend to Sorrento Point and the sea below. Shaw's Cottage is at the southern entrance. The 92 year old walker mentioned that there is a planning application to change the use of this ancient public pathway for access by private vehicles to a new proposed development. He remembers walking along this pedestrian right-of-way as a child on his way to collect the milk from local Dalkey farmers!

A bird's eye view shows how fortunate we are in the Dalkey / Killiney area to have public access to some unique unspoiled pathways and walks over the hill. You can see the overgrown pathway running diagonally across the photo and the dense vegetation on both sides - Knocknacree Road to the right and Torca Road to the left. We all know that these pathways are priceless and once lost are gone forever. This narrow pathway can be seen in this photo and the surrounding mature trees and vegetation are a wonderful local amenity. It is used by hundreds of locals and visitors.

Many in the Dalkey / Killiney area may not be aware of this possible development. A pedestrian pathway converted to an access road for vehicles would have a profound impact on this wild parkland. Once opened, who knows what further developments might follow?

It would be nice to know that the children and grand children and great grand children of my fellow walker could get as much enjoyment from their public pathway as we got this morning.

Do you really value this ancient Dalkey public right-of-way? Do you want to see mature trees put at risk and the limited number of natural public walkways reduced even further? This is a public pedestrian right-of-way and has been so for endless generations. If you want to help secure its future, PLEASE send your message of support to this e-mail address. We are the Public. Let's see if we truly value this unique amenity. The volume of support messages will be a good measure of how much we care. DalkeyFootpath@gmail.com

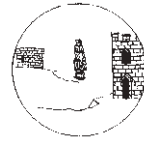
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We'd come down through the Monterey Pines in to the trees behind the car park when a clamour of alarmed bird calls caught our attention. I could see a male Blackbird perched on a branch, tail held aloft, evidently agitated while a Wren was firing out its machine gun like rapid call. I thought it might be a squirrel that had alarmed

them so trained the binoculars at the foliage. Almost instantly I found I was looking at two big yellow eyes whose large black pupils were staring back at me. A big feathered 'ear' tuft protruded through the leaves where an owl sat motionless. Although the ear tufts (they're not really ears just feathers) gave it a similar appearance to our most common owl, the Long eared owl, its huge bulk marked it out as, yes, him again, the Great Horned Owl. A family pet, there are posters pasted up on trees saying he had escaped again from his home in Ballybrack over a month before. A few years ago he had spent a few weeks around Dalkey making startling appearances on balconies, in back gardens, regularly at Castle Park School and on top of a garage in Hyde Road.

Although evidently well capable of surviving in the wild he was actually very approachable and you could stroke its feathers without causing it any distress. At the same time any owl should be treated with respect. Their talons are very powerful, capable in this bird's case of killing rabbits, and some species of owls are one of the few species of wild birds that will actually aggressively attack humans if they think their nest or chicks are in danger. The Ural Owl is probably the only bird in European bird field guides whose description has a warning to be very careful of it during the breeding season since if you get near its nest it may well attack, going for the eyes with those powerful talons. One of the most famous owl experts and photographer Eric Hosking lost his left eye when he was attacked by a tawny owl which gave the name to his autobiography *An Eye for a Bird*.

But we don't get Ural owls in Ireland, none of our native owls are known to be aggressive to people and this Great Horned Owl was apparently a much loved family pet who was very good with children but is now not so popular with the local birdlife. I hope he gets back home.

The last week in May found us in Poland on a birdwatching trip organised by the South Dublin Branch of Birdwatch Ireland who took a coachload of people around the east and northeast of Poland. Passing through lovely countryside, fields filled with wild flowers, towns and villages with wooden houses and neat gardens was like stepping back in time.

But what I found most impressive and very heartening was the miles and miles of forest we drove through. And they were forests, not like the commercial plantations of dark lifeless Sitka spruce that dominate so much of Wicklow in Poland the conifer woods had Scots Pines sparingly planted among native Oaks, Limes, Hornbeams and Birch with very little ground cover (I don't think we saw a single bramble for the whole trip) permitting extensive views through the trees and along the forest floor. But all the vast woods and forests paled into insignificance beside the Bialowie – a forest which crosses the Belarus border into North East Poland. This is the last remnants of a vast forest that once stretched across Europe many centuries ago and it is under very stringent protection with access to some of the oldest areas only



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permitted with a licensed guide. We had hired a official guide and he led us through the grounds of the old Czar's palace beautifully landscaped in classic English Capability Brown style with vistas of rolling meadows leading the eye through majestic trees, many of them hundreds of years old. The track to the protected area of forest led through a meadow of waist high wild flowers and grasses out of which the rasping calls of Corncrakes escorted us. We came to the enormous wooden gates and then we were in the forest.



The forest still supports a sizeable number of European Bison, wild boar, beaver, packs of wolves with at least 15 Lynx holding territory in the forest as well as pine marten, red squirrels, many other mammals and of course many species of birds including nine species of woodpecker and several species of owl ranging from the tiny Pygmy Owl to the formidable Eagle Owl.

It was a very calm day and not a breeze moved the leaves in the trees towering above us. The height of the tree canopy prevents much sunlight penetrating to the forest floor where only a small covering of early wild flowers grew. As you'd expect lots of huge oaks but some of the most impressive trees were huge lime trees literally twice as big as we'd ever see them here. The only conifers in this particular forest were native Norwegian Spruce and since the forests management plan includes no intervention in the natural development of the forest many of these trees have died, usually of natural causes or old age and stand bare of foliage, waiting to topple whenever their time comes. The dead trees provide lots of food and nest holes for woodpeckers and when they do fall they provide lots of nutrition to the forest floor and home to many species of insects.

As our guide commented, when and where the old trees fall is a constant source of speculation and a vested interest to him and the other guides since they walk under them most days. I did wonder about how the forest had fared during the Second World War but thought it a bit insensitive to ask but then the guide showed us a simple plaque which was between two graves whose borders were simply marked by interwoven branches. This was a memorial to local villagers who had been murdered by Nazis for supporting the resistance fighters who lived in the forest. But apart from that poignant moment the forest was a heartening place to visit and it was great to see such a value placed on the unique habitat.

Back to Ireland in the heat wave. Next morning we were up Killiney Hill, as lovely as anywhere in the warm sunshine! Unfortunately, like the heat brings flies to a barbecue, the heat brings drink parties to the hill and we came upon the remains of a marathon drinking session which ironically are nearly always held in the nicest parts of the wood as if they've planned to find the nicest place to desecrate. Cans, plastic cups, plastic bags, dozens of bottles, some shattered, strewn around the smouldering remains of a fire where cans and plastic bottles smouldered. We filled a discarded bin bag and three plastic bags with bottles, broken glass and cans before bags and time ran out.

Earlier that morning we had seen a much more positive sight. Three young ravens on top of the telegraph tower on Dalkey Hill, living proof that the Dalkey ravens had bred successfully again. Flying with great confidence, like many young birds their inexperience is only obvious when they come in to land, crashing on to branches or tottering awkwardly on top of rocks.



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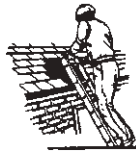
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The F District NW meeting was held on Tuesday 26th May 2009. The three suggestions submitted by NW to the Superintendent are going to be incorporated into the 2009 Policing Plan. This is the first time that recommendations from DLNW have been accepted and we are very encouraged by this development.

The crime figures were discussed for the various districts. Unfortunately Dun Laoghaire is currently experiencing problems with patients attending the Methadone Clinic. It is hoped that the different bodies will come together to address these problems. The issue of CCTV cameras was discussed for Dalkey with particular reference to placing some in Kilbegnet Close. This will be investigated further.

The government has suspended the funding for the alarms for the elderly scheme and no commencement date for it's uptake has been given.

NW Rep.



## DALKEY SCHOOL OF MOTORING NEWS



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DCC (August) Meeting	Tuesday 4 August

**EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH**

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New season begins early September but enquiries welcome. Contact Dalkey Players Secretary, Caroline Hickey @ 086 809 2850.

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*RTE International, which is supposed to launch across Europe this year looks to be in trouble. According to one Irish newspaper the broadcaster is losing €1m a week, and unless cuts up to €100m are implemented; the international service may be shelved. The service was to provide home grown programmes and news broadcasts across Europe via satellite as a non-subscription service, but it's not looking good (not to mention that RTE will not be able to pay its staff in October unless sufficient funds are found)*

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