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June: In honour of the Goddess Juno, patroness of women, marriage and the home.

Flower: Rose

A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.
A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon.
A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.

Guímid Lá Shona, shuairéach do gach Athair in Deilginis!
We wish a happy enjoyable Father's Day to all the Dads in Dalkey!

DCC MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting for April 2008 coincided with the Public Meeting which was held in the Heritage Centre, Castle Street, Dalkey on 28th April, 2008.

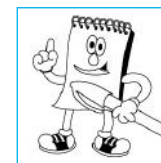
The Chairman, Ken Dixon, welcomed all present. Among the visitors was Cllr. Mary Mitchell O'Connor. He then thanked Ms. Margaret Dunne and her staff for their help in allowing us to hold the meeting in the Heritage Centre.

The Secretary then read the minutes from the 2007 Public Meeting.

The Chairman gave a short address in which he highlighted the many things which happen in the area, but said that we needed to get more feedback from residents concerning problems in Dalkey.

The Reports from sub-committees, Heritage, Sport, Tidy Towns, Functions, Neighbourhood Watch, Newsletter, Planning were all read. These reports will all appear in a special Supplement to the Newsletter in September 2008.

There being no other business the Chairman then closed the meeting.



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HERITAGE REPORT

**TRAVELLING BARBER SURGEON VISITS DALKEY CASTLE
MAY – OCTOBER**

Magnus Maxwell, the Barber Surgeon will be in Medieval Dalkey to give a quick shave or beard trim, tooth extraction, blood letting, chilling amputation or worse! Saidbh the medieval housekeeper prepares a meal of baked hedgehog or dressed swan for the evening's feast with the other six Town Houses in Dalkey. It may even be time for her annual bath - whether she needs it or not! Careful not to speak the Gaelic tongue or Rupert the Archer will commit thee to the Pillory!

Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre presents an exciting and memorable programme of Living History Live Performances on seven days per week from May 1st until October 31st. Live performance every half hour from 10.00 each weekday and from 11.30 at weekends.

The Living History presentation involves professional actors from Deilg Inis in full period costume bringing the history of the late 14th/early 15th Century fortified Town House (Goat Castle in Dalkey) and the wider area to colourful life.



BLOOMSDAY FESTIVAL MONDAY 16th JUNE

Bloomsday Festivities are always popular in Dalkey. The 'Dalkey Schoolroom Scene' from the Nestor Episode of Ulysses will take place in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre at 15.00. This will be followed by a Guided Joycean Literary Walk in Dalkey at 15.30. Burgundy Wine and gorgonzola cheese will be provided in local hostelrys afterwards for the Joycean Walkers. If you are adventurous you can get dressed in your best Edwardian gear! To finish off the festivities, we will have a Joycean Evening linked with music and song at 20.00. The Bloomsday Festival is supported by the Community Dept of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co.

Admission: Afternoon session: €10. Evening: €15. As always, early booking is advisable.

GUIDED HISTORICAL WALKS

Walk and talk....an experienced guide reveals the stories behind Dalkey's streetscape and ancient history. Guided Historical Walks leave from Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on Mondays at 11.00; Wednesdays 14.00 and Fridays at 11.00.

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Guided Walk and visit to Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre incl Living History is only €7!

GUIDED LITERARY WALKS to settings in the work of James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Flann O'Brien and Hugh Leonard can also be arranged (minimum number applies)

Co Co Market continues on Fridays from 10.00-14.00. Fish from Kilmore Quay is proving a very popular new attraction. Do support your local market!

Contact Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre at:

Tel: 285 8366. Email info@dalkeycastle.com Web www.dakeycastle.com.

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TINA DUNNE - BOOK LAUNCH

Tina Dunne, one of our regular contributors, launched her book, *Colour for Living* in Hughes and Hughes, Dun Laoghaire. Tina, who has long been a believer in the dynamic role colour plays in our daily lives, spent twelve years researching her book. She runs a lifestyle company, giving seminars, advising restaurants, writing magazine and newspaper articles on nutrition and advising us how to change our lives with colour. She is a wonderful advertisement for her philosophy.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bank Holiday	Mon 2 June
Bird Watch-South Dublin Branch visit to Boora Bog and Clonmacnoise meet at Stena Terminal Dun Laoghaire @ 8.30am	Sun 8 June
Father's Day	Sun 15 June
Bloomsday in HC @ 3pm "The Dalkey Schoolroom Scene" From the Nestor Episode of Ulysses & @ 3.30pm Guided Joycean Walk Adm.€10	Mon 16 June
Joycean Evening with music & song @ 8pm Adm.€15	
Closing date for entries to DCC Garden Competition	Fri 20 June
Sorting July Newsletter	Fri 27 June
July Community Council Meeting	Mon 30 June
DCC Garden Competition - judging	Tues 1 July

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

- Karate sessions** – Contact Wayne Deegan 086 857 2546 Tuesdays & Thursdays
Juveniles from 6.00-7.00pm & Adults 7.00-9.00pm
- Dalkey Players Drama Group** (HC) 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

June 2008 Local History Society Meetings

Colin Scudds will lead the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society on a Historical Walk of George's Street Lower, Dun Laoghaire, on Wednesday June 4th. Meet at 7.30pm at the bottom of York Road/Georges Street, Dun Laoghaire.

Tom Moran will present his lecture "Irish and English Persecutions" on Wednesday June 11th at 8pm to the Ballybrack-Killiney Historical Society in the Parochial Hall of SS Alphonsus and Columba Church, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin. All welcome & admission €2.

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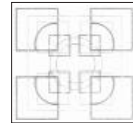
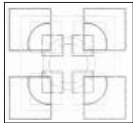
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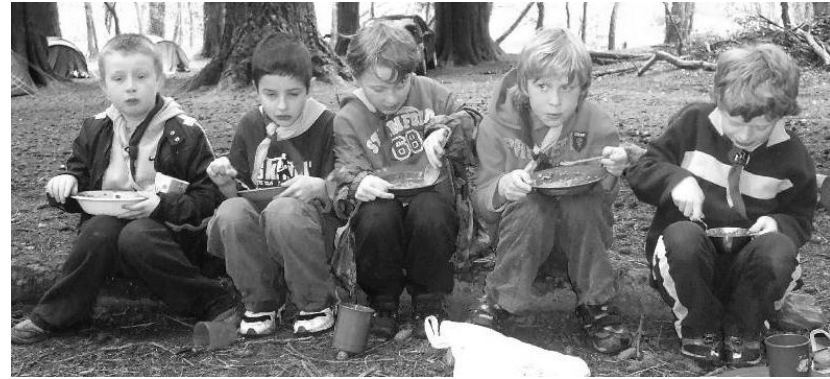
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together! What a lovely service of hospitality the sisters provide. When Paul and Barnabas visited Iconium there was success but also a threat which forced them to flee to Lystra and Derbe. Our next stop was Lystra and the journey brought home what a long journey of escape the two men had faced through what today is bleak looking terrain. Lystra, today, is a large grassy hill in open countryside. From Lystra we journeyed on southwards through the Taurus Mountains to the port city of Antalya (ancient Attalia) on the Mediterranean, from where Paul and his companion had sailed home to Antioch to close that first missionary journey.

Our own journey home was only a day away but, first, Monday would allow us to travel to Perge (Perga of old) where on their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas had arrived from Cyprus. What a treat was in store. One of the best preserved Roman sites allowed us visit the theatre, the stadium, the city, even to walk by the same pillars of the entrance gate through which Paul had walked and stroll down its main street.

Throughout our journey, in every city from Antioch to Perge, we visited Roman sites and museums but Perge and its museum was the highlight of these. Our journey too introduced us to Sufi mystical tradition, especially at Konya (Iconium) where we visited the Mevlana Museum and the theatre of the Dervish Dancers. Rethreading the steps of St. Paul, one couldn't but marvel at the distances he covered. From another perspective the journey allowed us to marvel at the highly developed road system of modern Turkey. The caravanserai (hostels) we visited upheld an ancient tradition alongside the modern network of hotels we stayed at.

Led by two great Scripture scholars the journey was something of a spiritual retreat, each day begun with early morning Eucharist and every connection with Paul marked by informed and prayerful reflection. A nightly lecture on the letter of Paul to the Galatians kept us on our toes before putting feet up!

Our homeward flight from Antalya via Istanbul would see us in Dublin by 1.30pm and, with the help of the Flyer, back in Dalkey on another Tuesday at 2.30pm.

FR. JOHN McDONAGH IS PARISH PRIEST OF DALKEY

❖
DALKEY AVENUE CELTIC CROSS
❖

On Dalkey Avenue may be seen a Celtic Cross in relief on a granite slab, inset into the brickwork of the bridge. All Dalkey funerals going to the Old Churchyard came up to this cross, halted, and said the "Stations", before turning and making for the graveyard. This cross gave me a deal of trouble before I successfully found its origin. It appears that Martin Quinn (the son of the man who built the underground passage to the "Lady's Well") built the present bridge in place of a wooden structure which formerly stood there. There used to be a painted cross on the old wood for funerals to do the "Stations" at, and Quinn got a man called Farrell to chisel out the present granite Celtic Cross and then Quinn put it in its present position. Though he received the praise and thanks of the local people he did not receive any commendation from the Railway Company for improvements on their engineer's plan!



The Celtic Cross on Dalkey Avenue Railway Bridge - April 2008

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- Try and be careful if you're cutting bushes or hedges in case they contain a nest with eggs or fledglings in it.
- If you feed birds, don't stop feeding them in the summer. Extensive studies have found there is very little chance of birds feeding unsuitable food to their chicks which might choke them which used to be the reason people would stop feeding them. The food you leave out will benefit the adult birds giving them more time to get suitable insect food for their chicks.

Picking up a handful of leaves off the lawn I got a sharp pain in my finger so intense I realised it must be a sting. Sure enough there was the culprit on the ground, a bumble bee on it's back legs waving in the air. Evidently under the impression he was under attack he'd defended himself in the only way he could. It was in that semi stupor state that you often find bumble bees in, often after the weather has turned cold. Bumble bees, unlike honey bees don't die when they sting and this bee although not looking too happy at being disturbed was moving around sluggishly. I'd heard someone on the radio saying if you find a bumble bee in this sluggish condition it can be revived by giving it some honey so I went in to the house put a tiny drop of honey on a piece of card then came out and put the bee on the card. Sure enough the bee made its way to the honey (I was going to say it 'made a beeline' but I won't!) and I could see its protracted mouth hovering up the honey. Although it did seem a bit odd to be feeding Fair Trade Chilean honey to an Irish bee it seemed to do the trick and the bee visibly became more alert. I lifted card and bee to a safer place and hopefully it bumbled off for another day.

After strong northerly winds in April which would have held back summer migrants the winds moved around to blow from the south and combined with high pressure our summer birds started arriving in force. Swifts are usually the last species to arrive, being totally dependent on insects flying high in the warm air. Swifts are usually seen in the first few



days of May and sure enough this year we saw our first Swifts on the 3rd of May. With a cold wind blowing from the south the birds were hawking insects in the calmer air over Dalkey Quarry. A few minutes earlier we'd been watching a pair of ravens squeezed into a small crevice on the quarry wall. Having found shelter out of the wind they were gently preening each others feathers. A very nice image of a bird often considered sinister but one of the most intelligent of birds always

entertaining to watch. Living on the north west facing side of the hill I'd noticed before that when south or south easterly winds blow we sometimes get birds in or around the garden which have probably just arrived in off the sea or are feeding on the sheltered side of the hill. I had just gone to the door with a friend who is very keen on wildlife when we heard a bird calling a long, sustained almost metallic noise. I strongly suspected what it might be and my friend instantly confirmed my suspicions by saying 'A Grasshopper Warbler'. Named after the



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❖ **IN THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL** ❖

October last brought a rare opportunity to follow a large section of St. Paul's first missionary journey. Leaving Dublin airport on a Tuesday at 2.30pm we arrived at Adana, the largest city on the south coast of Turkey, shortly after midnight. The short stop at Istanbul had allowed us procure the necessary visa before catching the ongoing flight. Adana is the fourth largest city in Turkey after Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir.

The 5.45am call to prayer sounded for five minutes across the great city and was to prove an unflinching alarm clock on this and every morning of our journey.

By 8.30am the bus was on the road for Antioch (Antakya) some 190 kms to the east and just around the turn of the Mediterranean, not far from the Syrian border. By midday we were at the Church of St. Peter in Antioch. The church, as it stands, is one of the few remaining from ancient times and it is here that St. Peter is said to have preached. It is a natural cave with a front walled entrance. It was a precious joy to celebrate the Eucharist here on that Wednesday, in the city to which Paul had been brought by Barnabas, where they had both spent a fruitful year teaching Jews and Gentiles alike about Christ, the city where the followers of Jesus were first called 'christians'. It is here, too, that Peter had shared in some passionate discussion with Paul as recorded in Paul's letter to the Galatians. From here the brave old man and bishop, Ignatius, had been taken to be fed to the lions in Rome in 107ad. It was here that it was resolved that Paul and Barnabas should undertake their First Missionary journey. That afternoon we travelled to the ancient port of Seleucia (Cevlik today), from where the two disciples began the journey which brought them first to Barnabas' homeland of Cyprus and then on to Perga, Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe and then back through the port of Attalia to their starting point, Antioch. The next few days would see us visit all these places with the exception of Antioch in Pisidia (time would not allow) and Derbe, which, like Lystra, is no more than a green hill in open countryside today.

Early Thursday morning saw us on the road, back again westwards and beyond Adana to St. Paul's home town of Tarsus on the Mediterranean. An archaeological site, where work proceeds, revealed a tiled Roman road from the second century B.C., along which Paul would have likely travelled. Then on to St. Paul's Well, an established tourist stop. With a journey of 460kms mapped out for us today we headed northwards through the Taurus Mountains towards Cappadocia in the heart of central Turkey. We were happy to settle down for the night in Nevsehir aware of the extraordinary landscape around us after a long day of travelling.

In Cappadocia we were visiting an area of great importance in the early church, even if not immediately linked to St. Paul. The Cappadocian Fathers-St. Basil the Great, his brother, St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Gregory of Nazianzen are important for their teaching about the Trinity, about prayer and for the development of monasteries. Cappadocia, as a region, is full of fantastic scenery; houses, churches and underground cities hollowed out of volcanic ash from two local volcanic mountains. Early on Friday, our bus brought us to the Open Air Goreme Monastic Museum. It was an amazing array of small churches, cells and communal areas dating from the 6th to the 13th centuries embellished in wonderful Byzantine iconography. Like nothing we had ever seen before, it was truly one of the world's wonders. The day was given to exploring the variety of the region.



'Goreme Early Monastic Cells'

Returning to Paul's itinerary we left Cappadocia on Saturday morning, heading south westward for Iconium or Konya, as it is known today-a journey of 212kms, arriving at this lively modern city in the evening. Our celebration of Mass the next morning was at the Church of St. Paul, a 19th century small church, in the care of two religious sisters from Trent in Italy. They informed us that there were a total of 8 Christians living in the city, which was home to 250,000 people. Eucharist was celebrated if and when a priest came by. One wondered what they made of over 30 priests arriving

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Nature Corner – continued

sound a grasshopper makes, in fact what their call most resembles is the sound a angler makes winding in his fishing rod. On their breeding ground Grasshopper Warblers will sing from little thickets or bushes and are notoriously difficult to see although you seem so close to them you can almost feel the vibrations from their call. They share with Corncrakes the ability to make their song seem to move around, a sensible protection against predators while at the same time they're proclaiming 'this is my territory, unless you're a female keep out.'

Anyhow having one of these birds in a garden is unusual but I knew he was just passing through.

A few days later I saw a bird landing on the top of a neighbour's ash tree. It didn't look familiar, very slim with a very alert pose. Anyhow I was able to get the telescope trained on it and saw it was a female Wheatear. If anyone had asked me I'd have said you only ever



see a wheatear on the ground, never perched on a tree. They're usually a early migrant seen along the seashore before heading up to mountains where they'll nest on or near the ground. But evidently this bird hadn't read the reference books and didn't know it shouldn't be in a tree.

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sad to relate, local banks wanted a large sum of money spent to modernise the house before they would lend me money to buy it! Seemed daft at the time and still is. So, we vacated the house in April, 1989 and we were the last family to call Tigh Mhichíl home, which had been home to other families for nearly 90 years. We felt fortunate to have lived there for 18 years surrounded by wonderful neighbours.

Within a year or so the house was knocked down and Carysfort Court came into being. When I pass there now the only traces of Tigh Mhichíl that I see is a part of the granite wall that bordered the garden the laburnum tree at the corner of Carysfort Road and the tall pine tree that my children used run around while playing their games.

Tigh Mhichil was possibly a landmark in the immediate school area of Dalkey but for us and others it was home.

Seán Ó Gormáin

❖ BULLOCK HARBOUR AND SMUGGLING ❖

Tax collection and the imposition of taxes can be traced back to biblical times as monarchies and governments recognised that taxation through the imposition of duties on goods was a good way to raise revenue which was collected by tax collectors and equally there have been always those prepared evade these taxes through the smuggling of dutiable items.

Frank Hopkins in his excellent anthology *Hidden Dublin - Deadbeats, Dossers and Decent Skins* published by the Mercier Press, reveals that down through the ages Bullock Harbour was a well known south Dublin location for smugglers and that it was a place where there were many fights between the smugglers and the customs men which were serious affairs and conducted with deadly earnest with no quarter given or expected on both sides.

Frank Hopkins quotes the following account of one of these fights from the Dublin Penny Journal of 25 April 1735 which reported one such incident as follows “ Last week some of the King’s officers made a seizure of a large quantity of tea and brandy at Bullock, and the next morning several persons attempted to rescue it from the officers , which occasioned a great battle, in which several were wounded on both sides; one Mr. Brown, an officer was shot through the thigh, and ‘tis through two of the smugglers were killed”

Given that that the lead musket balls used at that time were over 13mm in diameter, approximately the size of a 20c coin (the modern infantry rifle bullet varies in size from just 4.86mm to over 7.62mm depending on the weapon used and pistols from 7.63mm to 12mm with 9mm parabellum being one of the popular calibres), Mr. Brown’s wound would have been a very painful one and an excruciating one if the musket ball had to be extracted by a doctor / surgeon with the added risk of infection present all the time as there were no antibiotics in use or available that time. One can safely assume that local residents stayed indoors while this gun battle raged with ultimate victory for the customs officers.

Many of these Dalkey smugglers would have been local boatmen who found smuggling more lucrative than fishing. Goods would have been obtained from ships at sea and then brought ashore covertly and then hidden until delivered to purchasers.

It’s possible that the Mr. Brown mentioned in the article was the local collector who was assisted by a number of ‘gaugers’, each of whom had his own beat. All these men lived locally in the Dalkey area and would have subjected to intimidation by smugglers who resented their presence. Often officers were transferred for their own safety or fired when found taking bribes to look the other way.

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❖
LETTER TO THE EDITOR
❖

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wrote to Dublin Bus at the beginning of November 2007 asking if there were any plans to introduce a service that would connect the Dalkey/Killiney/Sandycove region directly with places such as UCD, Dundrum and Sandyford. Currently, the only route serving UCD from Dalkey is the 7D bus service which is almost non-existent. The 59 bus is the only semi frequent bus route serving the area, roughly half hourly on peak and hourly off peak. The terminus for this route is Mackintosh Park, an area which isn't as important as the likes of UCD, Dundrum and Sandyford. However, the 59 is an important service as a feeder bus for bringing those from Mackintosh Park to Dun Laoghaire DART station and is an effective service for relatively short journeys (for example, Dalkey to Dun Laoghaire or Dalkey to Killiney Shopping Center). The recently (November, 2005) reinstated number 8 bus is a very minimal second mode of transport into town which only comes 7 times a day, each way, Monday to Friday with no Saturday or Sunday service. Nevertheless, Dalkey still remains a very remote district from places further afield. The following text in bold is an exact copy of the e-mail I wrote to Dublin Bus:

“Dear Sir/Madam,

Are there any plans to provide more bus routes for Dalkey?

The reason why I am asking is, currently Dalkey is heavily cut off from major parts of Dublin such as Sandyford Industrial Estate, Stillorgan, Dundrum and UCD. It is also the farthest district from the Stillorgan Dual Carriageway. Additionally, it remains very distant from the two Luas lines. While I am aware of the 75, 46A and 114 bus routes from the likes of Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire, it becomes inconvenient for residents in Dalkey to take two or more modes of transport to get to their destination. I would also like to point out that Dalkey isn't the only region affected by this problem as large parts of the surrounding areas such as Killiney and Sandycove are also very cut off. Wikipedia has a record of the population in these areas. According to the website Dalkey has a population of 8405, the population of Killiney is 10600 and Sandycove has a population of 3735. The total population of these areas is 22740.

I know that the 59 bus route serves these areas. However, the terminus for the route is Mackintosh Park which is a residential area with very few nearby commercial buildings. While it acts as a feeder bus to Dun Laoghaire, it brings back the problem of multiple modes of transport to areas. Also, there is the recently reinstated number 8 bus. The problem with this route is that it is very infrequent and only operates Monday to Friday. The previous version of this route ran all through the week and was extremely frequent with the last bus

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HOME

Thanks to my friend, Richard Mooney, in Dalkey, I receive a copy of the Newsletter each month. In the January last issue I read a very interesting piece called "Dalkey Life January 1901". It quoted a report from the Wicklow People of that year that a new school had been opened in Porter's Road (now St. Patrick's Road) and had opened its doors for pupils on Monday 14th January. It also stated that a teacher's residence had been built on an adjoining site. That house on that site was home for my family and me for 18 years.

The first occupant of this teacher's residence was James Waldron, who was the first Principal of Scoil Haróid. The house in 1911 was one of nine houses on Carysfort Road. As a contrast, think of the large number of houses on that road now!

I wrote to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council last year asking them if they could tell me about the history of the house but I didn't even receive an acknowledgement! Of the nine houses on the road at that time, eight were occupied and the teacher's residence was No. 4. I don't know when the name "Tigh Mhichíl" was put on the house but this was the name when I took up residence in it in 1971. The names of the people on Carysfort Road in 1911 were: West; Murray; Hadder; Waldron; Barrett; Firth; Mackie and Stevenson. Perhaps their descendants are still there?

The house, No.4, was described in the Census as a second class house and this related to the number of rooms in it. Inside the redbrick house built in 1900, when you went through the front door from Carysfort Road, you entered a small hallway with a door immediately on your left which was a sitting room or parlour. Another door directly in front led along a narrow corridor with the stairs on your right. At the end of the corridor was the backdoor leading to the garden. On the left at the end of the corridor was a small door leading into a large room or kitchen at the time.

Upstairs there were three bedrooms, two fairly large ones and one small one. Each room had a fireplace as there was no central heating. Going out the backdoor there was a small garden and at the bottom of it you entered the schoolyard by means of a stile. To the left of the backdoor you entered a large garden. It must be remembered that the entire site was one third of an acre. The Census of 1911 tells of 3 out-offices, a fowl house, a turf house and a store-house. At this time also the toilet was outside to the right of the backdoor.

As the years passed the small bedroom upstairs became a bathroom and toilet. Later still a kitchen and bathroom was added to the side of the house and the small bedroom reverted back to being a bedroom. The new kitchen and toilet was not red brick, as the original house was and wasn't the best idea for an extension!

The house was home to a good many families over the years. Apart from the Waldrons, Hughes lived here during the First World War and into the 1920s. In the 1980s I met a daughter of Mr. Bernard Hughes (Principal). She was a nun in Australia. She told me about the stile and how she loved No. 4 as her home. Mr. O'Hagan (Principal) must have lived here also in the 1930s. Mr. O'h' Almhain (Principal) lived here from the early 1940s until he retired in 1971. He was a great gardener and had a lovely place with flowers, vegetables, apples and lovely paths through the different parts of the garden.

When I applied for a teaching job in 1971, I was told that there was a residence going with the job and I had to be married! As the Principal, Proinsias O Maoloin, lived in Dun Laoghaire and didn't need Tigh Mhichil as it was known, I was really fortunate to move in with my wife in October 1971. I'm assuming Diarmuid O'h' Almhain put the name "Tigh Mhichíl" on the gate. He called back on a good few occasions to visit us but I think he missed the place that was his home for 30 years.

Between 1972 and 1983, our five children were born and raised here. I was not a gardener so they enjoyed the freedom of a large, uncultivated garden to run and play in. To them and us it was home.

In the late 1980s I got an opportunity, through Fr. Des Forrestal, to buy Tigh Mhichil. But, strange and

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leaving Dalkey at approximately 11:30 P.M. Preferably the timetable for the old route could be applied to the new route and would give the residents of Dalkey an alternative means of getting into town besides the DART. Unlike the old route, the new route bypasses Dun Laoghaire. The other bus route which Dalkey has, is the 7D. This route is the least frequent of the three routes. It departs from Dalkey twice in the very early hours of the morning and there is only one evening return journey from town. I am aware that it serves UCD and Donnybrook via the same route as the 46N. However, it is very infrequent. Finally, the west of Killiney is served by the 111, 7 and 45A bus routes and all of them are northbound or bound for Dun Laoghaire or Bray.

The point that I am trying to make is that Dalkey is still cut off from major parts of Dublin which currently require at least two modes of transport to get to without the use of a car or spending large sums of money on taxis. I recently read a document about a Transport Study Draft which says that 10 percent of people working in Sandycove Industrial Estate are from the Shankill, Dalkey and Dun Laoghaire area. Here is a URL to the document www.dlrco.ie/sandyfordFinal.pdf. The population of Blackrock is 28557 while the population of the Dun Laoghaire town itself is 23857. As I mentioned, the population of the Killiney, Dalkey and Sandycove areas is 22740. As you can see, the three areas have relatively similar population numbers. At the moment, the latter population doesn't have dedicated direct connections with major western Dublin areas like the former two do. Would I be wrong in saying that this gap in the bus network needs to be filled in?"

If I am right then Dalkey could become a new hub for connecting Sandycove and Killiney to these areas.

Kind regards,
Patrick Brophy

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❖ **WELLS FOR ZOE PROJECT** ❖

A group of 6th Year boys from Blackrock College will travel to Malawi after their Leaving Certificate later this year to work on projects with Wells for Zoe and St. John of God Services. I was very excited that the boys were working on a project within the services of St. John of God. Some of the boys would already be familiar with St. John of God as many Rock Boys served their two week Transition Year placements in Our Lady's Hall for the past five years.

Our Lady's Hall is the centre of the Dalkey Active Retirement Association and offers a super friendly Coffee Shop under the leadership of Ms. Bernie Nevin. I told Bernie that my grandson was going on a trip to Malawi she immediately put Malawi on screen and she was stunned. Such an eye-opener and a very organised centre. So when she was asked to sponsor the Walk she took it very seriously. She managed to get sixty sponsors; fifteen of my DARA Walkers came with me to walk the 10K/6 miles on Sunday 1st April. It was a ghastly morning but we battled on in the pelting rain and really enjoyed it. The organisers were very friendly and helpful. We walked from Blackrock College up Booterstown Avenue, across the dual carriageway, down Priory Road and Avoca Avenue across Frascati and down to Blackrock Baths. The sea had roaring, huge waves, then on to Blackrock Park and up Booterstown Avenue again, across Cross Avenue and into the back entrance of the College to "Clare Ville". Six of the Willow Wheelers were our guides and kept a gentle eye on us. It was very reassuring if we felt lost and their good humour added to our walk.

€7,000 was collected that morning from the walkers. Heartfelt thanks to all who participated or assisted this event.

Blathnaid McGinty

P L E A S E S U P P O R T



A group of 5th year boys from Blackrock College will travel to Malawi after their leaving certificate examinations this summer, to spend two weeks working on projects with **Wells for Zoe** and the **St. John of God Services**.



The boys hope to raise €80,000 for the various projects, all of which will go directly and exclusively to the fund. Everybody who is travelling in the group will pay their own travel and

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Council Offices, Dundrum Office Park (from 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm)
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Remember - this is your opportunity to have your say about a document that affects your area. To help you do this we will also be hosting information sessions on the following dates:-

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Thursday 15th May 2008 Council Offices, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum
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Reg. Ref.: D08A/0111 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 8-May-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Mark and Ciara Skinner, 10, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey.
Proposal: Extensions to ground floor and first floor side and rear, conversion of garage to living space at No. 10 Dalkey Grove and for widening of vehicular entrance.
Reg. Ref.: D08B/0205 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-May-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Helen Archer, 11, Craiglands, Dalkey.
Proposal: Provision of a dormer window in pitched roof, to first floor bedroom to the front elevation of existing house.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala -Week 31/3/'08 to 4/4/2008
Reg. Ref.: D07A/1380 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decision Reversed** by ABP 31-Mar-2008
Appeal Decided: 31-Mar-2008. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission.
Location: Montpelier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposed 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 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. **Applicant:** Justin Mac Innes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2008

The Neighbourhood Watch AGM for the "F" District was held in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire on Wednesday, 23rd April 2008. The Chairman, Sighle L'Estrange, opened the meeting and welcomed the large crowd to it. The Treasurer gave a short report and told us that there was very little financial activity during 2007 but this would change in 2008 as money would be coming through to fund the scheme in providing security pendants for the elderly. The election of new committee members took place and then Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald made a presentation on the overall trends for crime during 2007 and the Policing Plan for 2008 setting out a transparent system with a goal to reduce the crime rate by 2%. The "F" District will increase in size from 4 areas to 5 when Shankill will join on 1st June, 2008. Sergeant John Mohan from the Crime Prevention Unit gave tips on securing the home and personal property with particular emphasis on the protection of the elderly.

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Reg. Ref.: D08B/0088 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 8-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Shane O'Mara, 30, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Complete and retain indefinitely a flat roofed single storey extension to first floor bathroom affecting the north and eastern elevations, including internal reconfigurations and changes to external elevations.

Reg. Ref.: D08A/0243 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Board of Management of Castlepark School, Castlepark Rd., Dalkey.
Proposal: Modifications to the redevelopment of Castlepark School as granted Planning Permission under Planning Permission Ref. D05A/0762, Decision Ref. PL06D.215520. The alterations comprise: A) New external lift (7sq.m) from ground floor to basement level to facilitate disabled access to the basement on the north-east elevation of the castle building; B) Minor alterations to internal dividing walls within the basement of the castle building; all at Castlepark School which is a protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D08B/0145 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Gerard Gasparro, 104a, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Further alterations to existing 3-storey semi-detached dormer family dwelling to include conversion of existing first floor bathroom to fourth bedroom and enlargement of existing first floor window to rear elevation and new first floor window with obscure glazing to side/gable.
Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D08B/0153 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Christopher Davison, Tempe Villa, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Alterations and single storey extensions to front and side of existing single storey detached family dwelling comprising additional living / sleeping accommodation. **Applic. Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D08A/0034 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 28-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Barnhill Limited Partnership, Carn,31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: The development will consist of demolition of existing two storey dwelling and attached single storey apartment and to construct two semi-detached two storey three bedroom dwellings with off street car parking for 4 vehicles at front and additional vehicular entrance off Barnhill Road and all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D08A/0270 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 28-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Jennie and Andrew Power, Ardeevin Terrace, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey,Co Dublin
Proposal: Construction of three bedroom two-storey over semi-basement detached house, associated vehicular access, car parking and ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D08A/0283 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 2-May-2008
Applicant Name & Location: William & Joanna Fitzpatrick, 'Carrigmore', Killiney Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: (A) Demolition of the existing three bedroom bungalow and associated outbuildings, (B) Excavation of the site, (C) Construction of two new detached four bedroom houses, each house measuring 176 sq.m over two storeys plus habitable attic space, and (D) An additional vehicular entrance from Killiney Road. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D08B/0088 **Decision:** Withdraw the Application **Date:** 29-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Shane O'Mara, 30, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey.n
Proposal: Complete and retain indefinitely a flat roofed single storey extension to first floor bathroom affecting the north and eastern elevations, including internal reconfigurations and changes to external elevations.

Reg. Ref.: D08B/0167 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 30-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: R. & S. Vernon, 2, Ullard Mor, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Demolition of existing lean-to extension to side of existing dwelling and the construction of single storey extension to side of existing dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D08B/0292 **Decision:** Declare Application Invalid **Date:** 30-Apr-'08
Applicant Name & Location: Tim & Jackie McDonnell, 70, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for a two storey extension to rear and side of the existing house comprising sitting room to ground floor and bedroom to first floor, and for minor elevation and internal modifications.



The winners of the Tidy Towns being presented with their award by President McAleese recently



Dalkey resident and Guest-of-Honour at the Community Council Annual Dinner 2008, Mr. Vincent Browne

❖ **Dalkey Community Council Ltd. 29th Annual Garden Competition** ❖

This competition is open to everyone in the Community Council area. There are several prizes including four Perpetual Cups. In addition to nomination for the "Surprise" Garden section there are the following categories:

- > **Best Overall Garden** > **Best Front Garden** - visible from the road
- > **Best Display** – window boxes, hanging baskets, flower troughs and pots
- > **Best Communal - Garden/Open Space** > **Environmental Award** (Presented by Dalkey Tidy Towns)

Judging this year will take place on **Tuesday, 1st July** and entries should be submitted not later than **Friday 20th June 2008** on the form below and placed in the postbox in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey.

The presentation of prizes will take place on **Saturday, 13th September, 2008.**

GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

I / we wish to enter for (please tick ✓)

<input type="checkbox"/> Overall Garden	<input type="checkbox"/> Display - window boxes, hanging baskets etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Front Garden	<input type="checkbox"/> Communal Garden / Open Space

Name(s):.....

Address:

.....Tel:

Signature:..... Date:.....

N.B. Please print your entry and put into the DCC postbox in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WEEKS 15-19 7/4/08 - 9/5/08**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0111**Application Rec'd Date:** 5-Feb-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Mark & Ciara Skinner, 10, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Extensions to ground floor and first floor side and rear, conversion of garage to living space at No. 10 Dalkey Grove & for widening of vehicular entrance. Add. Info: 11-Apr-2008.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0256**Application Rec'd Date:** 08-Apr-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Tracey Carr, Sylliz, 29, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Modifications to previously approved D06B/0861 consisting of new west facing roof level gable window and new side lit bay window on south elevation. Also proposed ground floor extension to east side.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1702**Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Dec-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** P.J. Gallagher, Old Rock, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**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). Applic. Type: Permission. Add. Info.: 17-Apr-'08.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0292**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Apr-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Tim & Jackie McDonnell, 70, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a two storey extension to rear and side of the existing house comprising sitting room to ground floor and bedroom to first floor, and for minor elevational and internal modifications.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1602**Decision:** Clarification of Add. Info**Date:** 18-Apr-'08**Applicant Name & Location:** Sean Mac Na Bheatha, 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.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0043**Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention**Date:** 18-Apr-'08**Applicant Name & Location:** The Board of Management, Castle Park School Ltd., Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the retention and completion of modifications to the redevelopment of Castlepark School as was granted planning permission under planning ref. D05A/0762. Decision ref. PL06D.215520. The alterations comprise: a) An increase in length of the swimming pool from 19 metres to 25 metres involving an increase in floor area of 78 square metres; b) An increase in floor area of the pool plant area of 45.5 square metres, most of which is below ground; c) relocation of air handling unit from the swimming pool roof to lower ground level adjacent to swimming pool plant room which will be 5 metre long x 1.5 metre deep x 2 metre high; and d) associated changes to site works; all at Castlepark School, which is a protected structure.**Application Type:** Permission for Retention.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0088**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Feb-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Shane O'Mara, 30, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Complete and retain indefinitely a flat roofed single storey extension to first floor bathroom affecting the north and eastern elevations, including internal reconfigurations and changes to external elevations. Application Type: Permission. Add. Info.: 25-Apr-2008**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0480**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Apr-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Otranto Properties Ltd., 1, Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Demolition of a two storey dwelling (258 sq.m) and the construction of 8 No. Senior Citizen residential apartments (total gross floor area 631sqm) in a two and three storey building comprising 8 no. one beds (58sqm to 67sqm), 4 no. surface level car parking spaces with access from Castle Close via remodelled entrance gates, minor amendments to the site boundary with the adjoining approved development Reg. Ref.: D06A/1808, landscaping and ancillary site development works, on a 0.0918 hectares site, all relating to requirements under Section 96 Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2002.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0509**Application Rec'd Date:** 2-May-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Starbucks Ltd., 31, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** New signage to ground and first floor existing shop front. Works to include the provision of 2 No. illuminated external signs of various size and design, together with 1 No. external sign all to be mounted on existing shop front.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0329**Application Rec'd Date:** 1-May-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Shane O'Mara, 30, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission is sought to complete and retain indefinitely enlarged dining and utility rooms extending circa 1 metre in a northerly direction together with a flat roofed single storey extension to first floor bathroom affecting the north and eastern elevations, including internal reconfigurations and changes to external elevations.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0332**Application Rec'd Date:** 1-May-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Eoin & Geraldine O'Donovan, South End, Knocknacree Rd., Dalkey.**Proposal:** The erection of a two storey residential addition of 103.74 sq.m. to existing house with alterations internally and externally to the existing structure.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0504**Application Rec'd Date:** 6-May-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Oliver Kavanagh, 2, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** A new detached two storey residential dwelling located to the rear of existing detached house consisting at ground floor of: 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, with living, dining and kitchen areas at first floor, including site boundary treatment, car parking for two vehicles with new vehicular entrance and gate to Harbour Road and all associated site works, including diverting existing public sewer.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0539**Application Rec'd Date:** 9-May-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** William Doran, 15, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Demolition to rear of front facade and reconstruction of single storey pitched roofed dwelling and replacement of flat roofed extension with pitched roof extension to rear, and new front railing.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0542**Application Rec'd Date:** 9-May-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Frank and Lorraine Costello, 22, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Demolition of existing house and construction of a new two storey over basement house with balconies. Associated site works include new boundary walls, widened entrance gates and rear pedestrian entrance.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0340**Application Rec'd Date:** 6-May-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Francis McGagh, 1, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house, including internal rearrangements with new external chimney stack, extended ground floor roof terrace and dormer window to rear and two storey extension to side and rear of dwelling, accommodating new family living, dining and kitchen space, additional bedroom, associated service spaces and bathrooms.**PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 15-19 7/4/2008 - 9/5/08****Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0170**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 8-Apr-2008**Applicant Name & Location:** Mrs. Betty Kane, 6/ 6A, Railway Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a new single storey entrance porch to rear with new stairs to replace existing stairs serving existing apartment at first floor level, replacement of pebble dash render to rear wall with new render to match existing facade and interior alterations to two shop units at ground floor level at this main location situated within An Architectural Conservation Area.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0087**Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention**Date:** 7-Apr-'08**Applicant Name & Location:** A. Gethings, 24, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Alterations and extensions to existing part two storey/part single storey three bedroom semi-detached dwelling resulting in an increase of habitable floor area from 122.0 sq.m. to 162.0 sq.m comprising, a) Construction of a 40 sq.m single storey extension to the rear, b) Conversion of existing attic space to non-habitable accommodation and the construction of a new flat roof dormer style structure to side at main roof level and c) all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.