

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DCC Public Meet. in OLH @ 8pm (Resid.of Dalkey welcome)	Mon 30 Apr
Alzheimer Society of Ireland - Tea Day	Thurs 3 May
Bank Holiday	Mon 7 May
St. Patrick's Garden Fete (10am -3pm)	Sat 12 May
DARA Spring Buffet Supper/Dance in St. Patrick's	Tues 22 May
Sorting of June Newsletter	Fri 25 May
DCC June Monthly Meeting @8pm in OLH	Mon 28 May
Dalkey Sea Scouts Annual Fundraising Clambake (see p27)	
St. Patrick's Rectory, Harbour Road, 8 pm	12th May
Ballybrack & Killiney Historical Society meets at 8.15pm in the Parochial Hall of SS Alphonsus & Columba Church, Ballybrack (p11)	Thurs. 3 May
AGM of Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society 8.00pm (see p11) in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire	Wed.18th April
Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, (p11) will hold a Local History Group Day starting at 9.30am.	Sat., May 12th

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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

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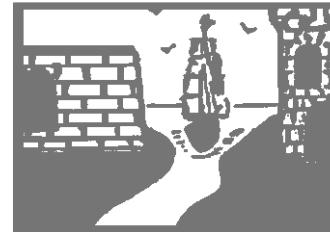
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May: *Probably named for Maja Majesta, the Roman Goddess of Spring. Also dedicated to Ceres, the Goddess of Grain.*

Flower: Hawthorne & Lily of the Valley

'Sweet April Showers

Do Spring Mayflowers'

Thomas Tusser: A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry, 1557.

The April meeting of DCC took place on Monday 2nd in OLH at 8pm.

Matters arising: A petition signed by 50 residents from Ulverton Road against the anti-social behaviour has been delivered to the Gardai. Considerable underage drinking, established to be mainly by local people, is taking place in several locations around the town with incidents at Hyde Park being particularly prevalent. Gardai are aware of the trouble spots and action is being taken. Reporting of incidents will be treated in confidence and is encouraged. Recent improvements have been noted however by both residents and Gardai since the closing time was brought back to the earlier time of 2.00a.m. This facilitates easier access to taxis easier for people leaving the town.

Correspondence: The Transport Dept of DLRCC sent a copy of the Draft Bye Laws stating that car parking charges will be €1.50 everywhere in our area and the residential parking permit is to be increased from €25 to €40 for one year and from €45 to €75 for two years.

Tidy Towns: The Litter Patrol on 27th March produced 10 volunteers and collected 25 bags of rubbish. The black spots were around the bottle bank at the train station, the steps leading from St. Patrick's Sq. up to Railway Road and the seated area on St. Patrick's Ave.

AOB: Speeding on our roads was reported. Static checkpoints and unmarked Garda cars are in action. As there was no further business the meeting ended.

DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL COLLECTION

Dalkey Community Council Limited would like to thank all residents who have contributed to the Council's Annual Collection through the brown envelopes last month. Your generosity is most appreciated, as without your help the Community Council could not bring you the Newsletter, Christmas Tree Lighting, Community Games, Support for Restoration of St. Begnet's Graveyard, Drama Groups, erection of Granite Signs at entrances to Dalkey, and many other activities to the community. The Newsletter is subject to rising costs and therefore needs more funding in order to continue.

To those who may still wish to contribute please leave your contribution in a sealed envelope in the Council postbox in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street or contact your Road Representative. Once again, many thanks for contributing to the community spirit of Dalkey.

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❖ PRAISING A TREE ❖

*'I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree'*

It is 1912. The newspapers have been full of bad news this year. Scott had reached the Antarctic in January and then the tragic news of his and his companions' deaths reported in March. In April the Titanic sank in the Atlantic with huge loss of life. In the North of Ireland, Unionists fearing that "Home Rule is Rome Rule" signed the Covenant. Yet a significant event in our town never got a mention. It was merely good news!

A group of boys stood inside the school gates on St. Patrick's Road on a sunny day on October. A couple of spades and a small sapling leaned against the wall. "We have to dig a hole about a foot deep and a foot wide" said Mr. Waldron, the Principal. Young Joe Ryan grabbed the nearest spade and his pal Billy the second one. "Sir, which side of the gate will we dig?" asked Joe. "We'll put it on the right as the gate opens on the left", said the teacher. In a short time the hole was wide and deep and ready for the sapling.

"What sort of tree is it going to be, Sir?" said Michael. "A horse chestnut", said Mr. Waldron, "anyone know anything about it?" A chorus of "we can get conkers from it, it loses its leaves in winter, to grows so big", was heard. "Now Joe, hold the sapling very straight and each of you take a turn filling in the hole", said the teacher. This was done and the clay flattened around the base of the little sapling. "When you are all grown up, come back and look at the beautiful tree you planted", said Mr. Waldron as everyone returned to the classroom.

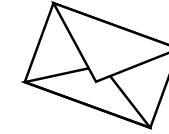
Ninety-five years later a beautiful tree stands inside the school gate. When I came to teach in Harold in October, 1971, it was one of the first things I noticed about the front of the school. There was the same gate entrance beside it as there was in 1912. The second gate was only put place in 1990 when oil for heating the school had to be delivered. Each February the brown sticky buds are noticed and then the leafing in March and April followed by the beautiful candle flowers in May. It seldom bears fruit as it stands there alone but I have seen the occasional chestnut in the past thirty-six years. This magnificent tree, whether it's dark, leafless branches of winter, or the wonderful green of spring and summer can be seen from afar. Standing on Castle Street, it's the first object noticed on St. Patrick's Road. Coming off Carysfort Road on the way to school it is what strikes the eye first. Walking on Convent Road, the top of the tree is visible and around in White's Villas this beautiful tree catches the eye again.

It is now an adult tree with a trunk circumference of 270 cm and a height of about 6 metres. It casts a long shadow and has had to be topped many times over the years as it can grow to over twenty metres in the wild! The wood is not good quality, but can be used to make cheap furniture, boxes and for firewood. So, it's really just a tree to look at and admire.

How did I come across this interesting story? Young Joe Ryan, a pupil in Harold in 1912, who dug the hole and held the sapling, had a son, Tim, born in 1933, and also a pupil of Harold in the 1940s told me what his Dad had told him. Tim's brothers Joe, George and Arthur also attended Harold Boys' and were followed later by Tim's sons Kieran and Declan in the 1960s and '70s. Each of them walked under that tree morning and evening as they went to and from school as did hundreds of others over the years.

❖ LETTER TO THE EDITOR ❖

10 Hillcourt Road,
Glenageary,
Co. Dublin



With regard to the controversy over the phone mast Oliver McCabe obviously believes that I'm venting my spleen in print. However, I would like to point out as an engineering professional that we live in a complex world where for every complex issue there is a simple answer that is almost invariably wrong. Furthermore it is now often seen as 'trendy' to be anti-technology, which is often driven by the fact that the media does not let hard facts get in the way of a good story. A recent example would be the public hysteria over flying during the millennium period, yet I cannot recall a single pilot expressing reservations about flying their aircraft because of the Y2K bug!

Oliver is obviously proud that he has in effect blocked law abiding companies from developing the telecoms infrastructure in this area and as reported in your newsletter he has been aided by a number of local politicians. Yet where is the beef? I haven't seen a single measurement of the existing situation! How do we know there is actually any issue when no measurements are referred to? It is not simply acceptable to say that an eminent physicist has recommended we err on the side of caution. The World Health Organisation doesn't make such statements, which without a referenced measured value are just a throw away comment. Let's face it the RTE mast in Donnybrook, when compared to the Dalkey situation, is both enormous in scale and power output, should we err on the side of caution and tear it down?

To conclude any group which decides to obstruct the lawful development of infrastructure in the area has a moral obligation to provide accurate figures to justify why the others have to suffer the consequence of deficient infrastructure. Where are those figures?

Pat Swords
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DALKEY SEA SCOUTS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CLAMBAKE



12th May
St. Patrick's Rectory,
Harbour Rd., 8 p.m.

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Seán O'Gormáin

Nóta: *Mo buíochas do Rang a Sé agus Bean Uí Choisteala i Scoil Haróid de bharr an taighde a rinneadh.*



Sam Maguire visits Harold Boy's N.S. in 1970's.



Sam Maguire re-visits Harold Boy's N.S. in 1980's

Garden Fete at the CHURCH GROUNDS

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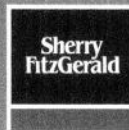
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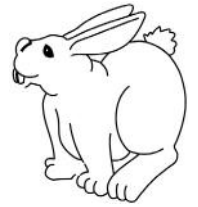
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RABBIT WISDOM

When my sons were small we spent many a happy Saturday morning visiting the City Farm in the centre of Coventry which was home to goats, sheep and rabbits. On one memorable occasion a litter of rabbits was flooded out of their burrows at Warwick University and re-homed at City Farm. On one of our visits we were introduced to 'Bunnykins', a year-old dark brown dwarf bunny that had previously been ill treated, and decided to take him home to our enclosed secure garden. There he spent seven happy years, sleeping in a hutch in the garage and in a run outside during the day. We had to take care as the odd fox still visits our neighbourhood.



Then one day on a visit to a pet shop in Leamington to buy cat treats among the pretty black and white Easter bunnies, I came across a large brown hare-like rabbit and took her home on the bus in a cardboard box. She enjoyed skipping over my sons Doc Marten boots in the car port - he was wearing them at the time - and was an adept nibbler of grass clover, dandelion leaves and dandelion heads. She pounced and growled at anyone who approached her, except me, and the vet had to wear gauntlets when treating her and she thumped him with her back feet and was admired - from a distance - by Bunnykins.

Then on a subsequent visit to the Leamington pet shop I succumbed to Stan and Ollie - two brothers and black dwarf rabbits. I kept them together in one hutch when they were small. Later, I had to separate them. When I tried to re-unite them in one run in the garden, Ollie attacked Stan and kicked him in the stomach with his feet. Fur flew everywhere and it was the next best thing to Kung Fu. I had to put a washboard over Stan to protect him. After that they each had their own run!

Sometime later we homed Bossy, an overweight female who distinguished herself by escaping into the holly hedge, eating red berries and becoming ill for three days. She finally recovered. Finally, I acquired Lion King, a feisty little dwarf bunny from a pet shop in Nuneaton. He had great spirit and was fearless.

These days I am bunnyless apart from minding the neighbours' - Midnight (a real beauty) when they go on holiday. I think rabbits are real philosophers and have a lot to teach us.

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DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

The Living History experience for all begins on May 1st and continues throughout the summer, supported by Arts Access in the Community Dept of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co.

Do you know where the terms: Brace yourself; Rule of thumb; Keeping Tabs; The Butt (of a joke); A Bolt from the Blue; Picking a Quarrel and the infamous two-fingered V-sign originated?

When you visit to Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre you will be enlightened with the answers when you meet the Archer in the Living History experience! Living History tours will run every half hour.

The **Living History** presentation involves professional actors 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. Medieval and Victorian times will be brought to life with actors from Deilg Inis Living History Theatre Company.

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is the only fortified Town House in an urban setting open to the public in Ireland. It is open seven days a week, all year round. If you are bringing a group of more than 12, we will provide a guide to take you around (must be pre-booked).

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!! EXTRA!!!

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: Mondays 11.00; Wednesdays 14.00 and Fridays 11.00. (May 1st -August 31st 2007)

Walks last approx 90 mins. Walks can be booked at other times by arrangement.

Guided Literary Walks to settings in the work of James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Flann O'Brien and Hugh Leonard can also be arranged. (May 1st -August 31st 2007)

Literary Walks must be pre-booked, minimum number of eight people.

Walks Ticket: 4. **BONUS!** Discounted Admission to Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

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Art Exhibitions at The Gallery, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre in May 2007

May 3rd -6th Susan B Cuffe 'Sculptures from the Moon Garden'

Susan B.Cuffe is a wire sculptor from Enniskerry

The sculptures are made of twisted copper wire patinated blue-green. Susan decorates the sculptures with beautiful mauve, turquoise and lime green Chinese glass beads and iridescent chandelier droplets. They are representational, romantic and highly original.

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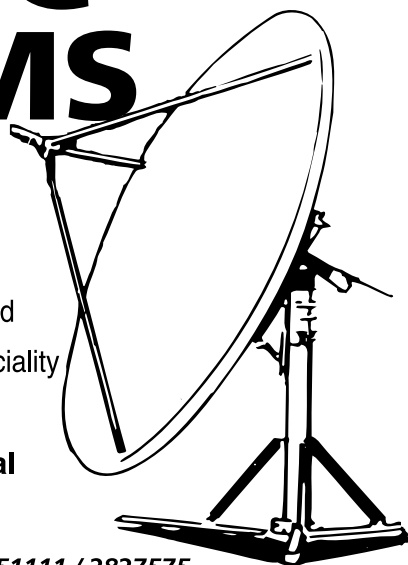
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❖ TRAFFIC MATTERS (4) ❖

The Traffic Acts (1961-2006) apply to EVERYONE who uses the Public Road system be they pedestrian, cyclist, motorcyclist, car, and van or truck driver. Remember that Traffic Lights, Stop signs and Yield signs are meant for YOU and mean what they say.

CYCLIST

Cyclists are the most prone to accidents, especially at night.

They should ALWAYS ensure that they have lights, front and rear, so that they can be seen by other road users. The use of a reflective jacket is a sensible advantage, as is a cycle helmet.

Not all footpaths are 'cycle lanes', so only use the ones which are clearly marked as such. It is dangerous to cycle on normal footpaths as well as being illegal as pedestrians can be injured by so doing.

PEDESTRIAN

Pedestrians are also prone to accidents with many killed each year unnecessarily. 'Jay-walking', i.e. crossing the road just anywhere, is a very big hazard. Try to cross roads either at crossings, if provided, or at safe spots on the road. Never cross roads at bends where you cannot see traffic and they cannot see you.

Adopt the 'Sale Cross Code' for yourself and your children.

MOTOR-CYCLIST

Motor-cyclists are also prone to accidents and again, many are killed on our roads unnecessarily. Weaving in and out of traffic is not only a danger for yourself but a danger to other road users also. Passing out traffic when it is clearly NOT safe to do so, i.e. having to go on the wrong side of the road, is a big factor in many accidents. The wearing of a helmet is also a MUST for safety reasons.

CAN/VAN DRIVER

Many accidents can be avoided by taking a little care when driving. NEVER 'tail-gate', which is now illegal. NEVER drive on FULL beam headlights, apart from it being illegal, it blinds oncoming drivers and can cause serious accidents. The use of front FOG lamps as part of your lighting is also dangerous and should NOT be done, except where there is genuine fog and they should be turned OFF when you leave the fog. Everyone should know by now that the use of HAND-HELD mobile phones is illegal since 2006, yet there are many irresponsible people out there who still persist in using them. Over 99% of mobile phones now have hands-free kits or are Bluetooth enabled so there is NO excuse for the continued use of hand-held mobiles when driving.

TRUCK DRIVER

Trucks, because of their size, pose a large danger on our roads. If you get stuck behind one you cannot see beyond it and any attempt to pass it out can be most dangerous. Very large trucks have 'blind spots' where the driver cannot see what is lower than him/her, e.g. cyclists trying to overtake. Manoeuvring them is an art in itself and can cause much delay to traffic behind. Therefore, care is needed in you encounter such procedures. In wet weather they are a real danger as they spew up large amounts of water which can cause an accident if your view is severely restricted and your windscreen wipers cannot cope.

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Richard Mooney

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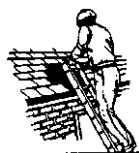
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The exhibition will be opened on Wednesday May 2nd at 7:30 by her brother, Ciarán Cuffe TD of the Green Party.

The Exhibition will be open to the public Thurs 3rd - Sunday 11.00-4.30

May 10th -13th Yvette O'Connell 'Unearthed 11'

This exhibition is the continuation in that series of abstract paintings, inspired by the unusual colouring and pattern found in the stone and rock of the tiny wooded island of Inishbeg, West Cork.

Open to the public from Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th 11.00-4.30 pm

May 24th -27th Lia Godfrey, Trish Cavanagh & Tom Cavanagh 'Synoptic'

An Exhibition of contemporary paintings by Lia Godfrey, and Trish Cavanagh and photographs by Tom Cavanagh. The work is inspired by nature, placing differing emphasis on colour, light and texture.

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The Litter Patrol on 27 March produced 10 volunteers, another record, collecting 25 bags of rubbish. The black spots were around the bottle bank at the train station, the steps leading from St. Patrick's Square up to Railway Road and the seated area on St. Patrick's Avenue. Cigarette butts everywhere are a constant problem. I cannot stress enough that if you see anyone littering or dumping that you can identify or get a car reg number, please report it by calling 2054817 or free phone number 1800403503.

The March/April DLRTIMES was an interesting read with Grants for Community Groups being an outstanding item. DCC Newsletter and Community Sports spring to mind to avail of a grant but any organisation could benefit so group treasurers' please note. Dalkey had two mentions with 'Living History for Schools' at the Heritage Centre and The Farmer's Market. None of the Community Awards came our way however, are we missing something here? We should be much more involved in this lively publication that is full of news and photographs. Also we need a supply of this magazine that, as far as I am aware, is not available in the town.

DTT committee members had a walkabout in March with an officer from the Parks Dept. to discuss this year's proposed projects. Our entry for the National Competition will be submitted shortly and judging will take place from 1 June. Please help in any way that you can to improve Dalkey's image, not just for our Tidy Towns effort, but also for the benefit of all. Thank you.

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NATURE CORNER – by Michael Ryan

FAIR GAME

The dog bouncing around excitedly under the tree where I hang nut feeders for the birds and a great clapping of wings alerted me to the presence of a new unlikely visitor to the garden, a hen pheasant. The bird flew up into the neighbour's conifers where it perched in ungainly fashion. I'd seen a pheasant on Dalkey hill in mid winter but apart from a few feathers on the road I hadn't seen a pheasant around the hill in years.

I had heard that someone used to rear them in Dalkey Quarry years ago and they grew the Leycesteria bushes which are now very common around the hill. More commonly known as the pheasant bush since their deep blue berries were a great food source for these birds and a very popular food choice for Bullfinches and Blackcaps.

The poor old pheasant looked very out of place perched on a branch and these birds always seem to have that permanently alarmed expression. Perhaps being bred to be shot might account for their permanent nervous expression. It continued to come around for the next few days picking up the spilled seed under the feeders.

Out of Africa



Many of our summer migrant birds should have arrived by now and many will already have nests built and be sitting on eggs. One of the last birds to arrive, usually in the early days of May, is the Swift and this is the bird I always associate with summer, screeching overhead on warm evenings sometimes in small weaving flocks. They are totally dependent on insects which they catch in the air which is probably why they have such a short breeding season, from May to early August, only being here when the air is warmest and abundant with small flying and floating creatures.

Surprisingly a major source of food for them is spiders which 'balloon' through the air after launching themselves into the air to move to a new territory. Swifts only land to build nests and lay and hatch eggs in high buildings. They spend nearly all their lives in the air even sleeping and mating on the wing. They build their nests with material they catch in the air like wind borne seeds and they used use elm seeds plucked from the sky to build their nests with until these trees were struck down with the Dutch Elm disease in the 70's.as nest material. Since they only land on high perches they have evolved so that their feet are set very far back on their bodies and they can't take off again if they get forced on to the ground.

European Swifts winter in Zaire, Tanzania or Zimbabwe. Like the Swallows, House Martins, Cuckoos and many other birds which arrive her in summer it's fantastic to think they might have been flying over prides of lions and herds of zebras, giraffes and wildebeest a few months ago as well as travelling over the vast Sahara desert. It's estimated that Swallows can get here from Africa in five weeks.

Queen of the May

The Hawthorn bush will have just begun to flower at the beginning of this month. It is traditionally associated with the beginning of May and indeed is known as the 'May blossom'. Unlike the Blackthorn which begins to flower in March with the white flowers contrasting against the bare black branches, the Hawthorn gets its leaves first in March with the flowers following in May.

The Hawthorn figures large in old myths and traditions, single bushes in fields having a

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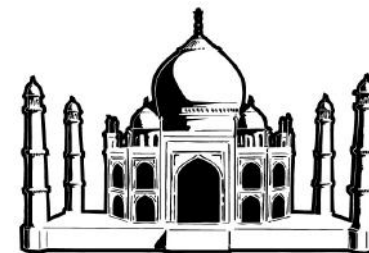
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Reg. Ref.: D06A/1773 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Apr-2007
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Charjac Properties Ltd., Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought by Charjac Properties Ltd. for single storey detached covered swimming pool, partially recessed into hillside on Western side of existing house, with paved terrace and railings to flat roof over, with plant room recessed into terrace to front, with landscaped terraces and retaining walls using granite and fill from excavations, Phase 3 of proposed development at 'Torca Hill'. **Application Type:** Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY BORD PLEANALA

WKS. 11-14. 12/3'07 to 6/4'07

Reg Ref: D06A/1843 **Registration Date:** 13-Dec-2006
Location: 5 & 6, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Development: 2 no. 2 storey semi-detached single family dwellings comprising each of study, WC, Kitchen/ Dining area, Utility and living room on ground floor level and 3no. bedrooms (1 en-suite) and bathroom at first floor level; new shared access laneway and all associated site works to the rear of 5 & 6 Hyde Park. Development works will also involve the demolition of 2no. single storey garages and an extended dining area; also relocation and reconstruction of side and rear boundary walls and 2 no. entrance gates to the two existing houses on the site.

Council Decision: Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 12-Mar-'07
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D06A/1906 **Registration Date:** 19-Dec-2006
Location: Montpellier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Development: The development will comprise of the refurbishment and extension of the existing house. The development will consist of the construction of a two storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling of approx. 142 sq. m. in total incorporating part demolition of the rear return and reducing the number of floors from three to two to the return, the conservation and repositioning of the existing brick screen wall to the side of the house, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance and the re-instatement of the existing pedestrian entrance way fronting onto Ardeevin Road, the demolition of outbuildings to the rear yard, general landscaping works and associated site development works on a site of approx. 0.24 hectares. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission.

Appeal Lodged: 16-Mar-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission.
Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal

Reg Ref: D07A/0011 **Registration Date:** 5-Jan-2007
Location: 56, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Development: Permission is sought for an increase in height of the existing railing to the front boundary from 0.95m to 1.20m and retain the existing front entrance width at the main location.
Council Decision: Refuse Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 26-Mar-2007. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

APPEAL DECISIONS OF AN BORD PLEANALA

WEEK 11-14. 12/3'07 to 6/4'07

Reg. Ref.: D06A/0663 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission
Appeal Decided: 26-Mar-'07. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission
Location: 128, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposed Development: For 2-storey extension to side of dwelling comprising 2 bedrooms over living for use as Granny flat. **Applicants:** Pat & Daire Connell.

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long association in Ireland with Fairies and it was always considered unlucky to cut down these trees.

It is also considered unlucky for sprigs of Hawthorn be taken indoors probably because of the strong smell. The Hawthorn is pollinated by insects which are attracted by a chemical in the plant which is also found in decomposing flesh.

It used be a common practice (up to quite recently) to eat Hawthorn leaves in cheese sandwiches, accounting for another traditional name for it the 'Bread and Cheese Tree'. Apparently they are very tasty but don't take my word for it.

They are a very useful plant in the wild being very attractive to up to 20 different species of insects when in flower. In Autumn the berries are a very good food source for birds and dense bushes are also very good for nesting and roosting.

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	50g sultans (optional)		

Preheat oven to 190°C or Gas mark 5. Gather equipment, collect/weigh ingredients, set table. Grease tin well if not non-stick. Sieve flour, bread soda and ginger. Add fruit if using. Melt butter, sugar, and treacle over a low heat. Pour into the dry ingredients. Add egg and milk together and mix to give a soft consistency. Put into the greased tin. Clean out bowl with spatula. Bake for about 30-40 minutes. It cooks quicker in a deep round sandwich tin rather than a loaf tin. Cool in tin for 5-10 minutes before turning out.

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FORTHCOMING DATES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

Ballybrack & Killiney Historical Society meets at 8.15 p.m. on Thursday, May 3rd in the Parochial Hall of SS Alphonsus and Columba Church, Ballybrack - vehicular entrance from Killiney Hill Road. Ms Erica Devine will present her lecture 'Recent First Aid for Archaeological Finds'. All welcome - admission €2.

AGM of Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society takes place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday April 18th in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. Mr. Colin Scudds will give a demonstration and display on the art of book binding.

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room, utility room at ground level with bedroom over at first floor level, 3) new roof to porch to front 4) single storey kitchen/ family room extension to rear, 5) formation of study/ bedroom and store in attic space including new dormer window to rear, 6) internal alterations, 7) increase in width of existing vehicular access gates to front of main location.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0078 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr & Mrs B Seaver, Odessa, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for proposed extension of existing dormer to rear and internal alterations to existing attic rooms. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0193 **Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid **Date:** 21-Mar-2007

Applicant Name & Address: Peter Lavelle, 30, Heytesbury Lane, Dublin 4
Location: Sorrento, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

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

Reg. Ref. D06A/1522 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 28-Mar-2007

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1581 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 29-Mar-2007

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0142 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 26-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: John & Mary Geraldine Miller, Saint Michaels, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought to widen one side of the existing vehicular gateway entrance from 2.7m to 3.5m.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0162 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 28-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Castle Park School Ltd., Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for temporary school accommodation, for a period of 18 months, to facilitate the construction works of the redevelopment of the existing school (which is a protected structure) granted under planning application Reg. Ref. D05A/0762. The temporary accommodation will comprise the following: A) a stand-alone, two storey, 18 classroom block with toilets, store and kitchen; B) a stand-alone gym building with toilets; C) a temporary covered walkway; and D) associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0168 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 29-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr Anthony Smyth, South Winds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for replacement of existing 'Southwinds' dwelling with a two story dwelling house. This includes the demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a two storey dwelling house, including drainage, landscaping, access road, domestic garage/ store and ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission.

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- Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0091 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 16-Mar-'07
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Foghlu Ltd., 'In' Bar, 115-116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Retention of retractable awning at street level to left hand side of front elevation.
- Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0110 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16-Mar-2007
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Karen Ledford, 30, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission sought to widen driveway, construct a front porch and convert the attic to habitable space along with the provision of dormer windows to the rear of the dwelling.
- Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0055 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16-Mar-2007
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Tony Corcoran, Ard Na Carraige, Green Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission sought for new pitched roof to main house and pitched roof to stair enclosure to front, bathroom extension to main bedroom and extension of sunroom at first floor level, extension of balcony at second floor level, new windows and doors, all to the rear of the house.
- Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0106 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 21-Mar-2007
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr Declan White, 30, Carysfort Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for the retention of as-built amendments to previously approved single storey kitchen/ living room extension to side and rear & first floor bedroom extension to rear of subject dwelling (Reg. Ref. D05A/0364), to include for the following; a) Amendments to footprint and height of extended elements & b) The erection of a hipped roof structure to first floor extension in lieu of previously approved gabled structure together with all associated elevation alterations and site development works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.
- Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0112 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 21-Mar-2007
Applicant Name & Address: Mr Michael Smyth, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Location: Marlay House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: Permission sought for retention of entrance as constructed previously granted under Reg. Ref. D06A/0528 on lands of Marlay House. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.
- Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0114 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Mar-'07
Applicant Name & Address: Desmond & Mary Kavanagh, Rossbarnagh House, Torquay Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18
Location: Mount Alverno, Nerano Road and Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: The proposed development comprises alterations and additions to previously approved plans to demolition of existing house and construction of new replacement two-storey dwelling, with external works as before, An Bord Pleanala appeal reference No. PL06D.217012, Reg. Ref. No. D06A/0027. The proposed alterations include revised ground and first floor plans and new elevations and sections to proposed dwelling only and also site development and landscape works.
- Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0119 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23-Mar-2007
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Una Walsh, 6, Corrig Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission sought for alterations and extensions as follows: 1) Construct parapet to roof on west elevation; enlarge entrance door opening to take new door and side lights, 2) Elevation to Corrig Road: Modify existing window and form two new matching windows: Replace garage door with walls, two windows and entrance door, 3) On rear elevation to enclosed garden, construct small extensions, one with entrance door to boiler room, one with windows to enlarge dining area, one with windows to enlarge kitchen area, 4) Reconstruct garage area to provide entrance porch, two shower rooms, a sun room with extension into garden having a pitched roof and roof light in retained area of flat roof.
- Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0128 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23-Mar-2007
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Ray & Carole Speer, Gortnavern, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission sought for 1) demolition of existing single storey garage to side/ front and single storey garden store to rear, 2) formation of two storey extension to side/ front comprising TV

My special intention this summer is to spend more time in the garden. So, right "NOW" is the perfect time to plan and plot your little scheme, too! Find an old weary table and chair or two and paint them your favourite colour. We can all create our very own little secret hide-outs, in sun, dappled shade, a scented area, or some peaceful green area with tiny wind chimes, etc.....Just create WHATEVER it is, that makes you feel that "YOU" are being invited out into precious space, – a place where you can sit for a while and while away some hours in these glorious, golden sunny days, that hopefully will come in the months ahead. I have come to the conclusion, at this stage, that I simply cannot do everything all the time and that gardens are for enjoyment So, with that in mind, let's be guided by the spirit of our site and play up its strengths, ie, the tranquil beauty of moss can be reality in your garden. A beautiful Japanese maple (acer palmatum, blood gold) in a simple pot can be a piece of sculpture. A container with an interesting plant arrangement, functions as a garden in miniature. I think, at the end of the day, we all want, wish and dream of our gardens to be or own little private world. It's that feeling of being able to relax in our garden rather than that feeling that we are living in a gold fish bowl. Isn't it, all about, a sense of enclosure? I think that a high fence around one's garden gives a feeling of boxing one in. A better solution, I feel, is creating garden rooms, using old brick walls, bamboo panels, beautiful hedging, etc. An old rustic bird table or large Grecian style pot can add a sense of drama. How great it is to have a garden that has a practical eating, sitting and socialising area. There are some beautiful gardens to be seen, along Hyde Road, Hyde Park and Hillside. Remember, attractive planting can distract attention from ugly gaps. So, why not consider such evergreen shrubs as, the Common Box, (buxus sempervirens,) a most versatile plant, simply because it can be pruned loosely or clipped back tightly into topiary shapes. Nandine domestica, 'Fire Power', 'the heavenly bamboo', has a great autumn colour and doesn't lose its leaves, Sarcococca (Christmas Box) has beautiful scented winter flowers-, another little beauty.



"Those that come after me will gather these roses and watch as I do, now, the white wisteria burst in the sunshine, from its pale green sheath. Planned, planted, established. Then, neglected, till at last, the loiterer at the gate will wonder at the old, old cottage, the old wooden cottage and say: 'One might build here, the view is glorious. This must have been a pretty garden once'"

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Reg. Ref.: D06A/1773

Application Rec'd Date: 04-Dec-2006

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

Proposal: Permission is sought by Charjac Properties Ltd. for single storey detached covered swimming pool, partially recessed into hillside on Western side of existing house, with paved terrace and railings to flat roof over, with plant room recessed into terrace to front, with landscaped terraces and retaining walls using granite and fill from excavations, Phase 3 of proposed development at 'Torca Hill'. **Applic. Type:** Permission. **Add. Info. Clarification of A.I.:** 13-Feb-2007, 12-Mar-2007.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1940

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Dec-2006

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Dermot Glynn & David Mellon, Montrose, 9, Springhill Park, Killiney, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for demolition of the existing bungalow and construction of 2no. two storey 4 bedroom houses and 1 detached garage, with one new vehicular entrance to each house and off-street parking and associated site development works.

Applic. Type: Permission. **Add. Info.:** Clarification of A.I. **Recd. Add. Info.:** 12-Mar-'07.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0325

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Kathy Irwin & Michael Quinn, 42A, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for a change of use, from domestic use at 1st floor level and a section of ground floor level, to office use.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0223

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Joe & Ann McGouran, Chatswood, Saval Park Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for alterations to previously approved permission (Reg. Ref. D03A/1210) namely moving approved first floor window on south elevation, addition of new first floor window on south elevation, replacement of door with window at ground floor all on south elevation and addition of ground floor window on north elevation all on the northern house at Chatswood. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0225

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Mar-2007

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

Location: 7, Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for a first floor extension at side of main location.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0228

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: N & L McKenna 8, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission sought for retention of development in accordance with submitted drawings consisting of a) single storey windowless extension at entrance level on east elevation, b) 2.7m high screening/ privacy wall to rear at entrance/ first floor level, on eastern side, c) double doors to rear, at entrance/ first floor level, for roof access for maintenance purposes, and d) projecting stairwell enclosure, with window to rear, at first floor level to rear of main location. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0236

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: John Keating 36, Carysfort Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought to construct a porch incorporating toilet at main location.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0242

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Dermot & Victoria Clarke 14, Craiglands, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for provision of dormer window in pitched roof, to first floor bedroom to the front elevation of existing house.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0252

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Michael & Susan Loughnane, 42, Convent Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0253

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Alan & Tara Murphy 4, Sorrento Lawn, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposal: Permission sought for the erection of a two story rear conservatory and a single storey extension, with balcony over, to the front elevation, with an adjusted driveway.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0257

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Paul & Sue McDowell, Shelsbury, 64, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Glenageary, Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for a two storey (basement & ground floor) extension to side of existing house.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0265

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Simon & Collette Filgas, 49, Dalkey Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for first floor extension to side, elevational alterations to front including extension to front and conversion of attic with rear dormer and velux windows to front at roof level.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1808

Application Rec'd Date: 08-Dec-2006

Applicant Name: Otranto Properties Ltd.

Location: Mackeys Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Demolition of a single storey dwelling (196 sq.m) and the construction of 56 no. apartments (total gross residential floor area 5,040 sq.m) in two no. four storey buildings comprising 18 no. one beds (61 sq.m to 71 sq.m), 32 no. two beds (82 sq.m to 91 sq.m) and 6 no. three beds (97 to 135 sq.m), a single storey health facilities building (402 sq.m) including a gym, wc's and a janitor's office, a basement level, 16 metres long swimming pool with changing areas, shower and a wc, an ESB-station, plant room, recycling bin store, and storage at basement level, underground car parking for 86 cars and 70 no. bicycle spaces with access from Castlepark Road via electronic gates, surface level (residents only) bottle bank, new boundaries, landscaping and ancillary site development works including an underground attenuation tank all on a 0.58 hectares site. The existing non-residential buildings on the site will be demolished as exempted development. Development on this site : Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, and Harry Byrne's, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, and part of no. 1 Castle Court, Sandycove. Co. Dublin. **Application Type:** Permission.

Additional Information: 28-Mar-2007

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0279

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Peter Lavelle, Sorrento, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for minor internal alterations to existing 2 storey dwelling: inclusion of east facing external ground floor lobby to internal hallway: construction of mansard roof on existing flat roof to create study/ studio and bedroom accommodation of 120sqm on new second floor, with dormer windows to south east, southwest and northwest elevations and glazed sliding doors accessing 20sqm roof terrace to northeast, chimney stacks height to be increased.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0281

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Mar-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Kevin & Eavan O'Brien, Derrynane, 2, Convent Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for:- 1) part demolition of the existing two storey habitable extension to rear of the existing mid-terraced dwelling, and to, 2) renovate and extend the existing return over two stories to the rear and all ancillary site works.

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Gavin Byrne & Karen Holmes, 9, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Retention permission sought for demolition to rear of front facade and reconstruction of single storey dwelling with revised layout and single storey extension to rear. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention. **Add. Info.:** Clarification of A.I. **Recd. Add. Info.:** 3-Apr-2007.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0441

Application Rec'd Date: 04-Apr-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Vera & Maurice Cunningham, 119, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Widen the existing vehicle entry gate by 600 mm.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0301

Application Rec'd Date: 03-Apr-2007

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Brian Gardiner, 2, The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a 4.7sqm porch to front, 39.8sqm first floor extension, conversion