

## ❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

November DCC Monthly Meeting Mon 5 Nov	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God - Our Lady's Hall (10.30am-12.30pm) <i>Bring &amp; Buy Sale with Auction @ 11am</i> Fri. 16 Nov
St. Patrick's Dramatic Soc. "From These Green Heights" Town Hall @ 8pm Weds 7 - Sat 10 Nov	St. Vincent de Paul Coffee Morning in OLH Sat 17 Nov
Art Exhib. "Spirit & Nature" in HC Weds 7 - Sun 11 Nov	Winter/Christmas Fair in Town Hall & Heritage Centre (11am-4.30pm) Sat 17 - Sun 18 Nov
Kilmacud/Stillorgan Local Hist. Society at 8pm in St. Laurence N. S. "Wigs & Guns; Irish Barristers in the Great War" talk by the author. Thur 8 Nov	Cake Sale - Dalkey Comm. Playgroup in OLH (9-1pm) Sun 18 Nov
Féile Filíochta International Poetry Comp. <b>closing date</b> Fri 9 Nov. <a href="http://www.dlrcco.ie/feile">www.dlrcco.ie/feile</a>	Mass for deceased family & friends. (3pm in OLH) All welcome. Tues. 20 Nov
DCC Art Exhibition in OLH Sat 10-11 Nov	Embroidery Artists Exhib. HC Weds 21 - Sun 25 Nov
Ballybrack & Killiney Hist. Soc. in St. Alphonsus & Columba Hall "Dublin City: Changed in our Lifetime" by Liam Clare Weds Wed. 14 Nov	Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind <i>Sale of Work</i> OLH (10.00am-1pm) Sat. 24 Nov
	Sorting December Newsletter Fri 30 Nov
	December DCC Monthly Meeting Mon 3 Dec

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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(Irish Heritage Town)

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### NEWSLETTER No 370 (Volume 13)

### Samhain (November) 2007

**November:** *Believed to derive from 'novem' which is the Latin for the number 'nine'. In the ancient Roman calendar November was the ninth month after March. As part of the seasonal calendar November is the time of the 'Snow Moon' according to Pagan beliefs and the period described as the 'Moon of the Falling Leaves' by Black Elk. The Anglo-Saxons called November 'Windmonath' or 'Wind-month'.*

*Flower: Chrysanthemum*

If there's ice in November to bear a duck  
There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck.

**The October monthly meeting** was held on Monday 1st October at 8pm in OLH.

**Heritage:** The Heritage Centre has recently won an award from the DLRCC Enterprise Board for its contribution to local tourism and another prize from DLRCC and the Chamber of Commerce for the best sustainable tourism attraction in the area.

**Tidy Towns:** There are now **20** districts in Dalkey where a resident(s) carries out regular litter patrols. Three new Litter Wardens have been engaged in addition to the six that are already working in the borough to combat the litter problem. Any illegal dumping should be reported on the freefone litter number.

**Winter Litter Patrol Schedule** to which **all residents** are welcome is: **Second Saturday** of each month meeting 10.30 at the church gates from 13 October; **First Tuesday** each month meeting at 10.30 at Select Stores, from 2 October; **Third Thursday** each month meeting at 11.00 at Dillon's Park from 18 October.

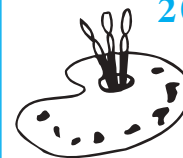
**Note:** 1. The Tidy Towns Notice Board has moved to Maxwell's Chemist window.  
2. Used ink cartridge disposal - a container is available at Eurospar.

**AOB:** The new footpath on Barnhill Road is very welcome although it was brought to the council's attention that care has to be taken as vehicles emerging from Saval Park Road have to swing out and may find themselves in the path of oncoming traffic. It is also more difficult to overtake cyclists due to the increased width of the pavement.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.

### DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIMITED

## 2007 ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



The Annual Art Exhibition takes place on  
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## ❖ OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE OBELISK ❖

The official opening of the Obelisk on Killiney Hill took place on Friday 21st September 2007. Mr. Leslie Moore, Senior Parks Superintendent with DLRCC gave a brief history and Mr. James Howley of Howley Hayes Architects gave an outline of the scope of the architectural project.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Denis O'Callaghan, carried out the official opening and unveiling of the plaque on the obelisk.



*Above:*

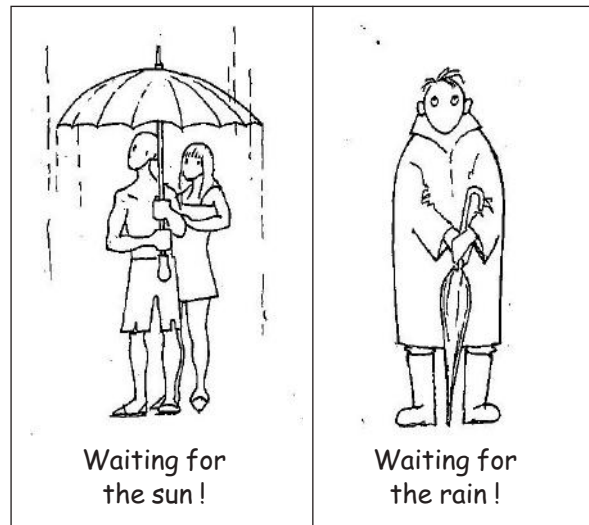
*Left to right: James Howley, Architect; Leslie Moore, DLRCC; Cathaoirleach Denis O'Callaghan and Owen Keegan, County Manager.*

*Left: The refurbished obelisk*



Following this ceremony the public were invited to tour the obelisk and take in the panoramic views from the first floor.

We then adjourned to the tearooms at Victoria Gate for light refreshments.



## ❖ DALKEY IN THOM'S DIRECTORY FOR 1857 ❖

“Dalkey, a parish and village in Rathdown Barony, Dublin County, eight miles S.E. from the General Post Office, Dublin, comprising an area of 467 acres of which 11 are occupied by the village. Population of the parish 2232; of village 252 inhabiting 40 houses. It is picturesquely situated at the east extremity of Dublin Bay and appears from an early period to have been a town of some importance, having had a charter of incorporation, as is on record, by an enrolment of 33 Edw. 111 dated 8 Feb 1358, which style its corporate officers as the ‘Provost and Bailiffs of the town of Dalkey,’ and from being a port of connection between the two countries, its harbour must have well frequented by shipping, as well as being the landing and embarking place of the serving viceroys –

Philip De Courcy	landed	1386
Sir John Stanley	landed	1387
Lord Furnival, (afterwards the Earl of Shrewsbury)	landed	1414
Sir Richard Edgecombe	landed	1488
Sir Edward Bellingham	landed	1548
The Earl of Sussex	landed	1558
Sir John Perrott	landed	1584

And down to the 17th century, it maintained the character of a port and was protected by 7 castles, the remains of two of which are still to be seen on either side of the village. The village comprises one Main street only. The only public building is the Roman Catholic chapel. The Church of the district recently erected nearby is a large and elegant structure; and not too far distant is the Loreto Convent, a large cruciform structure. There is a National School and Coast Guard and quarries, many years in operation for the construction of Kingstown harbour, having considerably diminished the hills in the district. Arrival of Mail from G.P.O. - 1st 8.15 a.m., 2nd 12.15 p.m.

To the G.P.O. - 1st 11.30 p.m., 2nd 5 p.m. “

**James Scannell**

## DALKEY COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP – CAKE SALE – 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



The Dalkey community playgroup is having a cake sale on the 18th November, which is a Sunday in Our Lady's Hall, and we need support **Please.** Most Dalkey residents would be familiar with this long-standing excellent playgroup. The government has decided to cut back funding so we are hoping to maintain the standard of the playgroup by means of fundraising so we need the support of the community.

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## TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 2007

### ADJUDICATION REPORT – CENTRE: DALKEY REF: 170

Co.: Dublin (Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown) *Category: E* Mark: 264. *Date(s): 9/7/-07, 6/8/'07*

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded		Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Development Approach	50	43	Waste Minimisation	20	10
The Built Environment	50	39	Tidiness	30	18
Landscaping	50	30	Residential Areas	40	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	28	Roads, Streets & Back Areas	50	30
Litter Control	50	28	General Impression	10	8

**TOTAL MARK** 400 Maximum **264 Mark Awarded**

**Overall Development Approach:** Dalkey is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns competition; thank you for your submission which included your fine plan. Dalkey has wonderful scenic views of land and sea including views of the city from Killiney Hill, all of which provide visual and recreational amenity facilities for the community and the visitor. It would facilitate a greater understanding of the town and what it has to offer if a map of amenities and an information panel regarding your wildlife flora and fauna were provided both in the centre of the town and at a number of appropriate locations. Your partnership approach to the Tidy Towns initiative with statutory bodies, commercial interests and the schools is effective in achieving a handsome increase in marks this year.

**The Built Environment:** One of the most striking features of Dalkey town is the excellent presentation of its attractive shop fronts; those that were particularly admired include Finnegan's, which has been considered for the Shop Front Award, Photogenic which has an excellent window display, the Dalkey Bookshop, Bolero; it was unusual and a little disappointing to see a dated plastic neon fascia sign on the Lees Kitchens premises. Your heritage buildings enjoy and excellent presentation as do your ecclesiastic buildings and schools.

**Landscaping:** Flower displays in containers and on poles at several locations around the town were profuse, colourful and were much admired. Grass verges throughout the town are being nicely maintained and young trees are maturing well. Well done on your participation in National Tree Week. We wish you every success with planned projects at Bulloch Harbour together with the rear of the Eurospar premises but especially in relation to the regeneration of woodland on Dalkey Hill.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:** Thank you for your survey of wildlife in Dalkey, which has been submitted with this year's application, well done on this most excellent initiative which has earned you a substantial increase in marks. Your walks around Dalkey highlighting your natural amenities and spectacular scenery must be most enjoyable. We look forward to seeing your proposed bilingual information panels on the flora and fauna of Dalkey and Coliemore Harbour in particular, no doubt the new telescope at Coliemore Harbour will promote awareness and interest in the rare nesting terns on Dalkey Island. We will be very interested to hear of your progress regarding access to Dalkey Island. Your recreational amenity facilities such as Dalkey United AFC and their playing grounds are neatly presented.

**Litter Control:** Litter control in the centre of the village was excellent with no litter being noted at all. A little was noted at the DART station but not enough to cause a problem. A few plastic bottles were noted at Bulloch Harbour together with a number of bags of rubbish which had been neatly stacked but probably torn by birds, this should not be used



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❖ **TRAFFIC MATTERS (9)** ❖

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2. Non-national roads, i.e. regional and local (white signs; R or L numbers).  
The Speed Limit is 80 kph.
3. National Roads, i.e. primary and secondary (green signs; N numbers).  
The Speed Limit is 100 kph.
4. Motorway; (blue signs; M numbers).  
The Speed Limit is 120 kph.

Local Authorities can, from time to time, set special speed limits to particular types of roads and at particular times such as when children are entering or leaving school, or on different sides of a Dual Carriageway, or where there is a series of bends, or at Road Works. Speed Limit signs, like most other regulatory signs, have a red border, white background and black numbers and letters.

The main speed limit signs on national primary or other roads are sometimes followed by repeater signs to remind drivers of the road's speed limit.

Normally, speed limits apply 24 hours a day and all year round.

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From time to time and on various stretches of road, Gardaí may use equipment such as 'speed guns' to check if vehicles are obeying the speed limits. It is against the law to supply, carry or use any device that can detect or interfere with any speed monitoring equipment under Garda control.

Source: Rules of the Road, 2007

**R. Mooney**

*To be continued.*

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as a permanent storage space. Well done on the publication of articles on litter awareness. The installation of CCTV cameras in the town may help the problem in certain areas.

**Waste Minimisation:** Your recycling point at both the DART station and on Killiney Park was neatly presented. Well done to both the Loreto and Castlepark schools for their involvement in the Green Flag Schools project. It was good to note the waste audit being undertaken to determine the amount and type of waste generated. Congratulations to The Guinea Pig Restaurant which won an award for their recycling and disposal of waste. Congratulations also to the Holy Child School who has committed to the Green School Programme for the curriculum from 2007.

**Tidiness:** Your work on lanes off the Main Street and back areas is acknowledged as is your program of weed control along curbs. We appreciate your problem regarding billboards, however their environs are being maintained in a neat and tidy manner and the billboards themselves are not tatty, however the chain link fencing at the advertisement hoardings on the top of Hyde Road should be repaired.

**Residential Areas:** A number of roadside boundary walls are in need of cleaning and/or painting, some of these located along Dalkey Avenue. Names stones to developments are very pleasing and it was good to note a number of developments featured on one name stone. Mature pine trees mark the entrances of a number of residencies along Cunningham Road and elsewhere. Carysfort Cottages is a charming development. Weed growth was excessive to the rear of a residential property located across from Loreto Abbey. Residential developments that were admired include The Paddocks, Ulverton Close and Kilbegnet Close.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:** Your new granite name stones are most a handsome feature marking entrances to your lovely town. Road and footpath surfaces throughout are quite good, however the car park at the DART station is badly in need of resurfacing. Your heritage lamp standards along the Main Street are an attractive feature as is its wirescape free aspect. Hopefully the wirescape along other streets and areas, particularly near Finnegan's, will be ducted in due course. A few road signs are in need of refurbishment. Well done on the new pedestrian crossing and on the refurbishment of the graveyard beside the Heritage Centre, not to mention the new granite seat.

**General Impression:** Dalkey is a handsome town with an excellent cultural, wildlife and natural amenity heritage. The overall presentation is to the highest standard, however the town is not without its problem areas but the committee is aware of these and problems will be addressed with the passage of time. Congratulations on a handsome increase in marks and good luck for the future.

**Second Round Adjudication:** Dalkey was looking bright and vibrant on the day of second adjudication. The town centre was admired for its hanging baskets and well presented built environment - Finnegan's, O'Briens, Benito's, Kings Inn and Optician's were greatly admired. Our Lady's Manor car-park was effectively landscaped and the fuchsia border was in full bloom. Back areas at Loreto Abbey and Anastasia lane looked well. As identified by your committee there are ongoing problems with regard to graffiti and weed control and this was evident at a number of locations. A number of litter outbreaks were noted close to the bus stops on the Sandycove approach, another was noted in the green area at the front of Carysfort Court which were probably discarded by late night revellers. Knock-na-cree looked marvellous and Dalkey Court too looked well. Similarly many of the properties on Sorrento Gardens were fresh in appearance. It was a pleasure to visit Dalkey on a sunny summers morning and you are congratulated on the considerable progress you have made since last years competition - well done.!

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## MY GARDEN . . . . . by Philippa Thomas



My goodness, what an upsurge in the general growth of our local surrounding trees and shrubs. It seems to be especially apparent here in Dalkey by the sea over these latter summer/autumnal months. So now let's enjoy our abundance of berries, smoky and cherry reds, burnt, rusty, terracotta, mango and smouldering oranges, our buttery and honey and creamy yellows and our flamboyant shades of swirling pinks. Aren't we so lucky here in Dalkey to have this incredible backdrop, - structure of granite stone? I was recently in The Burren in Co. Clare with some members of my family and couldn't help comparing our glistening jewel-like granite with their intriguing limestone.



I think one of the greatest charms of Dalkey lies in the diversity of sea-loving (salt-tolerant plants) plants, that we can - pretty effortlessly - grow. The likes of Agapanthus, Phormiums, grasses and one of my all-time favourites, Lady's Mantle (*Alchemilla Mollis*) with low mound growing with limey green and kiwi coloured foaming, frothy flowers, complement almost any other low growing mound, especially hardy Geraniums, etc. All our local ferns, bracken and even brambles at present look splendid especially in these chilly November mornings when they are smothered with their rosey hue.

Maybe it's a good idea to make a list of your favourite perennial plants; i.e. those that can withstand our gales and wet, wintery weather. Sedums, Phloxes and Euphorbias, can look absolutely stunning in our oncoming frosts and dark, dank days. Maybe plant more our your successful plants here and there and then .... dream of enjoying them next spring and summer and autumn.

I like to see our garden in these oncoming winter months bursting with greens and looking 'full'. Evergreens usually provide substance in the garden whereas deciduous plants create a twiggy, knobbly, veiny, threadbare effect. So obviously, apple and sea-greens, jade green, kale green and aloe vera greens are and can become more important now, than even a month ago.

It is almost like as if they are saying: "Please may we have our special turn now, in order to display our best?" The likes of Pittosporums, Bay trees (laurel), Skimmias, variegated large-leaved Ivies (*Hedera*). Mahonia Japonica and Winter Jasmine (*Jasminum Nudiflorum*) are truly among some of our maritime winners.

On the way home with a friend late last night we couldn't help but notice and admire that enormous square planter located at the entrance to our Euro Spar car park. Its planting, I think, is truly excellent and it is now early November. This container is simply laden, spilling out all



over, with that very tough reliable annual Biddens (tiny, golden yellow daisy-like trailing flowers) Then, another reliable and elegant apricot cascading little beauty, Verbena, and planted in the centre, en masse, is Begonia Semperflorens (dwarf red flowers, Brazil, 6-9 inches).

Tip: Try and raise your clay pots on some sort of base so as to reduce the danger of oncoming frost damage.

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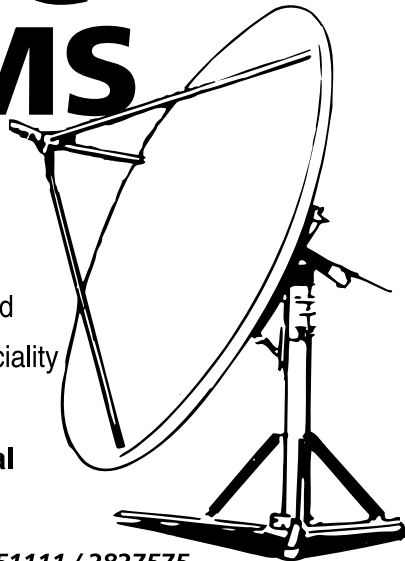
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L to R: June Barnett, Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee,  
Denis O'Callaghan, Cathaoirleach DLRCC,  
Dr. Susan McDonnell, Chairman, Dalkey Community  
Council Ltd., Paddy Rigney, Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee

### The Success Goes On.....!

Dalkey won Best Presented Town in DLR Tidy Districts Competition at the presentations last night. An engraved cut glass vase on a stand and a cheque for 700 Euro.

The Burgage won two prizes with 700 Euro for their landscaping and recycling.

Betty and Jim Houton won an Environmentalist Award - a crystal clock - for maintaining both sides of the entry to Ulverton Close.

The Overall Cup went to a residents group. Shankill won two categories. Dun Laoghaire and Sandycove TT also won prizes. So, it was a very diplomatic adjudication.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

November 2007

Dear Editor,

I endorse a letter written by a 'Dalkey Mother' in the last issue of the Newsletter referring to the fact that there is no children's playground in Dalkey. I brought up my own children in Dalkey and we unfortunately had no playground. Now, 30 years on as a grandmother, I again have to travel outside Dalkey to find one.

Yours sincerely,  
**Nuala Hartnett**

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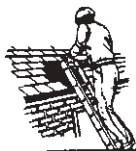
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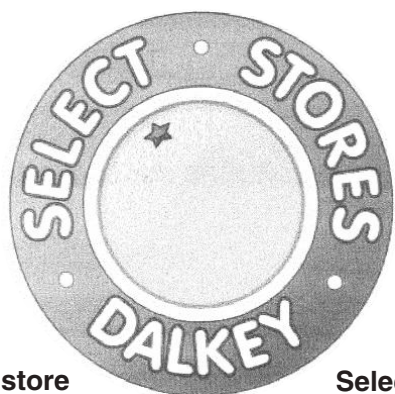
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## ❖ GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY . . . Continued from September Issue ❖

The Chapel House ('Kilross') is surely a unique little building and quite unknown except to the few. Here, as Dr. Donnelly tells us in his Histories of Dublin Parishes, Father P.J. Smith, a Franciscan, lived from about 1830. He had been bequeathed the property by a relative, and having obtained permission from his Order to live there, he constructed a little Oratory and in it celebrated Mass on Sundays and Holy days and permitted the local people to attend. At this time there was no chapel available nearer than Cabinteely or Kingstown, and the people came from as far away as Ballybrack and gladly availed themselves of the privilege. Father Smith is still remembered in many a Dalkey home; the old people remember their parents' tales of his charity and piety. It is recorded that he gave away his substance to anyone in need, so that his own coat became green in hue, and he often sat to wait while his shirt was laundered in a cottage, because he simply said, "I hope you won't keep me long - I have no other!"

This Oratory and the priest's rooms attached are still in perfect condition, with the dwelling-house 'Kilross' built on. The only alteration from Father Smith's day is a floor half way up the Oratory, put in by Mr. Conan. There is a cave in the wall on the left as one enters. Some 30 feet away is a large granite boulder with the peculiar inscription: "The garden of Joseph of Arimathea convenient to the Sepulchre" Now, Joseph of Arimathea was the saint who gave up his sepulchre wherein to bury Our Lord; the Franciscans, I understand, have charge of the Holy Places today. Fr. Smith was a Franciscan, and Mr. Conan told me that at the time of Fr. Smith a Mr. Blake (one of the Galway Blakes) owned all the property, was a great friend of the good priest and incidentally had the 'builder's itch' in the form of employing stonecutters. Mr. Conan contended that Blake had stonecutters trim the stone and carve the present inscription thereon as a compliment to Fr. Smith, the Franciscans, St. Joseph, and maybe as some reference to the sepulchre-like cave in the Oratory. Like the Nerano Sailor, the origin is obscure, but Mr. Conan's theory is ingenious, and (who knows?) may well be correct.

Opposite to 'Monte Alverno' and standing high up above the road, railway, Park and coastline is 'Khyber Pass'. This was also built by James Milo Burke, and Charles Stewart Parnell is said to have lived there for a time. During the Great War and after, Major Bryan Cooper resided there. Lennox Robinson, in his Life of Bryan Cooper, says: "Khyber Pass was to be his home for the rest of his life" The name itself may have had some attraction for him and linked it to the India of his birth. Later, when he built a stone cottage for his gardener at the foot of the hill he took pleasure in naming it 'Jamrud' ('Jamrud' is the name of a fort at the foot of the Indian Khyber Pass, and it was in 'Jamrud' at the foot of the Dalkey Khyber Pass that I compiled this Paper).

G.C.

Extracted from *Glimpses of Old Dalkey* by F.M. O'FLANAGAN, 1942. (Courtesy of Colette Dooey)



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Nowadays for Halloween children go out in the dark dressed as ghosts and witches and try to scare each other. But the symbolism of Halloween is about embracing life with death, good with bad, dark with light, trick or treat. In psychological terms it could be considered a safe way for us all to experience the dark side or the shadow.

We all have a dark or shadow side to our personalities, which, we are not always aware of. This can manifest in difficult behaviours including destructive behaviours such as drink and drug abuse while we try to split off the shadow.

Sometimes, the shadow is the part of us that buries a memory so thoroughly that it cannot be recalled at all. Sometimes it's the part of us that has a bad feeling and attributes it on another. 'They must think that I am....' The therapeutic goal would be to befriend the shadow. Let opposites attract, light with dark.

If you are interested in exploring your shadow side, interpreting our dreams can help. These are considered messages from our unconscious. What is your dream about? What is your hidden unconscious trying to tell you? What can you learn from the dream or are you afraid of your shadow?

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### CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT!

#### Advance notice of Christmas events:

The Centre's Living History programme will be back by popular demand for the month of December. All the medieval Christmas traditions will be worked into the presentation of the Living History. Did you know that men who wanted to be irresistible to women during the Christmas period wore a sprig of holly? Gentlemen take note! Other traditions that go back to medieval times include will include the hanging of objects on the tree, eating 'umble' pie, the making of the plum pudding and mince pies. St Francis of Assisi used the crib to explain the nativity to those who couldn't read. The naming of Boxing Day has medieval origins. So come and enjoy! Special Offer admission: two children free of charge with every full paying adult!



**November:** Art Exhibitions in November begin with an Exhibition entitled **Spirit and Nature** by local Artist Olivia Rogals from Wednesday 7th - Sunday 11th November. This exhibition will feature a collection of recent paintings representing the depth of Olivia's repertoire in multiple mediums. Many of her pictures have been painted on location around Ireland with dominant themes of nature and light.

**Winter Fair:** This will be followed by the highly popular Winter/Christmas Fair supported by the County Enterprise Board on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th November from 11.00 - 4.30 daily in both Dalkey Town Hall and Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre.

Here you can sample the talent of the county and you can purchase beautiful jewellery, designer knitwear, fashion accessories, gourmet foods, children's gifts, woodcarving, aromatherapy, photography, glass, interesting art and much, much more.....all your Christmas shopping under one roof!

The final Exhibition for November is the national Embroidery Artists exhibition from Nov 21st -25th. This will showcase a wide interpretation of stitched textiles in the contemporary arts.

**Admission is Free to all Art Exhibitions, 11.00am - 4.30am**

**Karate** continues in the Dalkey Town Hall on Tues and Thurs now with a self defence Class on Wednesday nights and the drama group continue to rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays also.

**Co Co Markets** are back to full operation after the summer in the Town Hall and the new organic meat lady is proving very popular. Market every Friday from 10.00-3.00pm.

**Shop:** Remember to take a look in the Centre's Gift Shop if you are buying small gifts, knitwear or jewellery. A warm welcome awaits you!

*Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle Heritage Centre*

## INNOCENCE IS BLISS

Some years ago my daughter (then aged 8) used to attend the summer weekly tennis sessions at Loreto (for which a coach was engaged). She went down on the first night and I asked her: "Did the coach come?" "No", she replied. On the second night I asked her the self-same question. "No", she said again. I thought this was very strange. On the third Tuesday night (which started off fine but turned out very wet), I said "Well, I suppose the coach didn't come tonight either?" She retorted: "Don't be silly Mummy, if the coach had come don't you think we would have got a lift home?"

Marie Byrne



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**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1152 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 4-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** P & J O'Loughlin, 57, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0736 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Edward & Judy Taylor, 39A, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the following:- 1) demolition of single storey extension to side of house comprising porch, wc, study and garage/ store and boiler house to rear, 2) formation of single storey extension to side of house comprising store, porch, bedroom/ study and bathroom, 3) formation of bathroom window at first floor level and 2 no. windows at ground floor level to east gable wall, and 4) internal alterations.

### **APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala. Wks 37- 40 – 10/9/'07 to 5/10/'07**

**Reg Ref:** D07B/0615 **Reg. Date:** 5-Jul-'07 **Location:** Hillside Cottage, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

**Development:** Permission is sought for the construction of a first floor extension over an existing modern 1 storey element to rear of cottage to form new dormer like cottage development providing for 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, living, dinning space, balcony and ancillary sanitary services. It also includes for changing an existing door to a window to match the existing windows. The slate roof is to be retained at the front but the chimneys will be removed in favour of one new chimney. The new structure will have a low pitched roof. A new entrance is to be provided to the side of the house through existing entrance at Hillside Cottage. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. Appeal Lodged: 25-Sep-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party.

**Reg Ref:** D07A/0992 **Reg. Date:** 17-Jul-'07 **Location:** Linden Lodge, Castlepark Rd, Dalkey.

**Development:** Permission is sought for the development of this site. The development will consist of demolition of Linden Lodge, a detached part single, part two-storey 4 bedroom house and the construction of 4 no. detached 5 bedroom 2 storey plus attic level houses (houses no.'s 1,2, and 3 fronting onto Castlepark Road and house no. 4 fronting onto Wolverton Glen) with vehicular access to house no.1 and no. 3 via existing vehicular access onto Castlepark Road, vehicular access to house no.2 via new vehicular access onto Castlepark Road, vehicular access to house no. 4 via new vehicular access onto Wolverton Glen with associated on and off site development works.

**Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 5-Oct-2007. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

### **APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wk. 40 - 24/9/'07 to 28/9/'07**

**Reg. Ref.:** D06A/1808 **Appeal Decision:** Withdrawal of Appeal **Appeal Decided:** 12-Sep-'07

**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** Mackeys Garden Centre, Castlepark Rd., Dalkey.

**Proposed Development:** 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, WCs 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.

**Applicant:** Otranto Properties Ltd. Other appeals to this application remain for decision by Bord Pleanala.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1063      **Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Date:** 20-Sep-'07  
**Applicant Name & Location:** P Byrne, Santa Maria (A Protected Structure), Cunningham Rd., Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the widening of the existing entrance throughout the re-positioning of the gate piers and the realignment of the existing driveway. A protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1081      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 21-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Penny & Paul Lannin, 49, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for amendments to previously granted planning permission Reg Ref: D06A/1413, including 13.3sqm second floor extension to family flat, to the side of the existing house.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0681      **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention      **Date:** 17-Sep-'07  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Ms Geraldine O'Driscoll, 48, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for retention of an exit door in the west facing wall of ground floor rear bedroom which has replaced a window at this location. Application Type: Permission for Retention

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1091      **Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Date:** 24-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** K O'Brien, Site on Meany Avenue to the rear of Milroy Cottage (A Protected Structure), Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the construction of 1 no. new 2 storey mews with a flat roof, roof light and concealed water tank, and with a single storey section to the rear with the provision of one parking space at this main location. A protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1117      **Decision:** Request Add. Info      **Date:** 27-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Castlepark School Ltd. Castle Park School (A Protected Structure), Castlepark Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for 47 no. residential units on lands, measuring 1.5385 hectares. The development will comprise 10 no. 5 bedroom semi-detached houses in three storeys; 4 no. 4 bedroom semi-detached houses with garages in three storeys; 1 no. 4 bedroom detached house with garage in three storeys; 2 no. 1 bedroom; 2 no. 2 bedroom and 4 no. 2 bedroom apartments in a three storey over podium block; and 12 no. 2 bedroom and 12 no. 3 bedroom apartments in a four and five storey over podium block. The development will also provide for widening the existing school avenue from Castlepark Road to provide access to the proposed development and the school; the provision of new gates and railings along the existing avenue; and the use of the existing school entrance from Castlelands as an access for emergency vehicles only; the use of the existing gate to the school from Castlelands for temporary construction access; the provision of 41 no. basement car parking spaces and 34 no. surface car parking spaces and all associated infrastructure and site development works including internal roads, bin storage and bicycle parking areas, landscaping including the provision of open space and boundary treatments. A protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1121      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 27-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Joanna & Rees Kavanagh, The Cottage, Church Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** For the redesigning of the previously approved development (planning permission No. D06B/1022). The development will consist of:- 1. Demolition of the existing single storey extensions to the sides and to the rear of the existing house of the garage and garden sheds. 2. Construction of a single storey extension to the sides and to the rear of the existing house with a double storey part. 3. Construction of a single-storey garden house to accommodate studio and boiler room ancillary to the main house.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0818      **Decision:** Declare Applic Invalid      **Date:** 25-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Teresa & Damian Coleman, 13 Hyde Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.  
**Proposal:** First floor level extension to the rear to provide for a new two bedrooms with en-suites and all associated site development works. To include internal amendments to ground and first floor level and 3 No. new Velux windows.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0870      **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention      **Date:** 1-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Gerry Byrne, 2, Eagle Terrace, 109 Sorrento Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission sought for retention of removal of part of front wall and forming vehicular access driveway to front of this main location. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention.

## ❖ A TRIP TO INDIA ❖

If you've ever thought of going to India and put the thought straight out of your mind - think again - it's a most exciting, exotic and enlightening experience. From the crowded bustling, perpetually congested twisting streets of the Chandni Chowk to the wide boulevards and splendour of the Lutyens designed Parliament buildings in Delhi to the beauty of the Taj Mahal, you'll be constantly in awe. The smells, sounds and colours will guarantee a tableau of memories.

I went to India with my sister, travelling with a party of thirty seven from Dublin. We arrived in Delhi in September when the temperature was in the late 30s. I was immediately struck by how green it was, with parks and trees abounding - apparently cutting down a tree is a major planning decision! Contrasts were striking, from the fine architecture of the diplomatic quarters to the tarpaulin covered shacks of the Bangladeshi refugees. From Delhi we travelled by coach to Agra, Jaipur, Jophur and Udaipur, a round-trip of 700 kilometres and returned ten day later by plane to Delhi.

At Agra nothing can prepare you for the beauty of the Taj Mahal, that memorial to love built by the emperor, Shan Jehan for his wife and familiar in recent times as a backdrop to the iconic shot of the lonely Princess Diana.

Next stop was the city of Jaipur - known as the Pink City because of the painted stone buildings. It is a lively and bustling capital. The roads are shared by camels and elephants, with cows grazing in the centre, and cars, bicycles and scooters travelling in both directions all vying for road space on these teeming streets. We added to the chaos by travelling by taking an elephant ride to the Amber Fort.

We saw many architectural splendours from palaces to forts on our travels to Jophur and to Udaipur. Of special note was the Jain temple of Ranajspur, the most important Jain temple in India. We were lucky to have the chief priest as our guide here who was especially welcoming to Irish visitors as the Dublin architect, Arthur Duff, had done a study of this beautifully crafted, 15th century Chamukha Temple, with its 29 halls supported by 1444 pillars, no two alike.

Throughout our travels, while dogs abounded, cats were nowhere to be seen but monkeys were a familiar sight. All the party escaped the dreaded 'Delhi-belly', the only contagious illness being shopping fever at the stores, markets and bazaars. Luggage limits were abandoned and Fedex came to the fore as an alternative means of transport for the addicts. Popular buys were jewellery, carpets, furniture and ridiculously cheap and fast 'made to measure' outfits.

On reflecting on India it outshines Ireland in both the opulence of the rich and the grinding poverty of the poor and its culture and traditions permeate the entire society. People were gentle and welcoming and delighted to meet the tourists - I hope I'll be back some time.

**Margaret Farrell**



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – WEEKS 37-40 10/9/07 to 5/10/07

**Reg. Ref.** D07A/0091 **Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Jan-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Foghlu Ltd., In Bar, 115-116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** Retention of retractable awning at street level to left hand side of front elevation.  
**Applic. Type:** Permission. Add. Info./ Clarification of A.I. Recd. Add. Info.: 13-Sep-2007.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1319 **Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Corinne Giacometti, Moytura, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** A 2 storey house with new entrance gate on Saval Park Road.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0818 **Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Teresa & Damian Coleman, 13 Hyde Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** First floor level extension to the rear to provide for a new two bedrooms with en-suites and all associated site development works. To include internal amendments to ground and first floor level and 3 No. new Velux windows.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1345 **Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** M. Leahy & B. Breen, 4, Harbour Crescent, Harbour Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** For the construction of a two storey dwelling house and auxiliary works drainage and landscaping in the side garden of 4 Harbour Crescent.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1348 **Application Rec'd Date:** 25-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Terry O'Brien & Catriona Lawlor, 4, Marlay House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** Construction of two number dwelling houses to replace a single dwelling house granted under Planning Ref. No. D06A/1210 including ancillary works, drainage and landscaping.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0552 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Jun-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development consisting of an addition to the currently permitted domestic extension (Reg Ref D05B/0379) of a study at second floor level, with associated alterations to the front and rear elevations, and the raising of the second floor parapets and party wall to match the level of the adjoining property. Add. Info.: 27-Sep-2007

**Reg. Ref.** D07B/0836 **Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Teresa & Damien Coleman, 13, Hyde Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** For a first floor level extension to the rear to provide for a new two bedrooms with en-suites and all associated site development works to include internal amendments to ground and first floor level and 3 no. new velux windows.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0837 **Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Francis McGagh, 1, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin  
**Proposal:** A three storey (new ground floor is one storey below existing ground floor) extension to the rear of existing dwelling. The extension will consist of a three bedrooms, balcony, corridor, toilet, extension to kitchen, en-suite, dressing room, office, utility and shower room.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0841 **Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Shay O'Donoghue, Saint Marys, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Alterations to existing house and for two number extensions to front and changes to existing roofscape, including new dormers to side and rear and roof-light to hallway at front.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1007 **Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Jul-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Barnhill Limited Partnership, Carn, 31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** For 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 at dwelling currently known as Carn beside 31 Barnhill Road, Dalkey. Add. Info: 2-Oct-'07.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1380 **Application Rec'd Date:** 02-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Justin Mac Innes, Montpelier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin  
**Proposal:** The refurbishment and an extension to the existing house. The development of a total additional floor area of 60.5sq.M, will consist of the construction of a two storey extension to the side (west), the addition of a two/three storey extension to the existing return, (the ridge and eaves height

are to match those of the existing front roof). The new works will also incorporate modifications to the east and west elevations of the return, the construction of a single storey extension to the west of the new return, the conservation and repositioning of the existing brick screen wall to the side of the house, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance and the re-statement of the existing pedestrian entrance way fronting onto Ardeevin Road, the demolition of outbuildings to the rear yard, the forming of terraced gardens, general landscaping works and associated site development works on a site approx. 0.24 hectares.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1383 **Application Rec'd Date:** 03-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Amanda & Donal Coyle, 3, Marley House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission for retention and completion of development to previously approved scheme Reg. Ref. D06A/1690. The proposed works for retention and completion are generally in response to Condition 3 of Reg. Ref. D06A/1690 imposed by Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown County Council, which required alterations to the design of the house. The proposed development is in accordance with the intentions of condition 3, however minor modifications are now proposed to be retained and completed to the previously permitted scheme, to provide a change of (two - storey detached) house type to incorporate internal reconfiguration of rooms and minor alterations to all elevations including new windows and 1 no. north-facing dormer window and terrace at roof level. Provision of landscaping, boundary treatments, engineering works and all associated site development works, all on a site measuring 0.06 ha.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0848 **Application Rec'd Date:** 02-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Liz Brennan & Michael O'Donoghue, 23, Killiney Grove, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Conversion of existing garage, construction of a first floor extension to the side and alterations to front entrance door.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0992 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 10-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Martin Whelan, Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the development of this site. The development will consist of demolition of Linden Lodge, a detached part single, part two-storey 4 bedroom house and the construction of 4 no. detached 5 bedroom 2 storey plus attic level houses (houses no.'s 1,2, and 3 fronting onto Castlepark Road and house no. 4 fronting onto Wolverton Glen) with vehicular access to house no.1 and no. 3 via existing vehicular access onto Castlepark Road, vehicular access to house no.2 via new vehicular access onto Castlepark Road, vehicular access to house no. 4 via new vehicular access onto Wolverton Glen with associated on and off site development works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1007 **Decision:** Request Add. Information **Date:** 10-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Barnhill Limited Partnership, Carn, 31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** For 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 at dwelling currently known as Carn beside 31 Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1009 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 11-Sep-'07  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Barry Devlin, Summerfield House, Summerfield Close, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** The demolition of existing cottage, and the construction of a new two storey residence containing three bedrooms, and associated living quarters, with three small external courtyards at ground level and two off-street parking spaces. The existing boundary wall to Dalkey Avenue is to be retained and extended in an identical rendered finish around the Summerfield Close edge of the site, and to incorporate new timber gates to the existing vehicle access.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1046 **Decision:** Request Add Info **Date:** 18-Sep-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** M Byrne, 7, The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought to demolish an existing domestic single garage to the side of the existing two storey dwelling house, to construct a new two storey dwelling house to the side garden and minor alterations to the existing front driveway to accommodate a new shared entrance.