



DALKEY - Deilginis ‘Thorn Island’ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Irish Heritage Town

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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.**

❖ SUMMARY OF DCC OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING ❖

The DCC Monthly Meeting was held on Monday 5th October 2009 in Our Lady's Hall.

Correspondence: The Enforcement Section of DLRCoCo will not be taking any action in relation to the roof garden at 29, Coliemore Road but recommend that no further planting take place and that the current roof planting be maintained to the height of the road boundary wall in order to accommodate a public view of Dalkey Island. A copy of this letter will be sent to our Local Councillors requesting their comments on this matter.

AOB: Many complaints were received about the “Dalkey Festival” that took place last September. It was agreed that this kind of “event” only brings the “undesirable” element to Dalkey and does not benefit the town. It is very important that complaint calls are made to the Gardai as these are used when a licence is being sought again.

DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL COLLECTION

Dalkey Community Council Ltd. would like to thank all residents who have contributed to the Council's Annual Collection through the white envelopes recently. Your generosity is most appreciated, as without your help the Community Council could not bring you the Newsletter, Christmas Tree Lighting (& Santa's visit) and many other activities to the community. 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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The Manager of the Heritage Centre and fully costumed actors from Deilg Inis Living History Theatre Company have been attending the Tour Operator Trade Fairs to encourage their clients to visit Dalkey. In these times when Ireland is seen as an expensive destination we emphasise the good value their visitors will get in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre where prices have not increased in five years.

The Christmas programme of Living History begins the last week of November and children (U12) are admitted free of charge.

Did you know that the Lord of the Medieval Castle was the original Santa figure? Before Santa ever set foot in the North Pole with his Elves, the Lord of the Castle was the giver of gifts to all his subjects. This was the origin of the Christmas Box tradition. The naming of Boxing Day dates back to medieval times when workers received food and gifts in boxes from their Lords.

The Mint a Merry Medieval Christmas Tour runs seven days a week, every half hour, beginning at 10.00am weekdays and 11.30am at weekends Nov 23rd -Dec 23rd. The last tour is at 4.30pm. Admission is €6 for adults and two children (under 12 years) are free of charge with each full paying adult.

ART EXHIBITIONS/FAIRS

From Burren to Beara: an Art Exhibition by Philip Brennan finishes on the weekend of Sunday Nov 1st. This exhibition combines work inspired by Philip Brennan's native County Clare with pictures that arose from his wanderings down to Kerry and West Cork. Most of the paintings done are in watercolour, with some in watercolour and ink. He is also a traditional singer and song-writer. Open daily 11.00am -4.30pm. Admission is free.

BREADLINE AFRICA - T O K T O K K I E

South African and Irish artists unite to raise funds for community development with the Breadline Africa Organisation. (They plan to buy a Container as an educational-care unit)

Exhibition opening Tuesday 10th Nov at 7pm. Exhibition coffee/tea morning Thursday 12th Nov 10am - 1pm.

Winter Fair: The DLR Enterprise Board will hold its annual highly popular Winter Fair on **Sat 14th & Sunday 15th Nov** in the Town Hall and Heritage Centre. This is an ideal opportunity to stock up on individually crafted items to use as Christmas gifts. Open 11.00am -5.00pm both days. Admission is Free. (Suzanne May is the event organiser at 01 839 1630)

NEW!! Vinyasa Flow Yoga classes begin at Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre on Nov 2nd. Mondays 6.15pm - 7.45pm and 8.00pm - 9.30pm. Special Offer: 8 classes €65; Drop in price of €12.00 per class. Open to all levels. For more information contact Gina Dowling gina_dowling@hotmail.com Tel 0872020689

Kung Fu for Kids & Tai Chi for adults & children will start shortly in the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Alan Ellis 083 372 9935.

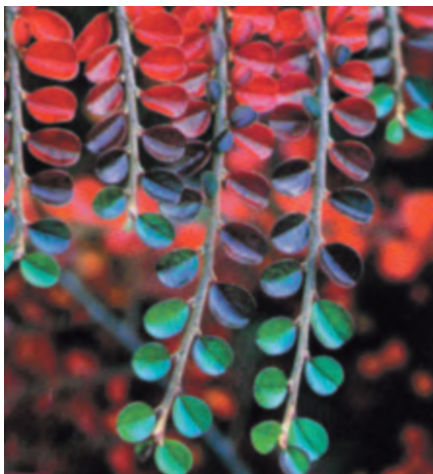
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Come on, let's all love November. At this stage of my life, I honestly see dignity in decay. We know well know that our Dalkey gardens aren't awash with exuberance and colour. Let's face it, we've enjoyed those days and will look forward to them again in the not too distant future. Instead, we have vermillion leaves, scattering of berries and our very graceful final curtain, before most of our charming beauties fall into their deep, sound sleep.

I often think, this month of November belongs to trees. Our summer bulbs and herbaceous plants lie, strewn, worn and blatantly tired out and just want their well and truly deserved rest. Just stop and look and 'examine' - if you like - some of our autumn leaves. Surely, they must demand some of our attention. I met a neighbour of mine last week while going for a walk with our darling "Precious" – our ruby King Charles Cavalier. She was simply exhilarated and ecstatic with the sheer beauty of a sycamore leaf, which was in all its true finery: reddish, pinkish, crimsonish, -blotched



Cotoneaster - try displaying this shrub against a wall or sprawl it across a bank. Its stems look like green/bronze/crimson "tear drops" on a 'fish bone'. Very low maintenance if you don't want to maintain grass. Excellent ground cover; evergreen with red berries. All it asks for is the odd bit of pruning of a high shoot here and there.



Our indispensable Nerines are still displaying their brilliant pink colour in clumps in our Dalkey gardens

and buttery yellow, amber and rust. Her whole face lit up as she showed it to me clutching it gently in the palm of her hand. It did me so much good to bump into her. She could have been showing me a feathered diamond or her most endearing photograph. Just that special minute/moment of chat, cheered me up. Wonder does she know 'who' she is? Guess she will when she reads this little article! Thank you. So, why not get out there, pick up some of these jewels, strew



The Nerine is a bulb native to South Africa, easy to grow in a well drained soil

them on a plate or arrange a few twigs of such in a vase and admire them? This 'moment' is a fleeting one, as when we get our first hard frosts, those scarlets and oranges, guava, mango, damson, etc colours, will all be gone – all gone – disappeared from their precarious perches. Why not go and visit a nearby arboretum? Yes, as fast as you can as nobody really knows what tomorrow holds, do we? They say the best time for digging soil is the autumn . After our soil has

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been softened by a few weeks of rain but before it turns boggy. With a little work your soil has lots of potential. Even the very worst clay ('cloggy') in winter and baked solid in summer is how a lot of people think. Let's face it, only really tough plants survive these extreme conditions. The problem could be there are very few gaps for air or water to percolate, so, as a result, drainage and aeration are poor. This means that your roots of plants cannot work properly and may well rot in cold, wet winters; or die of drought in hot, dry summers. The quickest way, and I think the most effective way, to 'fluff up' clay soil is to dig in lots and lots of well-rotted organic matter. If you feel that you really want to do a 100% job, it's worthwhile for once working in a bucketful or two of organic matter/well-rotted manure and pea gravel, gritting sand or bark chippings. All this opens up drainage channels and airways. So, reading these few lines and feeling the way we feel, autumn is truly upon us: our days are shorter and sometimes we have misty mornings. If you feel like decking yourself out, in the necessary layers (boots, scarf, etc) it is such an elevating feeling just to be 'out there' and simply to continue to garden right through our autumn and forthcoming winter.

'November' - just think about it - one can either shrivel away at the thought of it or just watch and observe our most astonishing colours of autumn. We can all see around us the squid-blue tones of some varieties of Hydrangea - usually the Hortensia group. I find that most of us simply take them for granted: we walk past them, without noticing their glorious subtle changes in their colouration. I simply adore the greenish white, crimson, - to the more sinister colours of violet and indigo. A very special lady, who lives in Charlotte Terrace, told me to take a bunch of her limey green, fading to creamy ivory variety/species, from her garden. They are now into their fourth week sitting so proudly and elegantly in a vase, in our kitchen. Before I put them in water, I cut their stems diagonally clean and hammered them with our strongest hammer; obviously to assist their moisture retention. It's simply fascinating to watch them change colour - sometimes to rosy pink, bright violet. One of them is now beginning to change to Persian blue (semi-turquoise). Later, when we welcome our frosts, their flowers (outside) will change to a rusty, tawny brown. I think best to leave these mop-heads for protection: they also help to make a garden look more 'clothed'. (I have a friend who cuts her mopheads just at the perfect time - before they spot and rust - hangs them, upside-down as a bunch, then, when they're totally dried out, she sprays them gold/silver and uses them as Christmas floral displays/arrangements. Not really my style; I prefer them simply left to their original colours when dried.

If you are walking our 'Vico Strip' at present, take a little time to stop and admire our lavish, strong wild green ferns. Aren't they ever so, so beautiful? You can also see the wavy satin ribbons of the Heart's Tongue Fern (*Asplenium scolopendrium*). Then you have the more common Polypody



*Hip Hip Hooray!
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late colour to borders
and providing a treat for birds.*

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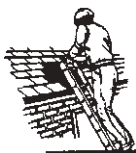
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Soft shield fern, Polystichum setiferum

(*Polypodium Vulgare*) which is quite happy to grow almost anywhere; it seems to tolerate very dry situations (you might spot it growing in the trunk of an oak tree, or below, sunk in a hedge at its feet). The Male Fern (*Dryopteris Felix-Mas*), looks like a frozen green fountain throughout our summer beside the path. There are so many varieties of ferns that our Dalkey gardens can accommodate. Obviously, some of the more delicate varieties require more appropriate conditions. Many ferns remain green in winter, so obviously are of considerable value.

JOBS IN THE GARDEN

1. Complete planting out tulips and other spring bulbs for displays. Small cyclamen hybrids can be superb especially placed outside under shelter, a veranda or whatever, and can re-emerge for several years.
2. Keep a look out for mealy bugs and scale insects under glass and on house plants.
3. Don't forget to raise your containers where possible on feet or bricks in order to prevent water logging.
4. Pansies flower throughout our entire winter, right into spring. Aren't they one of our very few plants whose

flowers come in, literally every colour of the rainbow? As well as the fashionable, black and white. Their cheeky, little sparkling faces can lift our spirits while most of our other plants are fast asleep. There is such a variety of colours and patterns out there. There are basically two types: late autumn and early spring pansies, i.e. Turbo, Universal, etc.



Mealy bugs and scale insect



Don't forget to check for downy mildew and blackspot on your winter pansies. I wasn't aware of this problem for several years and wondered why my almost passionate display suddenly showed signs of shrivelling up! I never cease to love all the one colour/shade in a single container. A really large container of such can make such a dramatic statement. *ENJOY!!*



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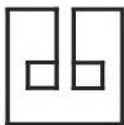
in the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition 2009

ADJUDICATION REPORT

- Over the past year Dalkey Tidy Towns are to be commended for the work they have done to reduce graffiti in the area.
- The committee work very closely with the schools and in the past year 2 of their schools received their Green Flags, no doubt this is thanks to the support they have received from the committee.
- They introduced an Environmental Award to the Dalkey Community Council's Best Kept Garden Competition to encourage residents to get involved.
- The town was practically litter free on the day of adjudication and this as a result of the regular litter picks.
- The group's efforts were also commended in the 2009 National Tidy Towns adjudication.



My favourite display this past summer in Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown - their green team simply could not have got their colour co-ordinates (in my eyes) more justifiable



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR – ILLEGAL DUMPING

ILLEGAL DUMPING IN CENTRAL DALKEY



The above photo represents illegal dumping which took place recently on St. Patrick's Road, outside Harold Boy's School.

Two days after this photo was taken ALL the black bags were ripped open and the contents strewn over the footpath.

Not only is this activity illegal under the Litter Acts but it was also a health hazard because it was so close to the school.

Hopefully the County Council, who had to remove the sorry mess, will be able to obtain evidence of the person/persons who deposited these bags beside the Parking machine and fully prosecute them to the full extent of the Law.

However, it is also annoying to note that a Blue bag bearing the DLR Logo was one of the bags abandoned on the Road.

Residents in all areas of Dalkey should be vigilant about such activity and immediately report it to the Environment Section of Dun Laoghaire County Council.

Richard Mooney,

DCC Road Representative for St. Patrick's Road.



PLANNING ISSUES IN PAST YEARS!!



In the year 2008 the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Ireland, and said:

'Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans. He gave Noah the CAD drawings, saying: 'You have six months to build the Ark, before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights.'

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard, but saw no Ark. 'Noah!' He roared, 'I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?'

'Forgive me, Lord,' begged Noah, 'but things have changed. I needed Building Regulations Approval, and I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for smoke alarms, a sprinkler system, and a fire escape, never mind the hassle about life boats and life jackets. My near neighbours claim I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden, because it is a development of the site and a change of use; even though in my view it is a temporary structure. An Taisce have objected to the Ark because it is an once-off structure - we are currently appealing their decision to An Bord Pleanála. We had to then go to appeal to the Minister for a decision on the planning application and it now looks like that will end in the High Court and after that there is the Supreme Court and then, perhaps, the European Court of Justice.

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❖ NOVEMBER 2009 LOCAL HISTORY LECTURES ❖

Wednesday November 4th – 8 p.m. Ms. Antonia McManus will present her lecture *‘The Irish Hedge School’* to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Monday November 9th – 8 p.m. Rob Goodbody will present his lecture *‘Loughlinstown House’* to the Dundrum and District Historical Society in Dom Marmion Hall, Sandyford Road Car park, Dundrum, Co. Dublin - all welcome.

Tuesday November 10th – 8 p.m. Gaye Connolly will speak on *‘Researching one family history in Co. Wexford’* to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – contribution €3.

Wednesday November 11th – 8 p.m. Richard Dolan will present his lecture *‘Some Local Stone Structures - Old and New’* to the Ballybrack and Killiney Historical Society in the Parochial Hall, SS Alphonsus and Columba Church, Church Avenue (off Killiney Hill Road), Ballybrack, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Thursday November 12th – 8.30 p.m. Ken Kinlay will present his lecture *‘The 1907 Dublin International Exhibition’* to the Enniskerry History Society in the A.O.H. Hall, Church, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow - all welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday November 18th – 8 p.m. Cormac Lowth will present his illustrated lecture *‘International Rifle Shooting in Dublin in the 19th Century’* to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire - all welcome.

Thursday November 19th – 8 p.m. Leslie Brown will present his lecture on *‘Irish Antique Maps’* to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Terrace., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow – all welcome. Admission €4.

Wednesday November 26th – 10.30am Between 10.30a.m. and 12.30p.m. the November *‘Morning Open Meeting’* of the Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in weirs of Dun Laoghaire, Lower George’s Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Tea / Coffee available – contribution €3.

A BOOK TO READ

‘The Dark Sacrament - Exorcism in Modern Ireland’

by David M. Kiely and Christina McKenna, published by Gill and Macmillan

Ghosts are sometimes called the ‘restless dead’ and are considered to be ‘souls’ or ‘spirits’ of human beings but there is another form that is pure evil which can enter peoples lives, by invitation or unwittingly, and encourage them to do very evil acts. This book looks at nine cases where evil spirits entered people and who required the intervention of that valiant of churchman – the exorcist – who first has to be sure that the person he is attending is in fact possessed by an evil spirit and not suffering from a psychiatric disorder. In most of the cases featured in this remarkable book ordinary people were leading ordinary lives in present day Ireland until each opened that door which allowed strange forces to enter and dominate their lives. These people included an innocent housewife, a callow young curate, a curious schoolboy, an amiable pensioner and others like them. This book chronicles how this evil force entered their lives, controlled them and whether or not in the end if the efforts of an exorcist were successful. As the authors point out, events that defy explanation and strange unexplainable occurrences can cause us to wonder if it proves that the devil exists and this book will make the reader give this matter serious consideration.

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GET THE BIG PICTURE: ARTIST LEWISEVANS IN DALKEY

‘Fresh Starts’ – the first exhibition in Ireland by international artist Lewis Evans-will be held in Dalkey on **13-15 November**. Although the theme reflects the ever-evolving nature of Lewis’s art, it doesn’t just apply to his work: Lewis recently moved from Vancouver to Dalkey, where he’s making a fresh start with his Dalkey-raised wife (author and therapist Olga Sheean), and becoming actively involved in the local arts scene.

Lewis produces a diversity of styles that defy classification, but his hallmarks are passion, vibrancy, surprising juxtapositions and big, bold dimensions. *“I try to work with a beginner’s mind,”* he says, *“and I avoid reverting to a particular technique so that each piece remains truly creative and represents a fresh new start.”* A sensuous painting of intertwined bodies might be followed by a luminous depiction of Connemara, a deeply textured rendition of an old Ford truck, a life drawing in quill and ink, a character portrait, or a series of abstracts in widely differing shapes and styles. His work is such an eclectic mix that people often think it has been produced by several different artists.

Successful in New York, London, Marbella, Geneva and Vancouver (where he had his own gallery), Lewis strives to make his work accessible to all and likes to sell each piece to someone who really loves it. *“Art is a very personal experience,”* he says, *“and its value can often only be measured by the heart, not the head ...what you might call ‘heartistic appreciation’.”*

Lewis welcomes private viewings at his studio and informal chats about art, creativity and what matters in life. He also offers a ‘virtual hanging’ service that enables prospective buyers to see how a particular piece of art will look on their living room wall. (They e-mail him a photo of the room, and he inserts a photo of their favourite piece and e-mails it back to them.)

The **‘FRESH STARTS’** Exhibition will be open at
7 - 9.30pm **ON FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER,**
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125g caster sugar

Chocolate topping

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Makes 18-20

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4.
2. Make the shortbread first. Beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
3. Press the dough into a greased 20cm x 24cm rectangular tin. Prick with a fork and bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Then reduce the heat to 160°C/gas mark 2 and bake for a further 10 minutes.
4. Then make the fudge layer. Boil the ingredients in a saucepan for about 10 minutes, until thick. Stir constantly to prevent burning. Spread over the baked shortbread and leave to cool until set.
5. Lastly, make the chocolate topping. Melt the chocolate in a double boiler over hot water and spread over fudge layer. Cut the shortbread into squares just before serving.

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Reg. Ref. D09A/0684**Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Sept. 2009**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Desmond and Mary Kavanagh, Mount Alverno, Nerano Road and Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Permission is sought for alterations and amendments to previously approved plans for demolition of house and construction of new replacement two-storey dwelling, Reg. Ref. No. D04A/0597 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.209177) as modified by Register Reference Numbers D06A/0027 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.217012) and D07A/0114 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PLO6D.222926). The proposed alterations will include revisions to boundary treatment at western boundary, to include revised 1.3 m high lime-pointed stone wall to be located within curtilage of Mount Alverno, omission of section of approved wall backing onto existing boundary wall with adjoining property, amended location of approved vehicular entrance, revised vehicular gates and piers, addition of flush wall mounted lighting, omission of approved pedestrian entrance, and reinstatement of original pedestrian gate all onto private shared driveway onto Sorrento Road and revisions to approved vehicular gate and piers accessing Nerano Road, and all associated site works. The total site area is approximately 0.36 hectares. **Application Type:** Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0688**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Sep-2009**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Desmond and Mary Kavanagh, Mount Alverno, Nerano Road And Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Retention permission for development which consists of retention of alterations and amendments to previously approved plans for demolition of house and construction of new replacement two-storey dwelling, Reg. Ref. No. D04A/0597 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.209177) as modified by Ref. Ref. No. D06A/0027 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.217012) and D07A/0114 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.222926). The alterations proposed to be retained include amendments to fenestration of opes on all four elevations, new leaded canopy over entrance lobby with new hardwood entrance to lobby, five retractable awnings at first floor level (two awnings in south-west elevation and three in south-east elevation), new rooflights and amended chimney positions on flat roof, sedum roof covering on flat roof, internal revisions to layouts, minor amendments to first floor paths to rock outcrops to north-west and south-east of house, and non-material changes to building height and positioning (relative to distance to site boundary), with an increase in floor area of 22sq.m (approx) from the permitted 633sq.m (approx) to 655sq.m (approx) and all associated site works. The total site area is approximately 0.36 hectares. **Application Type:** Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0695**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Sep-2009**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Barry & Derval O'Dwyer, 11, Hyde Park, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Permission sought for (A) the construction of a dormer window (with velux rooflights) and alterations to a ground floor window to the side elevation of the existing semi-detached house and (B) widening of existing vehicular entrance from 2.5m to 3.5m. **Application Type:** Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0511**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Jul-2009**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Eileen Sullivan, Parkville, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Planning permission sought to demolish existing two-storey house and construct a new 2 storey house with attic room on the same footprint including drainage, landscaping and ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission. **Additional Information:** 22-Sep-2009.**Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0553**Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Jul-2009**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Colm and Beth Mordaunt, 1, Barnacaille Park, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for garage conversion to living accommodation, new front porch, revised front and south side elevations, rear extension, new slate roof incorporating revised living accommodation with dormer windows to rear and velux windows to the front, three velux windows to the north side roof, two velux windows to south side roof, internal alterations, revised

front boundary wall, revised entrance and site ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Additional Information: 28-Sep-2009.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0716

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Sep-2009

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

Proposal: Planning permission for development on this site which will consist of the removal of the existing entry porch and the construction of a new single storey, split level addition and associated site works to the north east side of the existing dwelling. Comprising a new entrance hall, living room with ridge line skylights, new roof slate finish to match existing dwelling. Alterations to the existing windows on the north west elevation, addition of new roof lights to the north east side of the existing roof. External off-street parking to be provided in new parking bay off Nerano Road with access gate in existing wall and associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0741

Application Rec'd Date: 9-Oct-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Peter Bastable, Laragh Mews, Ullardmor, Off Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alteration of the existing house and the addition of a 2 two-storey pitched roof element of accommodation with a feature window on the north-east of the site, with a glazed entrance hall and circulation space in the existing courtyard area and the addition of a single storey orangery on the south-west of the site. A new wall and vehicular entrance is proposed on the south-east side of the site associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

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Reg. Ref.: D09B/0322

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention

Date: 15-Sep-'09

Applicant Name, Address: Brian & Kristi O'Sullivan, Heather House, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention permission is being sought for alterations to previously approved extensions (currently under construction under Reg.Ref.D07B/0176) comprising; 1) Omission of two storey extension (87sq.m) to rear, and 2) omission of two no. dormer windows to attic (1 front, 1 rear).

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0327

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention

Date: 17-Sep-'09

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr Robert Cunningham, 36, Convent Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for retention of a single storey garden store (18.8sq.m).

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0330

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 22-Sep-'09

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0547

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 21-Sep-'09

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mrs. Iris O'Malley, The White House, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Planning permission sought for the demolition of the existing two storey four bedroom house (226sq.m) and the construction of 4 no. two storey plus attic level accommodation, five bedroom detached dwellings (1 @ 385sq.m and 3 @ 269sq.m) with roof mounted solar collectors on each dwelling, modifications to the existing vehicular access, the provision of 3 no. new vehicular accesses (each 3.0 metres wide) at The Metals, off street parking, landscaping and ancillary site development works at The White House. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref. D09B/0347

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 24-Sep-'09

Applicant Name, Address & Location: William & Anne McHugh, The Ardburgh, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Planning permission sought for alterations to front of existing dwelling house, work includes a two storey extension with balconies on both sides. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0585 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 30-Sep-'09

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

Proposal: Planning permission sought for development comprising (a) demolition of existing house, (b) construction of 2 no. new two storey over part basement dwellings, with terraces to front at first floor level (c) recessing and widening of existing vehicular entrance at south east corner of site and (d) all associated works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0587 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 1-Oct-'09

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Barbara & Gary Morrison, 42, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for development which will consist of widening the existing pedestrian access gateway to the lane at the rear of the property to create a new vehicular access, and associated works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0351 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 29-Sep-'09

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Pearce Rayel, 4, Fairlawns, Saval Park Road, Glenageary.

Proposal: Permission sought for provision of new timber frame bay window with painted plaster finish to front elevation and two new timber rooflights to pitched roof of existing house. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0320 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 6-Oct-'09

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Sheila Davis, 2, Whites Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought to increase in width of the existing pedestrian access to front boundary to 3.6 m wide to facilitate a new pedestrian and vehicular access. New gate posts to be incorporated both sides. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0607 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 8-Oct-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mrs Phil Murphy, 9, Hyde Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the widening of existing pedestrian gate to allow vehicular access and dishing of public footpath to front. **Application Type:** Permission.

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Reg Ref: D09B/0327

Registration Date: 24-Jul-'09

Location: 36, Convent Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Permission is sought for retention of a single storey garden store (18.8sq.m).

Council Decision: Grant Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 9-Oct-2009

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

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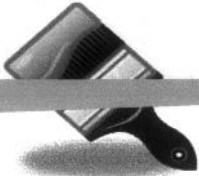


The theatrical profession is famously superstitious and one of the best known traditions is the reluctance to mention the name of Macbeth when the play is being performed. It's title and central character is traditionally referred to as 'Harry Lauder'. Harry Lauder was a famous Scottish entertainer, a singer and comedian who appeared on stage in a kilt, but he was also a very talented composer who wrote many of the songs he performed including 'Roamin' in the Gloamin' and 'I Love a Lassie'. He composed 'Keep Right on to the End of the Road' in memory of his son who was killed in action in France during the first World War. He was, at one time, the highest-paid performer in the world, making the equivalent of £12,700 a night and was the first British performer to sell more than a million records. Apart from his kilt he played up his Scottish origins by wearing a Sporrans and Tam-O-Shanter and carrying a twisted walking stick on stage.

Harry Lauder's Walking Stick was also once the common name of a tree, the Corkscrew Hazel. The Corkscrew Hazel (*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta') with its twisted spiralling branches originated from a single tree found in a hedge in 1800 and nearly all the trees now grown are cultivated by grafting branches on to ordinary Hazel tree stock. They often produce shoots, or suckers, of ordinary straight hazel stems from the base of the tree and these have to be cut out to retain its bizarre shape. The tree looks much better in the winter when the leaves have fallen and the twirling branches are exposed. The branches are often used as a very attractive frame for flower arrangements. The leaves themselves are



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contorted as well but aren't very attractive and the tree looks its best when its branches are bare in winter and when it gets lovely yellow catkins and tiny reddish purple flowers in early spring. Apparently the 'twisting' shape is caused by 'a naturally occurring virus that does no harm to the tree other than to create accelerations in growth unevenly across the width of a shoot. This results in new shoots that cannot grow straight and true.'

Anyhow, we planted one in our garden many years ago and it provided much comment over the years. Last year I found a hazel nut on the cement path and wondered where it came from, presuming the hybrid hazel wasn't capable of producing nuts. You can test if a hazel nut is fertile by putting it in a container of water, if it floats it's infertile and if it sinks you can plant it. I didn't know that at the time, took the nut, stuck it in a pot with some compost and was happy to see it shoot and begin to grow. It's now a small but perfect, normal, unconvoluted hazel tree. Hazels trees grow as a native tree in Ireland and apart from the nuts providing a food source for many birds and animals, a particular favourite of squirrels, the tree itself supports up to 73 different species of insects. I hope to plant it sometime but as long as it gets watered regularly it should be ok in the pot.

But where did the nut originate? In mid October this year I found more hazel nuts lying on the path. I thought maybe some of the suckers which hadn't been cut back might have produced them but in fact when I looked it was amongst the twisted leaves of the Corkscrew Hazel that I saw little clusters of ripening nuts which was a nice surprise. The only dilemma now is whether to plant them or eat them.

A pigeon in South Africa recently proved that the animal kingdom is more technically advanced than the world wide web.

Winston, an 11-month-old bird was equipped with a 4GB memory stick and pitted against the largest web firm in South Africa, Telkom. The pigeon transported the data in just two hours. In the same time, the "high-speed" internet service ADSL managed to send a tiny 4% of the data.

The innovative idea for the race emerged after a member of staff criticised the speed of data transmission on ADSL and commented that information would be transported quicker by a carrier pigeon.

Winston set off from an office in Howick and managed to deliver the memory stick to an office in Durham in just one hour, eight minutes. The data took a further hour to load onto the companies system. To ensure that the pigeon had no unfair advantages, strict rules were set in place, for example 'birdseed must not have any performance-enhancing seeds within'. Thousands of people followed the race on Facebook and Twitter.

South Africa has notoriously slow broadband and is awaiting confirmation that it will be eligible to benefit from three fibre optic cables, which are being set around the continent of Africa in a bid to speed up internet connections.

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It is impossible to put in words the impact a little sacrifice can make in the lives of the people of Kitui - absolutely enormous! And a lot of our sponsors would hardly realise this until they travel to see for themselves!

Having grown, been educated and ordained a priest in Kitui has seen me experience exactly what our people go through. Kitui as a Diocese would be geographically almost the size as Ireland and lies in a semi-arid region. Besides other infrastructural problems, famine and drought are household terms. And the Diocese has found herself constantly involved with the underprivileged since inception in 1955. This could have been impossible without the generous contribution of our benefactors which has gone directly to help the needy, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Rains have failed totally for five years now! This means that most families have to struggle so much to get a meal in a day! Actually at the moment a lot of these rely on one meal in two days. Schools have been highly affected as learning becomes almost impossible with empty stomachs. Thanks for the intervention by Dalkey parishioners in providing relief food to some of our schools. At least the pupils have been able to get lunch each day and this has boosted their mental energy. Some of our readers will be surprised when I say that one euro can feed a family in Kitui for a day! This is the truth. Or it can buy 5 loaves of bread in Kenya!

Water remains a big problem. Women and children have to trek for about 20 miles to get water. They either carry the containers on their backs or, for the lucky ones, use donkeys to do it. This would on average take the whole day, yet the water lasts only for another day rendering the people to use almost 60% of their time looking for water. Many thanks go to the Dalkey group that has helped in sinking dams and shallow wells for the people of Sombe and Endau in Kitui. At least the people can enjoy the proximity of water points when rains come and this makes things easier for them.

Women and children remain the most vulnerable, as when problems come, men tend to go to the towns to look for casual jobs, which are mostly not forthcoming. It almost translates to running away from problems. Mothers would therefore bear the brunt alone. Small projects that are supported by Dalkey have gone a long way in earning something for the women, however small, to support their families. They are involved with honey, chicken and basket making projects which have been a

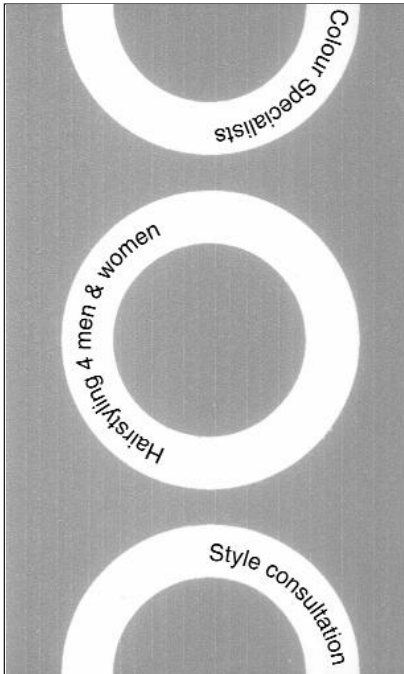


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My strongest conviction, and I know many would concur, is that provision of an education remains the key to empowerment of our people. A person with an education will always look for new ways of approaching life and solving problems, besides being able to get a job and help the rest of the family. Many people are facing problems in getting even the second level education as not being able to get school fees remains a big hindrance. The reality of HIV/AIDS has left so many families devastated and this explains why the number of orphans is increasingly sky-rocketing! Some of the orphans would opt to go to the towns looking for jobs to get some money to support the rest, and this is through any means. And a lot of them would end up like their parents - sick with Aids!

Empowering a child with an education means that they become bread winners for the rest of the siblings, even to the extend of supporting their education, however hard it proves at times. It means not only saving a life but also saving the family. Besides getting employed, the educated person will always look for new and plausible means to face the chronic food and water problems. The person becomes a beacon of hope not only in the family but also for the entire village. Dalkey has really been so supportive in this and we sincerely thank those who are involved with sponsoring children for secondary and tertiary education. Having been my parish priest in Nuu, Fr. Paul Healy, a native of Dalkey, did a lot in this regard. This was practically impossible without the generous support of Dalkey people. And I know so many who have benefited from not only sponsorship in education, but also on many other areas like building a simple house for a homeless family, or even rehabilitating a street child!

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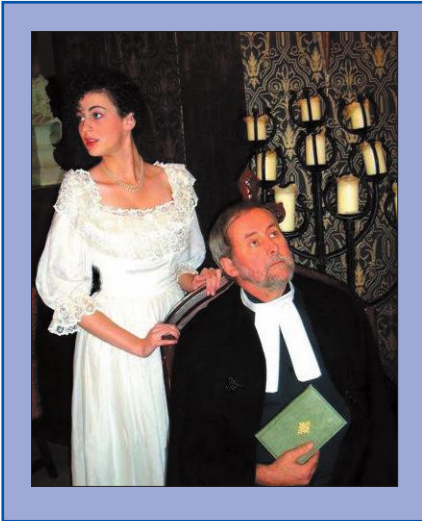
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By Fr. Francis K. Muthangya, Rome, 9th October, 2009.

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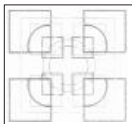
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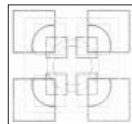
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❖ APPOINTING MR. FULLERTON'S REPLACEMENT ❖

In a previous article I mentioned that in 1908 Mr. A. Fullerton, who had been elected to Dalkey Urban Council in that January's local elections, had to resign his seat as the Local Government Board had reminded him that as a civil servant he was disbarred from serving on a local authority unless he resigned from his civil service position which he declined to do. Under electoral rules the Council was permitted to fill the Mr. Fullerton's vacant seat by co-option so on Wednesday February 10th 1908 a special meeting of Dalkey Urban Council was held in the Town Hall for this purpose.

Council Chairman Mr. J. Judd, J.P., presided at this special meeting at which the attendance included Messrs. T.M. Leckey, D.J. Black, Charles McGowan, Martin Dixon, P. Quigley and Town Clerk J.P. Gahan.

Mr. Leckey proposed that Mr. Daniel John Murphy, The Queen's Hotel, Dalkey, be co-opted as a member of the Council owing to the non-acceptance of office by Mr. Fullerton and went on to say that Mr. Murphy had been a candidate in the recent election and has missed being elected by only 4 votes thus indicating how highly appreciated he was by the people of the town and that he would be a welcome addition to the board. Mr. McGowan seconded the proposal which was adopted unanimously by the meeting and Mr. Murphy was then formally declared elected to fill the vacant seat after which the meeting concluded.

There was a large press attendance at the meeting in anticipation that it might be a heated one over who should fill the vacancy and at the of the meeting Mr. Judd in a light hearted manner apologised to them for the lack of argument at it on that occasion.

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Film Club - held the last Tuesday of month. Tuesday 24th November at 7pm. 'Conversations with my Gardener' will be screened upstairs in library. €4 for film, tea & coffee and discussion of film afterwards.

Tickets cannot be pre-booked. May only be bought on screening night from 6.30pm. First come first served

Bookclub – 1st Saturday of month: Sat 7th November @ 10.30-12pm. All Welcome. 'Engleby' by Sebastian Faulks.

Irish Bookclub 1st Tuesday of Month: Tues 6th Oct @ 6.30-8pm. All Welcome.

Writers @ the Library meet every 2nd Thursday @ 6.30-8pm. New members are always welcome. Meetings: November 12th & 26th

Crochet Group at the library every Thursday @ 3.30-5pm. Beginners and experienced are all welcome

Internet Trainings sessions available weekly in the library (2 Sessions x 2hrs). Come along to learn how to set up email and use the web. Small waiting list - please leave your name with the library.

Storytime in Dalkey Library is on Wednesdays @ 3.30pm. Suitable 3-6yr olds. All welcome.

Parent & Toddler Group meets every Friday between 10am-12pm, Toys & Books, Tea & Coffee are provided. Please note due to space constraints we can only have ten adults + accompanying children at any one time.

Girls & Boys Book Clubs happen each month. New members always welcome. Please enquire at library for dates, times and books.

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CHRISTMAS AT GLASNEVIN



Friday, 20th November –

Event '*Countdown to Christmas*'. Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstration. Time: 8.00 p.m. (Reception 7.30 p.m.). Lecture Theatre, Education & Visitor Centre, Cost: €20. (Advance booking essential).

Sunday 13th December –

Event '*Christmas Farmers*' Market' Time: 12.00 p.m.

Sunday 13th December –

Event '*Santa Claus at the National Botanic Gardens*'. Lots of activities including Santa Claus and a Storyteller and Special Christmas Music. Time: from 2.00 p.m.



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❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

From Burren to Beara: an Art Exhibition in Dalkey Castle by Philip Brennan (11am- 4.30pm)	Wed Oct 28th - Sun Nov 1st
November DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 2 Nov
DCC Art Exhibition in OLH	Sat 7 - Sun 8 Nov
Ecumenical Service in St. Begnet's Graveyard @ 1.15pm	Sun Nov
Science Week Ireland 2009 - further info www.scienceweek.ie)	Sun 8 - Sun 15 Nov
Breadline Africa - T O K T O K K I E: An Art Exhibition/Fundraiser Dalkey Castle	Wed 10-Thur 12 Nov
Hospitaller Order of St. John of God – Our Lady's Hall (9.30am-12.30pm)	
Bring & Buy Sale with auction @ 11am	Fri. 13 Nov
St Vincent de Paul Coffee Morning in OLH (9.00am-1pm)	Sat 14 Nov
Winter Fair: The DLR Enterprise Board Winter Fair in the Town Hall and Heritage Centre. 11.00am-5.00pm	Sat 14 - Sun 15 Nov
Mass for deceased family and friends. (3pm in OLH) All welcome.	Tues. Nov
Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Sale of Work OLH (9.00am-1pm)	Sat. 21 Nov
Sorting December Newsletter	Fri 27 Nov
Coffee Morning - CBC Zambia	Sat 28 Nov
December DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 7 Dec

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Vinyasa Flow Yoga classes Dalkey Castle on Mondays 6.15pm-7.45pm & 8.00pm-9.30pm.
Kung Fu for Kids & Tai Chi for Adults & children Town Hall on Tues. & Thurs. 5pm-9pm.
Karate Sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm. Tues. & Thurs. Contact Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546
Dalkey Players Theatre Group - The Carry Hall Killiney - 7.30-10.30pm, Tues & Thurs. Contact Caroline Hickey 086-8092850 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.
The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839

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