



DALKEY - Deilginis 'Thorn Island'

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Irish Heritage Town

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March: Originally first month of the Roman calendar. Named for Mars the Roman god of war, crops and vegetation.

Flower: Daffodil



Mother's
Day
22nd March

Guimíd la shona
aoibhinn diar
mathracha ar a
la speisialta

Beannachtaí na Feile
Padraig oraibh go léir
Happy St. Patrick's Day
17th March



❖ SUMMARY – MONTHLY MEETING 1st FEBRUARY 2010 ❖

The monthly meeting of DCC was held on 1st February. The members stood for a minute's silence in memory of John Lee who had recently passed away. John was a former Treasurer of the Council and had also represented Meals-on-Wheels in recent years.

Tidy Towns: Graffiti is becoming a problem again. DLRCC and the committee are working together to tackle this problem. Members of the public are urged to report any new outbreaks of graffiti to the County Council.

The state of many of the roads around Dalkey has deteriorated following the recent cold spell with several potholes appearing on Railway Road, Church Road and in front of the DART station; DLRCC will be contacted.

Dog fouling around the town is still a major issue:- owners are requested to refrain from allowing pets to roam unattended and to remember to clear up after them. Pooper Scoopers are available from County Hall, Dun Laoghaire. *(See page 29)*

❖ SAFETY IN THE HOME SEMINAR ❖



Dalkey Community Council has organised a talk for all residents of Dalkey on the theme of "SAFETY IN THE HOME".

The details are as follows:

Monday, 22nd MARCH 2010 at 8p.m.

TOWN HALL/HERITAGE Centre, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Speakers will be drawn from a variety of relevant sources, e.g Gardaí, Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service, etc.

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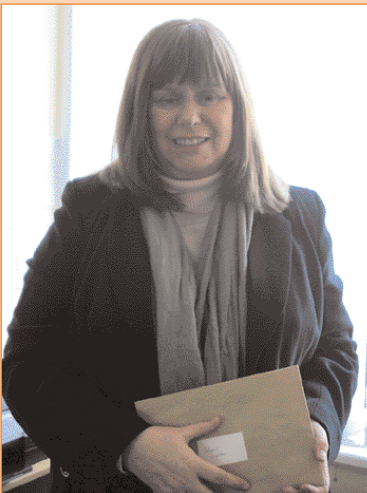
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FUNDING

Ken Dixon Chairman of Dalkey Community Council presenting cheques to representatives of local organisations to help mitigate some of the adverse effects of the present financial shortages.



Beryl Alvey receiving cheque on behalf Philip Salter Principal of St. Patrick's National School



*Left:
Catherine
Shanahan
Principal of
Loreto Primary
School*



*Right:
Teresa Buckley
Principal of
Harold Boys'
School*



FUNDING

*Left:
Terry Dunne from the
Kitiu Project*



*Right:
Maeve Coghlan from
St. Patrick's Kenya
Build Project*



Dr Mairead Hannon

MAIREAD HANNON

Dr Mairead Hannon retired last summer having been a GP in Mapas Road, Dalkey, since 1962 (apart from a three-year break from 1967 to 1970 in Sandycove), a span of 47 years. She is and will be sorely missed by her many patients.

Everyone you speak to has the same recall. A wonderfully patient and professional doctor, totally dedicated to the care of all her patients. Her days were long, starting well before eight in the morning. Yet she found time, often late into the evening, to make contact with a patient who might anxiously be awaiting test results, or to visit one of her patients in hospital. She always had ample time for each person, no matter how busy the practice on the day, and her concern for and recall of each patient's history

and illnesses were truly remarkable.

We wish Dr Hannon many years of happy retirement. *‘Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís’*

JOHN O'HAGAN

JOSEPH O'CONNOR play at Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel



Dalkey Player's Neill Deegan and Geraldine McGrath in rehearsal for Red Roses and Petrol.

"The high octane mixture of comedy and tragedy in Red Roses and Petrol by local writer Joseph O'Connor is sure to provide a great night of theatre for local audiences" so says Norman McCausland, the Director of this forthcoming production by Dalkey Players.

Set in her home in Dublin, Moya Doyle is preparing for the funeral mass of her husband, Enda. From England and America her children are returning for the sombre occasion. But as the ghosts of the Doyle family's past begin to materialise, the consequences are both profoundly disturbing and memorably comic.

RED ROSES AND PETROL will be performed by DALKEY PLAYERS at 8pm on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th March in FITZPATRICK'S CASTLE HOTEL.

Tickets are keenly priced at €15 (€12 concession) and the booking line, 087-9919261, is open from Monday 1st March. Some tickets may be available at the door but seating is limited and early booking is strongly recommended.

Why not have a meal and a drink in the hotel beforehand and make Red Roses and Petrol a night to remember?

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We love March for being like the last hundred metres of a particularly gruelling marathon. We are still beset by bitter winds and the icy rain still drips down the unprotected neck, but now, the finishing line beckons and, with it, the promise of sun-soaked borders and impromptu picnics. Just one more push....!

March is such an effective alarm clock. It is the moment when the embers of spring are fanned into life. No more winter slumbers. We need to splash cold water on our faces, stretch our sluggish limbs and get ourselves back into the garden. Gird up those loins, polish up your spades and pull on your boots, for the season is now upon us!

James Alexander Sinclair

Gardeners' World, March 2009 Issue

So, a big welcome to our spring, as warmer days bring a riot of colour to our Dalkey gardens. Everywhere you look shrubs, trees, plants and wild flowers and some beautiful weeds are coming into bloom. So, let's clear the way for new life. Doesn't our first flush of spring foliage have such freshness and exuberance about it? Our bluebell leaves are tall and vigorous everywhere. I adore seeing drifts of various species of daffodils planted in lawns, along our roadside banks, in our parks, etc. We know, sometimes, if they experience really heavy rainfall it can beat them to death and as their bedraggled faces lie in mud, we might become disheartened. Occasionally, I pick them up and wash their faces, cut them short, which seems to rejuvenate them and then try to get their final grace and spirit into some appropriate vase. A way of overcoming this entire saga is to grow varieties in containers and tubs under shelter, where they should multiply and re-emerge for several years until the day comes when they prompt you to split and divide them.

So, Happy Saint Patrick's Day, Happy Easter and, above all, Happy Gardening. A little bit of tidying here and there in the garden, over a period of time, can truly transform it; so take heart. Now is the time to browse, ponder and think before choosing a few, new varieties of bulbs. Some of the most rewarding and long-lasting plants you can grow are bulbs. The choice out there is unbelievable. In fact, we are all spoiled for choice. Google some of the specialist nurseries if you don't believe me! In a way, they are living 'antiques' which have been grown by gardeners for hundreds of years. So try and buy some of these treasures for yourself. I am aware that I mentioned before the miniature



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double-scented daffodil bulb, 'Rip van Winkle', but it is truly worth mentioning again. What a little beauty, its flowers are a rich golden yellow tinged with green especially when the buds are opening. Ours, right now, are beginning to display their true finery. We have them growing in a half barrel container on our veranda (when they're in full bloom, they remind me of a splattered egg yolk in a fluffy ballerina tu-tu!). So, if bulbs intrigue you maybe you might not know about the Heritage Bulb Club, based in Co. Westmeath. Telephone: 044-62744. or www.heritagebulbs.com.



Rip Van Winkle - This scented little beauty will naturalise

Bulbs to try are: Gladioli, I particularly love the miniature varieties, especially 'Nana', the white bride. Arum Lilies are also great bulbs, my favourite being 'Green Goddess'. There are dahlia tubers, 'chinchinchees - gosh, they are so, so beautiful (brilliant small white flowers, tinged with green at their bases - elegant spikes on slender stems). Cannas, begonias, pineapple lilies (there are so many varieties now), 'Eucomis', and they actually self-seed if they like your soil. Camassias, there are several shades of blue, cream and white.

Alliums too. Again, there is such a wide diversity available. If I could only grow one type of lily, it would have to be the Nepalese Lily. It has lime green re-curving tepals, with a purplish black splotch in its centre and is of woodland habit. Finally, aren't Crown Imperials, ever so majestic? I'm afraid that every year, the slugs massacre our leaves and I only learned last week at one of the gardening clubs that, generally, imported bulbs may flower once only. (So, pay heed, it's really important to buy bulbs from a reputable grower.



Crown Imperial

Last year I bought a few unusual plants in our local Heritage Centre from the plant table at our market there which is held every Friday from 10 am to 3 pm. I am ashamed to admit, I left all these little darlings out, in our freezing cold spell. Now, you're hardly going to believe it, but they all seem to have survived, so I am delighted with myself. In a week or so I will tidy them slightly with a fine pruning and then re-pot them in a well deserved soil mix. (Incredibly, the lady who sells the plants there often has rare seeds).

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PRECIOUS AMONG THE PLANTS

Shortly we will be welcoming our Forest Flame (Pieris), a smallish shrub. It's truly magnificent and brilliant red tips fading after many weeks of its wonderful performance to salmon pink and buttery yellow leaves. Spot 'Mr Precious' - a little tired after his daily walk! - sitting on our garden table amongst our smaller terracotta pots. The cheek of him! Then, at the same time, so what; "This is His Home!"



Precious in plants

TOP JOBS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN MARCH



1. Sow your seeds.
2. Feed your roses, get them off to a good start with a specialist rose fertilizer. They are heavy feeders so it's a good idea to make a note and feed them again in midsummer.
3. Plant your summer flowering bulbs.
4. Cut necessary shrubs back in order to have better displays this coming summer. You can be ruthless with some; cut back hard to the buds at the base of each stem.
5. Keep on top of weeds in order to prevent them developing.



Grapefruit skins attract slugs



GARDEN TALKS IN MARCH 2010



ALPINE SOCIETY

Saturday 6th March 2.00pm. Spring Local Show, Members' Plant Sale. St. Bridget's Parish Centre, Stillorgan.

Tuesday 23rd March 8.00 p.m. Malcolm McGregor "Saxifrages- Across the World and in the Garden".

FOXROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday 23rd March 8.00 p.m. Christopher Heavey "Growing Fruit and Vegetables in Small Places". Foxrock Pastoral Centre, Foxrock.

IRISH ORCHID SOCIETY

1st March 8.00 p.m. "Orchid Maladief" by Shane Kerr. Botanic Gardens. South County Dublin Horticultural Society

Wednesday 24th March 8.00 p.m. "The Best of Bulbs" by Christopher Ireland Jones of Avon Bulbs, Somerset. Centenary Centre, Leeson Park. Bulbs for Sale.



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SCHOOLS LIVING HISTORY AT DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre and the **Heritage Office of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** are currently offering the highly successful Living History Programme for national schools from Monday January -April 2010. The Centre is particularly grateful for the support for the programme from the DLR Heritage Office in the current economic climate.

The **Living History** presentation involves professional actors from Deilg Inis Theatre Company, in full period costume bringing the history of our 14th century Fortified Town House and the wider area to colourful life. The company portrays characters from early Christian through Viking to medieval and Victorian times.

Early Christian Students are introduced to Saint Begnet, in the ruins of the tenth century church that bears her name. She extols the virtues of holding firm to one's beliefs in the face of life's difficulties, and following a path that serves the greater good of the community.

Viking Era the presentation covers the plight of an escaped Irish slave from the notorious Viking slave trading station at Dalkey Island. Dalkey was centre of the world's slave-trade at that time. He is hunted down by armed Vikings to Begnet's Church. His life hangs on a thread while he pleads for his life.

Sitric the Viking Coin-Minter (based on the Dalkey Hoard of Viking coins found in Dalkey from 900s now in the British Museum) Students will see how coinage was first minted in Dublin, and may get an opportunity to mint their own silver pennies, if Sitric is in good humour.

Medieval Era: Master Cheevers Master Cheevers is on hand to meet and greet; as a medieval merchant, he was known to have traded out of Goat Castle while he lived in sumptuous splendour in nearby Monkstown Castle. He shows his guests around his castle and allows them to experience its storage and defensive aspects- including the Murder Hole.

Medieval Era: Rupert the Archer Rupert, the Archer will demonstrate his prowess as an archer and a defender of Goat Castle. The students will hear him using all the terminology from archery still used in English today: 'another string to your bow'; 'keep it under your hat'; 'brace yourself' etc. He will bring the children up into the battlements where enemies are spied on and put into the stocks if caught speaking Irish within the Pale.

Medieval Era: The Head Cook, Barnaby is in full swing preparing dishes for the feast that night to honour the local merchants.

Victorian Era: Áine, the Quarry-woman Áine, is a nineteenth century character, whose sad but inspiring story is bound up with the building of the pier in Dun Laoghaire and the coming of the railway.

Victorian Era: The King Of Dalkey Each student is granted an audience with the King of Dalkey, who bestows a personalised parchment scroll on every visitor in a ceremony which dates back to the 1790s.

The programme is fully booked to the end of the run.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga classes are proving highly popular and continue at Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre Thursdays from 6.15pm.

Contact Gina Dowling gina_dowling@hotmail.com Tel 087 2020689

Art Exhibitions will begin again in April with an exhibition from Padraig Mc Caul opening on Tuesday 13th April and open daily until Sun 18th at 4.00.

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Great Tit

HELPING BIRDS IN THE SPRING

Putting up nestboxes can be a great help to your garden birds if there aren't enough natural nest sites available. Blue Tits in particular are very responsive to boxes but you can get ones for Great Tits, Robins, Swallows and many more species. If you're handy at woodwork you can make a box yourself (info sheets available at www.birdwatchireland.ie) but there's plenty available to buy from Birdwatch Ireland or any good pet shops.

A general rule is the simpler the nestbox the better. Balconies and perches might look more attractive on boxes but they are of no advantage to the birds and predators can perch on them to catch adult or young birds as they come out of the nest holes. The

parent birds never perch on or near the entrance for more than a few seconds as they don't want to attract attention to their nest. In good boxes the entrance holes are made to a specific size so only the desired species can get in. There's lots of information available online or on leaflets from Birdwatch (www.birdwatchireland.ie) as how and where to position them so they don't get too hot or waterlogged and will be safest for the adult birds.

There's a great range now available of little video cameras which can be put in the boxes to watch the birds, some nestboxes even come with camera attached. You can connect the camera to your television and you can watch the adult birds building their nests and laying eggs. You can watch the eggs hatching and chicks growing and hopefully surviving to fledge and leave the nest. These cameras cause no disturbance to the birds. Even if birds don't nest in the boxes this year they might next year after they get familiar with them. They can also serve a very useful purpose even if they don't nest in them.

In times of cold weather, like January's big freeze, birds can survive the night by crowding into nest boxes. Wrens, usually very aggressively territorial, will jam into nestboxes together keeping each other warm. I've mentioned before the artificial House Martin nestbox we have outside our kitchen which has had up to six wrens roosting in it in winter time.

Of course if there's mature trees or suitable nest spaces in your house the birds won't need to use artificial homes. If you can, get hedges and bushes cut before birds start building their nests in them.

If you've been feeding birds all winter don't stop now. Although there will be more natural food around they won't turn down an easy meal. Later, when birds have young in their nests, by providing food for the parent birds you're giving them more free time and opportunity to search out insect food for their chicks.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

March is that transitional month when our wintering birds are getting ready to head north while our first summer migrants begin to arrive from Africa. The Brent geese that fly from their roost on the Bull Island down to Kilcoole and Newcastle in Wicklow reach their peak numbers. They set off down along the coast every morning in little groups, from up on the

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hill you can see them crossing the bay then hugging the coast as they pass through Dalkey Sound. They return in much bigger groups, often over 800 birds in those classic flying V shapes (known as skeins) often flying over Dalkey Hill before dropping down sometimes hopping over the piers in Dun Laoghaire harbour and flying back to the Bull for the evening.

They're feeding up, preparing for their long journey back to their breeding grounds in Arctic Canada. Before they've gone we'll have our first summer migrants in Dublin Bay. Sandwich Terns will be



Bluebells

seen fishing offshore while Wheatears will be gathering their strength, feeding on insects on the coastline before heading inland. The first Swallows and Sand Martins are usually seen in March while male Song and Mistle Thrushes, Blackbirds, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches will be singing out their songs to attract mates and proclaim their territory. Gannets will be arriving to dive for fish in Killiney Bay before the month's end and it was while watching them last year I saw my first swallow, on the 21st March although some individuals had been seen earlier in the month.

Some early Bluebells will be coming into flower before the month's end, soaking up the sunlight on the floor woodland floor before the leaves appear on the branches.

Spring Springs Earlier

If you had suspected that Spring is starting earlier then it used to apparently it's now official. Eleven days earlier then it did thirty years ago according to recent research published and the process seems to be accelerating. This can spell serious potential problems for a lot of species particularly some species of birds which time their breeding so that there will be plenty of food available when their eggs hatch and they have hungry chicks to feed. If a bird is going to feed 70 caterpillars a day to each chick, as Great Tits will do, they have to make sure the chicks hatch just as the caterpillars are appearing.

The new study compiled 25,000 records of springtime trends for 726 species of plants, animals, plankton, insects, amphibians, birds and fish across land, sea and freshwater habitats. It analysed them for changes in the timing of lifecycle events, such as egg laying, first flights and flowering, a science known as phenology.

The results showed that more than 80% of trends between 1976 and 2005 indicated earlier seasonal events. On average, the study showed the seasonal timing of reproduction and population growth shifted forward by eleven days over the period, and that the change has accelerated recently

One study found that oak trees were producing leaves 0.9 days earlier each year, while another found blue tits had changed their time of egg laying by 0.3 days a year. Other research found that hazel flowered a day earlier, and orange tip butterflies took their first flights 0.7 days earlier.



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MARCH 2010 LOCAL HISTORY LECTURES

Wednesday March 3rd at 8 p.m. – James Scannell will present his lecture *‘From Horsedrawn Trams to the LUAS’* to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Tuesday March 9th at 8 p.m. – Ristead Mulcahy will speak on *‘The Life of Dick Mulcahy’* to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland St., Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - all welcome - contribution €3.

Wednesday March 10th at 8 p.m. John Lennon will present his lecture *‘The Irish Postage Stamp’* 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 - visitors €3.

Thursday March 11th at 8 p.m. Kevin Cronin will present his lecture *‘Northsabout - Circumpolar Arctic Voyage Crossing the North West Passage’* for the Kilmacud-Stillorgan History Society meeting in The Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan, Co.Dublin - visitors €3.

At 8.30 p.m. Seamus O’Connor will present his lecture *‘The Story of Old Dunleary’* to the Enniskerry History Society in the A.O.H. Hall, Church, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow - all welcome - admission €3.

Monday March 15th at 8 p.m. Edward Bourke will present his lecture *‘The Wrecking of the Rochdale and the Prince of Wales’* to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Pastoral Centre at the rear of Foxrock R.C. Church. Moira Laffan will present a short talk on *‘Daniel O’Connell and the South Dublin connection.’* All welcome. Admission €4.

Thursday March 18th at 8 p.m. Dr. Ron Cox will present his lecture *‘The Vartry Water Supply Scheme for Dublin’* to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Road, Bray. All welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday March 24th at 8 p.m. James Scannell will present his lecture *‘From Kingstown to Dalkey by Air - The Atmospheric Railway. 1844 - 1854’* to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

A BOOK TO READ

“Images of Ireland - Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown” compiled by Pat Walsh,

published by The History Press Ireland, formerly known as Nonsuch Publishing.

The History Press Ireland is the new name by which Nonsuch Publishing will be known by and due to popular demand this excellent photobook has been republished and anyone who missed obtaining it the first time round now has a chance to acquire it. While most of the images cover Dun Laoghaire as it was in the past, others focus on Blackrock, Dalkey and out to Killiney Stand as the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area extends from Blackrock to Shankill and out to Glencullen and is one of the 3 new authorities created in 1994 when Dublin County Council was dissolved and replaced by them. There are excellent views of Dalkey capturing as it was over 100 years including images of trams on the streets.

Each of the images featured in this super photobook comes with an explanatory note and the approximate date it was taken and is a really great book which anyone interested in the history of Dalkey and the wider area should have as part of their library or local history book collection.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 2-5 11/1/'10 to 5/2/'10

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0013

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Jan-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Nicola Dunleavy, 10, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for a first floor extension to the rear and side, conversion of garage to habitable room and a detached single storey shed to the rear (floor area 35m²).

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0014

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Jan-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Michael & Brenda Lennon, Site to the east of Hill House, 11A, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development comprising the following: to erect a new 3 bed, 2 storey with habitable attic space, detached dormer dwelling house, comprising; 2 no. bedrooms and family room at ground floor level, living, kitchen and dining area at first floor level, and master bedroom suite within habitable dormer attic space. A new detached two storey dormer annex building, containing garage, gym and games room, together with a new entrance gate and access road off the existing laneway, and all associated drainage and site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0024

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Jan-2010

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

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the formation of detached garden room to rear / side garden. This is a protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0813

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Nov-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Thomas Murphy & Avril Moore, 37, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for: 1, A single storey extension to rear of dwelling; 2, Extension at first floor level over existing garage to side of dwelling; 3, Construction of new porch and bay window to front of dwelling; 4, Existing roadside entrance gates to be widened; 5, Interior alterations and renovations to existing dwelling, together with all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission. Add. Info.: 27-Jan-2010.

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0040

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: James Holahan, 24, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Planning permission comprising the construction of a balcony to the front of property in location of previously removed original balcony, replacement of existing large front window with a sliding glazed screen, minor alterations to side and rear elevations.

PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 2-5 11/1/2010 TO 5/2/2010

Reg. Ref. D09A/0807

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 14-Jan-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr. Raymond Gannon, Topcliff, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for (1) subdivision of existing 1442 sq.m site into two parts. (2) Erection of a new part two storey, part three storey dwelling with a total floor area of 190sq.m on the subdivided site area of 460sq.m. (3) Construction of new shared vehicular entrance and closure of the existing entrance. (4) Modifications to the existing boundary wall on Ardburgh Road to improve sight lines including the erection of new stone boundary wall and associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0831

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 14-Jan-2010

Applicant Name: John Flynn and Fidelma Kirby

Location: Valentia, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission for sundry modifications to approved development as permitted by planning reference no. D06A/0153 consisting of the alteration of the front elevation by the omission of the inclined glazed roof at second floor level and the use of part of the intervening area between the recessed second floor and the roof parapet as a balcony. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0462

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 15-Jan-2010

Applic. Name, Address & Location: Nicholas & Orla Fahy, 3, The Paddocks, Ulverton Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: An extension of split level dwelling. The proposed works will involve the extension of the first floor to accommodate additional bedroom space and a lean-to bicycle shelter to the side of the dwelling.

The proposed works will be completed in conjunction with works already in progress as granted under planning application D06B/0325. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref.: D09A/0834 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 19-Jan-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd
Location: Mackeys Garden Centre, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin and part of no.1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (reg. reg. D06A/1808 and PL06D.224130) being the omission of the following items; the lead-clad lanterns, the slated roof and the powder coated aluminium of block A.
Reg. Ref. D09B/0470 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21-Jan-2010
Applic. Name, Address & Location: Mr. John Waters, 2 Desmond Cottages, Ardburgh Rd, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of the demolition of existing rear ground floor extension and dormer and construction of new ground floor extension and enlarged dormer. Installation of roof-light to front.
Reg. Ref. D09A/0770 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 27-Jan-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Don & Julis Godson, Island View, Nerano Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development to consist of changes to approved design Reg. Ref. D08A/1414 to include increase in width of approved extension by 760mm, changes to approved internal layout. This application includes the addition of a new bedroom extension to rear of approved extension at first floor level. The total additional floor area over and above approved design will be 71.5 sq.m. All to existing two storey detached dwelling. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref. D09A/0771 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 25-Jan-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd, Mackeys Garden Centre, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, & No.1 Castlepark Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin(r)
Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (Reg. Ref. D06A/1808 and PL 06D.224130) being omission of the single storey gym building and basement swimming pool, a revised basement level layout to include 6 No. additional enclosed garages and additional landscape open space at ground level. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref.: D09A/0880 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Feb-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Michael Smyth, Parkville, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for minor alterations to previously approved permission ref. no. D09A/0511. Alterations include provision of a roof light to rear roof and provision of a single dormer window in replacement of two dormer windows. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref.: D09B/0504 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Feb-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Bernard Doyle, Ardeevin House, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for extension to the rear of the existing detached two - storey dwelling, at first floor level over the existing lounge, consisting of a bedroom and ensuite bathroom, with one main window opening to the rear elevation, two high level window openings to the side elevation and a flat roof with parapet, all in render finish to match the existing. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref.: D09B/0508 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Feb-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Anna and Niall Breslin, 7, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a part single and part two storey extension to the side and to the rear. **Application Type:** Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala - Wks. 2-5 11/1st 10 to 5/2nd 10

NONE

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala - Wks. 2-5 4/1st 10 to 5/2nd 10

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0327 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 12-Jan-2010
Council's Decision: Grant Permission for Retention. **Location:** 36, Convent Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for retention of a single storey garden store (18.8sq.m).
Applicant: Mr Robert Cunningham.

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ATTENTION:
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RE: Parking Restrictions Within Dalkey Town

The parking situation in Dalkey town has for a long time been a cause of contention between residents, local traders, and the County Council. While metered parking has its benefits, it also has become a deterrent to using the services offered in the town. Many local traders are struggling due to the recession, bad weather and an unreliable water supply. The inconvenience of parking is another burden both traders and customers can do without.

Ultimately the local residents and Council stand to lose the most should local businesses close. Apart from losing many valuable services, the character of the town would be adversely affected and the council will lose valuable income from rates which help maintain footpaths, lighting, roads and services.

Ease of parking in large shopping centres has led many of the residents of Dalkey and the surrounding borough to forsake the convenience and personal attention they could receive from their local traders.

In order to ease access to the many services within the town we propose the following amendments to the approach and parking within the town:

AMEND THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC on St. Patrick’s Road so that vehicles travel, one way from Castle Street to Carysford Road.

- Benefits:**
- This would alleviate the congestion on both Castle Street and St. Patrick’s Road
 - And provide greater safety for the pupils of Harold Boys National School

EXTEND THE LOADING BAY on St. Patricks Road up to Paul Gills Opticians ending just prior to the cobble stone lane located between the opticians and the dry cleaners.

- Benefits:**
- With only one small loading bay in the town, commercial vehicles often double park causing congestion and danger to both pedestrians and other vehicles.

CREATE THREE “*ticketless - stop and drop*” parking spaces in front of the dry cleaners. These spaces would allow free parking for up to fifteen minutes, beyond this period standard parking fines would occur.

- Benefits:**
- Many errands can be completed within fifteen minutes: return videos, banking, collect prescriptions, dry cleaning or grocery shopping. With the constant threat of parking tickets or clamping, many potential customers will travel beyond the town to more convenient retail outlets such as Tesco in Ballybrack where parking is free and without restrictions.
 - By allowing greater access to local shops we are protecting local business and jobs as well as the integrity and character of the town.

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Tom Morris
Dalkey News Centre,
285 9729



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❖ LETTER TO THE EDITOR No. 2 ❖

Letter – via E-mail

February 2010

Hi,

I wonder if you can help locate a friend I lost contact with over twenty years ago shortly after moving here to South Wales. His name was Tony (Anthony) Lynch. His family were from Saval Park Gardens. For a short time he worked in the Dalkey Island Hotel and also for Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel. Any help locating him would be much appreciated.

Regards

Des Swords

❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS REPORT ❖

Monthly Report to Dalkey Community Council FEBRUARY 2010

Dalkey Library is kindly displaying one of our notice boards in their window. The other one is in the window of Maxwell's Chemist.

I wish to thank Dalkey Business Centre and the Exchange Bookshop for occasional complimentary photocopies.

There has been a severe increase of graffiti in the area and I would ask people to be diligent in identifying offenders. Volunteers and DLRCC personnel deal with incidents as quickly as possible.

We have joined An Taisce's new **Green Communities Programme** offering project grants of €500 towards materials and €700 towards training. Although limited in number other community organisations may be interested in applying for these grants.

DLRCC Road Cleaning Dept. has offered Dalkey an available litter bin which will be placed at the Taxi Rank on Ulverton Road.

The Binocular scope at Coliemore Harbour has been sent away for repair and will be missing for a several weeks.

June Barnett

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EAMON WALSHÉ – 45 YEARS IN THE MOTOR INDUSTRY



By Olga Sheean

As soon as I met her, I knew I'd made a mistake: my light breakfast of toast and tea was never going to sustain me through an entire morning with this human whirlwind. A powerhouse of passion and purpose, Mary d'Arbey Byrne is a woman who makes her presence felt. She has overcome many daunting challenges in her life and, in the process, embarked on a journey of discovery and enlightenment.

A champion swimmer from a very early age, Mary was poised to train for the Olympics. But her parents insisted that her education was more important and refused to let her pursue her dream. Heartbroken, Mary seemed to be faced with ongoing obstacles. In her teens and early adulthood, she had a series of falls and accidents that created a spinal injury and other misdiagnosed conditions. In her late twenties, she lost her house, her job and the means to pursue her studies in homeopathy. Yet, through it all, she was determined to find answers and to understand why her life had been so tough. She has emerged from these adversities a stronger, richer person with a vast knowledge of holistic health and nutrition, an uncommon wisdom, and a wicked sense of humour.

Today, her talents are being put to good use. As a result of her own search for wellness, Mary is the host of a weekly radio programme called Health and Spiritual Well-Being, which airs every Saturday afternoon on community radio. In her role of broadcaster, Mary showcases healers, holistic health practitioners, personal development coaches, cutting-edge thinkers and authors, eco-friendly products, geopathic stress, pranic healing, animal communication, spiritual teachers and anyone who offers products or services that promote emotional, physical and spiritual well-being.

Many of the guests on her show have also surmounted tremendous personal challenges and have developed their particular skill or healing technique as a result of their own healing journey.

"The show is all about inspiring people to look at life differently and to take charge of their own lives," says Mary. "It puts them on the radar and helps build community among like-minded individuals."

Mary is big on community and she sees a need for people to support each other more at the local, personal level. "In the business world, there's a lot of competition, which is based on fear and insecurity," she says. "The more we work together in our community, supporting and complementing each other, the more rewarding it is for everyone involved."

A passionate networker, Mary is



Mary D'Arbey Byrne



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constantly connecting like-minded individuals, cross-referencing them at dizzying speed, like a caffeine-fuelled human Filofax. Even before she whisked me into the studio to interview me for her show, I'd filled a page of my notebook with names and contacts relating to my work, and was wondering if I could possibly replace my long-departed breakfast, before she really got talking.

With so much creative energy, Mary is always looking for new opportunities. In addition to pushing for a website for the community radio station (for which, she says, she's appealing to everyone for "lashings of money to make it happen"), she's keen to move into television. "TV has become very glamorised and shallow," she says. "We need to lose the 'rigor mortis' and take a more natural, authentic approach. People want more depth and enlightenment, and there's an opening for a programme that offers that."

Having studied or trained in almost all the approaches covered on her radio show, Mary is well equipped to offer a vast smorgasbord of ideas, innovation and inspiration that can help people grow, expand their awareness and take charge of their lives. From her base in Dalkey, she also offers massage, nutritional advice, animal/equine healing, face-reading and Aura-Soma therapy. She can even show you how to make your own natural moisturising creams and shampoos.

Tune in to Mary's show every Saturday at 5pm on Radio Dublin South 93.9 FM. The station, based in Dundrum, can sometimes be difficult to pick up, in certain areas; if you can't find it on your home radio in the Dalkey area, try your car radio. Mary can be reached on 087 692 0051.

Olga Sheean is a Dalkey-born author, kinesiologist and counsellor-cum-catalyst who teaches a unique system of self-mastery.

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MARCH IN DALKEY LIBRARY



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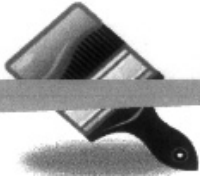
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❖ DOG FOULING IN DALKEY ❖

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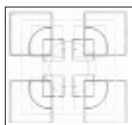
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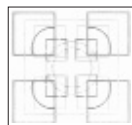
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By **TINA DUNNE**

Pulses are edible seeds of certain plants of the Legume Family and include peas, beans and lentils. Research has shown that beans were among the first plants cultivated when agriculture began. Common beans such as Kidney, Black and Pinto were cultivated in Mexico. Lima beans in Peru and chickpeas in the Middle East.

Dried pulses are widely available. Store in an air -tight container. Keep out of direct light. Use within 6 months. Pulses toughen on storage and older ones will take longer to cook. Pulses can be used in a variety of ways. They can be used to thicken and enrich soups, stews and casseroles, in a sauce with other vegetables, fish, poultry or meat. They can also be cooked and served cold in salads.

Cooking Tip – Remember that most dried pulses need to be soaked before cooking. Always discard the soaking water, rinse well and cook in fresh water. Changing the water will help to reduce the flatulence some people suffer when eating pulses. Add a pinch of caraway, dill, cumin, and fennel seed. Never use salt or acid when cooking pulses as this toughens the skins. Salt may be added in towards the end of the cooking period.

BUTTER BEAN PASTA – Serves 4



Butter beans are also called Lima beans and it is thought that they originated in Peru. This dish has a straightforward earthy taste giving a satisfying sturdy quality to the dish.

2 tbsp. Olive oil 300g can butter beans, drained and rinsed well
 2 rashers, chopped 400g can chopped tomatoes 500g penne pasta
 1 onion, chopped finely 1 tbsp. natural yoghurt *To Garnish* – Chopped parsley
 1 clove garlic, crushed 1 tbsp. chopped chilli seasoning & Grated Parmesan cheese

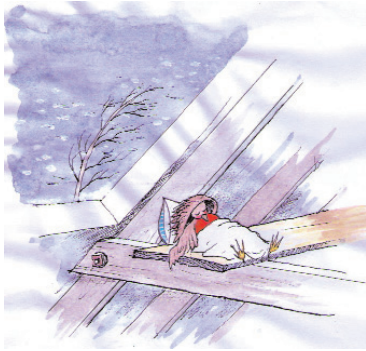
- 1 Heat oil in a large frying pan. Sauté bacon, onion and garlic over a medium heat until onion is tender.
- 2 Stir in tomatoes, butter beans, natural yoghurt, chilli seasoning. Heat gently, stirring occasionally.
- 3 Toss sauce through hot cooked pasta. Serve immediately topped with Parmesan cheese and parsley.

TWO BEAN VEGETABLE GOULASH – Serves 4

The famous Goulash was originally soup. Today beans, meat, potatoes and noodles are added making it edible as a main course.

100g cannellini beans, soaked over night 1 courgette cut in chunks Pinch caraway seeds
 100g black beans, soaked over night 2 peeled carrots cut into chunks Salt and pepper
 1 tbsp. olive oil 1 can chopped tomatoes 1 tbsp. cornflour
 1 onion finely chopped 300ml vegetable stock 1 tbsp. cornflour
 4 sticks celery cut in chunks 1 tbsp. paprika

- 1 Heat oil in a frying pan and fry the onions, celery, courgette, carrot quickly over a high heat until browned.
- 2 Pour in tomatoes. Stir in Paprika, caraway seeds, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes until the vegetables are tender.
- 3 Stir in the cooked beans. Blend the corn flour with the water add to the pan.
- 4 Bring to the boil, stirring until the sauce thickens. Simmer for 10 minutes.
- 5 Serve with boiled brown rice
 Drain the beans and rinse really well. Put them into two separate pots and cover with water. Boil for 10 minutes, then lower the heat and simmer for 1 hour. Drain, rinse well and set aside. Do not cover the pot with a lid. The beans remain really tender, as the skin does not tend to toughen.



*The March wind doth blow and we shall
have snow,
And what will poor Robin do then, poor
thing?
He'll sit in the barn and keep himself warm
And hide his head under his wing poor thing!*



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Daffodil Day - Coffee Morning in OLH from 9am- 1pm	Saturday 13 Mar
Mother's Day	Sunday 14Mar
Dalkey Players perform 'Red Roses and Petrol' in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel at 8pm on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th March	
St. Patrick's Day	Wednesday 17 Mar
National Daffodil Day - Irish Cancer Society	Friday 26 Mar
Senior Citizens Sale-of-Work in OLH from 10.30am-12.30pm	Friday 26 Mar
Sorting of April Newsletter	Friday 26 Mar
Summer time begins- clock goes forward	Sunday 28 Mar

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Vinyasa Flow Yoga classes Dalkey Castle on Thursdays 6.15pm-7.45pm & 8.00pm-9.30pm.

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546

Dalkey Players Theatre Group - The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Caroline Hickey 086-8092850 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839

Dalkey Daffodil Day - in aid of Irish Cancer Society. Come and join Rosemary, Maura & friends in Our Lady's Hall on Saturday 13th March from 10am-12.30pm. Have a coffee & chat & bring a friend. Also there will be a raffle.

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