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Irish Heritage Town

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October: Roman word 'Octo' which means eight, the eight month of the old Roman Calendar. The Anglo-Saxons called it 'Win monath' the month for making wine. They also called it 'Winter-fylleth' (winter falls) because it was thought winter began with the new moon in October.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Guímid togha spoirt d'ár
bpáistí Óga oíche shamhna
We wish our young children
lots of fun at Halloween

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came-
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

FLOWER:

Calendula/Dahlia



George Cooper, 'October's Party'



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with the
Garden
Judge,
Lucille
Healy,
and our
Chairman,
Dr. Susan
McDonnell

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❖ SUMMARY OF DCC SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING ❖

The Monthly Meeting took place on Monday 30th August in the Youth Hall. The Chairman had received a letter from an overseas visitor who had stayed in Dalkey during the summer. She was full of praise for our lovely town and the local volunteers who work hard to keep Dalkey free of rubbish. But she was appalled by the amount of dog fouling that was on the streets and she suggested that shop owners take more responsibility for the area outside their premises and parents who allow their children to walk dogs should emphasise the importance of carrying a bag and remove any dirt that may occur. She wasn't put off and hopes to return to holiday in Dalkey again!

The reports from the various sub-committees followed - see inside for DTT and Sports information. Comments about different traffic problems were mentioned under AOB and these will be brought to DLRCoCo. As there was no further business the meeting ended.

❖ TIDY TOWNS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2010 ❖

Report to Dalkey Community Council

Dog fouling continues to be persistent and you **do** know who you are.

St Begnet's Graveyard, beside the Heritage Centre, is now in good order thanks to volunteers from the community and Dalkey Tidy Towns with assistance from Heritage Centre personnel. Dillon's Park is receiving regular attention from our committee members.

An Taisce - Environment Education Unit - has passed on an offer by a South County Dublin company to have a Dalkey Action Day in October. Sorrento Park, The Ramparts or the Cat's Ladder on Vico Road would be suitable locations.

We have informed Greyhound and Panda recycling companies of litter spills following their collections. Insecure bagging, particularly of waste food from businesses, could cause such incidents.

DTT reports dumping and ask that anyone noticing such acts to contact the Litter Freephone (*see on the back page of the newsletter or environ@dlrcoco.ie*).

LITTER PATROLS from September to April are **three** times each month.

1st Tuesday at St Patrick's Avenue at 10.30, **2nd Thursday** at Dillon's Park at 11 am. **3rd Saturday** at St. Patrick's Avenue at 10.30.



Please dispose of chewing gum and cigarette butts properly

Green Home Tip - Flask hot water instead of letting it cool in the kettle.

You paid to heat it!

Thank you, June Barnett, DTT.

*Bí Brodúil as Bhúr Comhsheilbh * Take Pride in Your Community*

DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SUPPORTER'S COLLECTION REMINDER

Dear Resident,

We rely on your contributions to carry out the many activities we engage in for Dalkey, such as making Representations to the County Council on all matters involving Dalkey, the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Planning matters, sponsorship of worthy local causes e.g. Sports, Athletes, Garden Competition, Garden Outing, Art Exhibition, Cups etc. We would appreciate if you could return your contribution to your Road Representative or simply pop it in the post box in Our Lady's Hall.

KEEPING DALKEY SPECIAL!

Many thanks for your contribution.



VOLUNTEERS

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre intends to expand its core of adult volunteers who help in the Heritage Centre.

If you find that you have time on your hands and are interested in giving a consistent amount of time each week or each month, there may be an opportunity for you to become involved. Areas of interest include research, presentation of local and national history, tour guiding and marketing. Contact the Manager, Margaret Dunne to discuss possibilities, details below.

The full summer programme, the highly popular, **Meet the Tudors** continues until the end of October daily (excluding Tuesdays). The novel murder-mystery element of the live performance has been the ghostly

Tudor character in the Graveyard which has excited great interest among visitors. Through November the Living History programme changes to one actor living in Goat Castle in the winter! Opening times from Sept 1st to Dec 23rd: 9.30-17.00. Last tour is at 16.15.

ART EXHIBITION – “OUTLOOKS” October 21st-24th – Four local painters - Gaby Browett, Jean Clinch, Owen Jacob and Maria Little - each with differing approaches to the natural world present **OUTLOOKS**, a series of studies inspired by their relationship with nature.

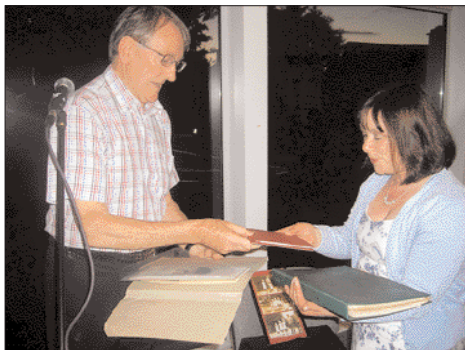
Winter Fair: Date for your diary: DLRCEB Winter Fair will be held over the weekend of 12th -14th November.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga classes continue on Tuesdays at Dalkey Castle and Heritage 6.15pm-7.30pm and 7.45pm-9.00pm. You can still join up as there are a few vacancies left. Contact Gina Dowling gina_dowling@hotmail.com Tel 087 202 0689

Friday Market continues with organic vegetables from the Dominican Farm in Wicklow and fresh fish from Kilmore Quay.

Dalkey Castle: Contact: Tel: 01 2858366, Email: info@dalkeycastle.com Website: www.dalkeycastle.com

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is part funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co, Dept SP (Pobal) & FÁS



BRENDAN HENDERSON PRESENTS REVISED LOGO

As part of the National Heritage Week events, Mr. Brendan Henderson spoke in the Heritage Centre of life in Dalkey in the 1940s and 1950s. At the conclusion of his talk, he presented the revised logo of the Community Council to its Chairman, Dr. Susan McDonnell. Brendan designed the original logo based on the old Dalkey Flag.

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COMMUNITY GAMES FINALS



The National Community Games finals took place on the weekend of the 28th and 29th August last and those athletes representing Dalkey did exceptionally well. The Under 12 girls relay team consisted of Alannah Byrne, Mollie O'Reilly, Lillie Cunniam and Ali Cassidy and sub Niamh Hughes. Mollie O'Reilly also took part in the Girls Under 12 100 metres and Roisín Healy took part in the Girls Under 8 80 Metres.



Roisín Healy with her Bronze medal and the Community Games mascot

The Under 12 Girls relay team ran on Saturday morning (after an early start, some at 6.00 a.m.) and ran a fantastic race to qualify for the semi-finals later in the day. Having run another fantastic race the girls did themselves proud and finished 5th in the semi-final, a great achievement particularly as the first four teams in their semi-final were the first four in the final. Well done to all!

But they were not finished yet. Mollie and Roisín both went on to qualify for their semi-finals and both ran brilliant races on Sunday in the final. Both Roisín and Mollie won bronze medals in their respective races. To be in the top three in Ireland is a fantastic achievement.

Conor Patton



Left to Right: Lillie Cunniam, Nicola Hughes, Mollie O'Reilly, Alannah Byrne, Ali Cassidy



Mollie O'Reilly, Dalkey Community Games 3rd in 100m U12 Girls in National Finals of Community Games



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DALKEY COMMUNITY GAMES REPORT 2010



Dalkey Dashers - Dalkey Community Games had its most successful year ever culminating in the Dublin County Finals held in Santry on 3rd and 4th July 2010. Each Wednesday from early April to the end of June over 150 children trained to get the opportunity to represent Dalkey at the Dublin Community Games Finals. As the season came to a close we held races for all the children with everyone who attended getting medals on the final night.

This year one again Dalkey had one of the largest contingents at the Dublin Finals with nearly 50 children participating in Santry over the weekend. There was strong competition from local communities all over Dublin.

As the weekend progressed we witnessed fantastic performances from all the Dalkey representatives with many getting through to the quarter, semi and final stages. By the time Sunday evening came around the happy bunch of Dalkey children came through victorious with 6 Gold, 2 Silver and 6 Bronze medals along with 3 certificates for fourth place in the final. Each person competing for Dalkey in Santry received a medal from their coaches as they finished their final race.

Six children, Roisín Healy, Mollie O'Reilly, Alannah Byrne, Ali Cassidy, Lillie Cunniam and Nicole Hughes who won Gold medals in Santry went forward to represent Dalkey and Dublin at the National Community Games finals, which were held in Athlone in August. Having qualified for the National Community Games Finals these children continued to train throughout the summer under the guidance of Sinead and Cameron Cunniam. The full list of medals winners is as follows:

Name	Event	Medal
Ataya Ombima	Girls U8 60m	Silver
Robyn O'Leary	Girls U10 100 metres	Silver
Vivienne Fitzgerald	Girls U10 60 metres Hurdles	Certificate
Robyn O'Leary, Laura Noble, James Finnegan, Zane Ombima	Under 10 Mixed Relay	Bronze
Mollie O'Reilly	Girls U12 100 metres	Gold
Alannah Byrne	Girls U12 100 metres	Certificate
Mollie O'Reilly, Alannah Byrne, Ali Cassidy, Lillie Cunniam, Nicole Hughes	Under 12 4x100 metres Relay	Gold
Eleanor Moore	Girls U13 900 metres Walk	Bronze
Grace Kearns	Girls U13 900 metres Walk	Certificate
Sarah Patton	Girls U14 800 metres	Bronze

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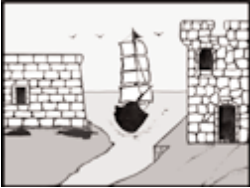
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Dalkey Community Games are very grateful for the support of the Dalkey Community Council and in particular the help and efforts of Ann Perry and Elaine Feely. We also wish to thank Mr Dunne, Principal for Loreto Abbey Dalkey for the use of the hockey pitch for our training sessions.

Without the assistance of the parents and brothers and sisters who are prepared to coach the children each week the Dalkey Community Games could not continue or achieve the success it does. I would like to thank all those coaches who work with the children each week. These are: Marguerite O’Leary, Sinead Cunniam, Barbara Barron, Sandra Brady, Rachel O’ Regan, Andrew Patton, Conor O’Reilly, Jane Cummins, Olywn Dunne, Joe Healy, Lisa McKenna, Orla Tormey, Robert Kearns, Anna Brady and Cameron Cunniam.

CONOR PATTON – Athletics Manager

❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL’S ART EXHIBITION 2010 ❖



The Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady’s Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey, on **Saturday and Sunday, November 13th and 14th, 2010.**

Entry Forms, together with full payment, must be submitted by post (no entries will be taken at the door) to: Dalkey Community Council Art Exhibition, DCC Postbox, Our Lady’s Hall, Castle St., Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

There will be a charge of **€3.50** per picture.

Entry forms will not be accepted after **4th November 2010.**

Confirmation of entry will be sent to all applicants and will include Exhibition number(s) together with a Disclaimer Form.

Paintings, framed and clearly labelled and ready for hanging, must be brought to Our Lady’s Hall on Friday, 12th November at 12.30 p.m. Paintings must be accompanied by a signed Disclaimer and Exhibition Number(s) for the painting(s).

Only two paintings per artist are allowed. **“Not for Sale”** exhibits will not be accepted.

All paintings must be collected from the hall between 5 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, 14th November, 2010.



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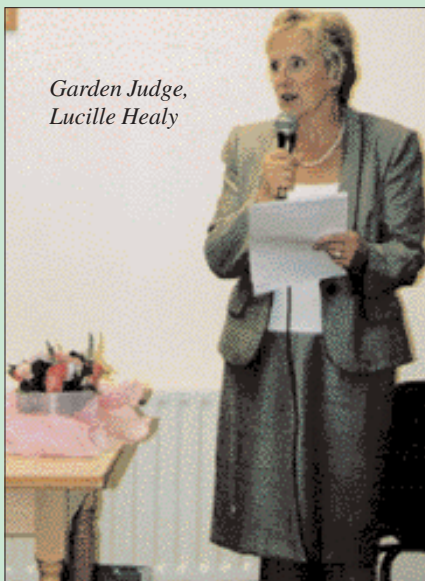
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Dr. Susan McDonnell*



*Garden Judge,
Lucille Healy*



*Left: Catherine O'Donnell 2nd Overall
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*Above: Darragh Redmond accepting his
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Although it was inevitable it would one day be developed for building I was still sad to see a planning application appear on a little area of walled land which I'd walk past every day. An old walled orchard which had got very overgrown in recent years it had long ago stopped producing apples and cherries in enough quantities to make it worth anyone's while to try and pick them. It had



Fieldfare

Photo: Richard Coombes

became impenetrable with a mass of brambles growing through the trees.

But while it was ignored by man it proved a great haven for wildlife. Bullfinches, signalling their presence by their plaintive little call were regular visitors all year round feeding on the buds and berries. Every summer in recent years it has hosted a singing male Blackcap, the dense greenery being an ideal nesting habitat and I'd be surprised if there wasn't a family of blackcaps nesting in there. Blackbirds and Songthrushes also serenaded in the spring time from the apple and cherry trees.

We'd often seen foxes squeezing through the bars of the gate and many years ago saw a badger there during the daytime.

But it was in the late eighties when the orchard had its most spectacular visitors. It was mid winter and we had just had a very heavy fall of snow. All of western Europe and the UK was, as usual, getting far heavier falls than us but it was one of the biggest white-outs we'd had in years, just like last winter. Crunching my way up the road through the fresh snow in that low light you get during snowfalls I saw a flurry of activity in the apple trees. At that stage it was still a well defined orchard with low grass between the trees and there was still much of autumn's harvest on the trees. On every level of the trees and hopping around on the ground were Fieldfares, large members of the thrush family which breed in northern and eastern Europe. We saw quite a few of them on their breeding grounds in spring when we were in Poland a few years ago. They move in large numbers to Western Europe in the winter time when the land gets frozen in their breeding grounds. They do come to Ireland in the winter, usually moving inland but this particular day it looked like they might just have arrived off the sea maybe coming from England or Wales. Anyhow they were devouring any apples they could find, on the branches or on the ground. Fieldfares are striking looking birds with grey head and tail contrasting with brown wings and yellow bill and make a chucking like call as they move around. This flock had struck lucky and were able to feed themselves, safely secured in a walled garden. Sadly this little patch of nature's time had come. I'll be very sad when the chainsaws start and the JCB moves in.

Our cold spell at the very beginning of the year had Fieldfares coming into a few suburban



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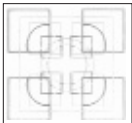
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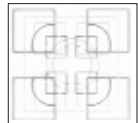
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gardens but it seemed for a while as if everybody's gardens were getting hungry flocks of Redwings, another northern breeding thrush which comes here in the winter. Our usual winter numbers were swelled in January by huge flocks of starving birds escaping the cold. Many birds were observed literally falling over dead after arriving, their energy resources totally drained after flying over the sea. Birds that did survive the flight were so concerned with getting food their natural caution

Redwing

Photo: Richard Coombes

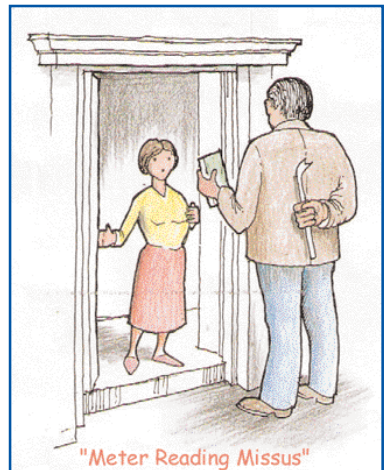
and alertness were severely reduced and many became easy prey for predators, many falling victim to cats and sparrowhawks. As I watched a flock of redwing in our back garden a fox pounced on one and carried it away when normally the fox wouldn't have had a chance of sneaking up unseen on a flock.

Early breeding bird survey results suggested that the cold winter caused a serious decline in smaller breeding birds in Ireland especially in the midlands where birds like Stonechats and Goldcrests seemed to have been badly hit during the winter. Smaller birds nearer the milder coast don't seem to have fared so badly. We saw young stonechats near White Rock this spring and a family flock of over 25 Long tailed Tits passed through the garden one day but undoubtedly there were big losses in other parts of the country.

Without doubt many birds only made it through January's big freeze by surviving off food provided in gardens. Fieldfares and Redwings wouldn't usually come to feeders but if you have apple trees you might keep a few apples for hungry thrushes and if they do arrive just cut up the apples and throw the pieces around the lawn.

When the redwings came into our garden we didn't have too much fruit but I concocted a cake made of oatmeal and niger seeds. I made porridge from the oatmeal then mixed the niger seeds through it, put it in a baking dish and baked it in the oven. I wouldn't have eaten the results myself but the redwings did. I baked a few more of these pies, they were rapidly devoured and hopefully it helped keep them alive for a few days.

The Redwings migrate by night and they can often be heard flying overhead, especially on mild misty nights when they stay low to the ground. They make a 'Tseep' like call as they fly which is a means of keeping contact with each other. The first flocks usually arrive in the first or second week of October.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JAPANESE KNOTWOOD

Sir,

I'd like to draw attention to the proliferation of the invasive climbing species, Japanese Knotwood around Dalkey. I was particularly struck by the sight of a majestic Copper Beech almost wholly smothered in less than a year, while nearby ash trees some 35 metres high already bear caps of those insidious creamy flowers. A hedgerow to the left as you approach Old Quarry is badly affected, as is an area to the left just past where Torca Road joins the Green Walk.

Japanese Knotwood spreads rapidly by means of subterranean rhizomes and is extremely difficult and expensive to remove. I've heard it innocently described as 'Honeysuckle'. Make no mistake, this is no Honeysuckle! The Old Quarry hedge may already be doomed.

Dalkey Resident (*Full Address Details supplied to Editor*)

PATTON FLYER

Dear Editor,

Dalkey people, and indeed those further afield, will be saddened to hear and read the news that the Patton Flyer has had to cease operations immediately caused by ill advised bureaucracy within the Dept. of Transport.

This company had provided a much needed service which had been ignored by the State-run Dublin Bus.

We are constantly bombarded by the Government with reasons why there should be Competition in ALL areas of our Economy yet the Dept. of Transport are failing to observe the very Competition Laws which the Government signed up to under the European Competition Directives. One can only wonder why?

Hopefully something can still be done by Sen. Eugene Regan through his contacts in Europe, and have the service restored as he did for the 'No.8' bus.

Richard Mooney – Dalkey

BUS SHELTER UPDATE

Dear Gerard

August 2010

Thank you for your email concerning the bus shelter on Hyde Road.

I received complaints from some elderly constituents who live on Hyde Road that there was a need for the bus shelter to be relocated with proper seating facilities.

I contacted Mr Chris Rafferty, Area Operations Manager for Dublin Bus and requested that this work be carried out as a priority. I am very glad to report that Mr Rafferty informed me by letter dated July 28th "*I wish to inform you that the bus shelter on Hyde Road will be relocated to the Barnhill Road junction. It will be equipped with a seat within the shelter. We anticipate that this work will take place during the autumn*". I understand that this work has already commenced and is due to be completed very shortly.

My constituents are very pleased with the outcome of my representations and are looking forward to the provision of the new bus shelter and seating.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you but if you need any other information concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

EAMON GILMORE T.D. – *Labour Party Leader*



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4th October 1960

“Some ladies decided to form an association and a meeting was called and held at the Coliemore Hotel, Dalkey, on Tuesday 4th of October”.

So read the minutes of the first meeting of the Dalkey Ladies Club of the 4th October 1960. Later that year the group decided to call themselves the Dalkey Arts and Crafts Club. It’s aims were to “foster in a community atmosphere - among the women of the area, an interest in Arts and Crafts and other matters of feminine concern”.

The Club expanded rapidly in the late sixties and seventies, resulting in the activities of the Club becoming more varied. A choir was formed which won many awards, also Drama Group which evolved into the well known Dalkey Players. A very talented Variety Group put on shows and pantomimes twice a year for the members and also entertained the Old Folks at Christmas time. Because of the various activities of the Club it was decided to change the name to the Dalkey Ladies Club.

Back in 1972 the Club decided to organise a Community Carol Concert, which then became an annual event - run very successfully by the Community Council. Following a talk by local Councillor Flor O’Mahony in 1973 some members of the Club were instrumental in organising a meeting between various groups in the area - resulting in the formation of the Dalkey Community Council - a very important part of life in Dalkey.

In October we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ladies Club, and we will be looking back and remembering with pride that small group who met in the Coliemore Hotel all those years ago to form our great club.

Maureen Ryan

THE LADIES CLUB RE-OPENED IN SEPTEMBER

Come along and bring a friend - and maybe make some new ones!

❖ **DALKEY LADIES CLUB** ❖

What do you think they ask us, at the Club every Thursday night?
Is it all just women chatting? No! Lets put the record right.

We have talks on lots of topics; new crafts they demonstrate,
We have learnt to make a cushion, and the house to decorate.

We have Slide Shows of the Burren and “Treasures from the Past”
Gardening is very popular - the list indeed is vast!

We’ve had a talk on self-defence, on health and arranging flowers,
I tried some from the garden - I’m afraid it took me hours!

We’ve cooked “Chinese”, “Italian” too, we’ve sampled home-made wine,
We’ve also had a Fashion Show, with Models so divine!

We also go on Outings, and twice a year to Dinner,
We even went to the Races once, and someone backed a winner!

With “Bring and Buys” and Cake Sales, and Raffle tickets too,
We raise money each year for Charity - that’s something else we do.

But better than the demos, or the trips to see new sights,
Is meeting old and new friends at our Club on Thursday nights.

By the late and very talented Eithne Ward

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 32-35 9/8/'10 to 3/9/'10

The material in the Planning Section of the Newsletter is based entirely on data taken from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's website. If you are concerned about a particular item it is strongly recommended that you examine the relevant file in the Council's offices.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0300

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Jun-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Mr Joe Byrne, 14, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission to construct a 2 storey extension to side and rear, new porch to front, new driveway and interior alterations to existing house. **Applic. Type:** Permission **Add. Info./ Clarification of A.I. Recd.** 13-Aug-2010.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0450

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Aug-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Monzio Ltd., Eurospar, 36-38, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for; (1) The demolition of the existing two-storey building to the rear of nos. 36-37 Castle Street, (2) Demolition of 2 no. lean to buildings to rear of no. 38 Castle St, (3) Excavation of rear areas of nos. 36-38 Castle Street to make all level with Castle St, (4) The erection of a new two-storey extension building to the rear of 36-38 Castle St, Dalkey to include: new customer and service entrances, ramp access to main shop floor below, a goods lift and stairs and a new refuse compound all at ground floor with staff facilities, offices, a canteen, IT room, a goods store and plant room all at first floor, (5) The extension of the existing main shop area to include ground floor area of no.38, (6) Alterations to shop fronts of no. 38. (7) Extension and alterations to first floor 2 bedroom apartment at 38 Castle St, to provide a one bedroom apartment with rear first floor deck area, (8) Ancillary site works including improved boundary treatment generally all at nos. 36-38 Castle St. This development includes a protected structure and is in an architectural conservation zone.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0328

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Jun-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Dalkey Park Montessori School Ltd., 41, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for change of use of the existing converted garage / family room (total floor area: 16.3sq.m) to a sessional term-time Montessori use to accommodate an additional 8 children. **Application Type:** Permission. **Add. Info.:** 19-Aug-2010.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0465

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Aug-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Kieran & Mary Kennedy, Gourock, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the erection of a single storey extension of 11sq.m to the front of the existing dwelling, for the setback and widening of the existing vehicular access from 2.85m to 3.6m and for the increase in height of the pillars from 1.7m to 2.1m. In addition, retention permission is sought for the existing single storey extension to the front of the dwelling of 5.5 sq.m and for 3 No. velux rooflights to the front roof elevation. All materials to match the existing dwelling. **Application Type:** Permission.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 32-35 9/8/'10 to 3/9/'10

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0253 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 11-Aug-'10

Applicant Name & Location: Sue Ryder Foundation Ire (Ltd.), Carraig-na-Greine, Off

Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission for retention of 8 existing sheltered housing units. The buildings are located within the curtilage of Carraig-na-Greine, A Protected Structure. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0328 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 9-Aug-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Dalkey Park Montessori School Ltd., 41, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for change of use of the existing converted garage / family room (total floor area: 16.3sq.m) to a sessional term-time Montessori use to accommodate an additional 8 children.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0350 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 13-Aug-2010

Applic. Name & Location: James & Mary Bourke, Son Na Mara, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for 2 no. single storey extensions and minor elevational changes to existing dwelling. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0375 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 27-Aug-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Mount Field Holdings, Mount Henry, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of: 1. Construction of an underground basement (370sq.m) with grassed roof to be located to the front of the existing part two / three storey detached property, and below the existing front garden to include a car park with 6 no. spaces, garden store, gym, storeroom and wine cellar. Vehicular access to the basement will be off the existing internal driveway; 2. Part removal and reinstatement of the existing boundary wall to an increased height of 2.65m along the north-eastern boundary of the site to include removal of all existing trees and planting of new trees along this boundary; and 3. Redesign and widening to 4.5m of the existing vehicular entrance gate off Torca Road. Permission is also sought for all site development works including removal of trees, infrastructure to service the development, including landscaping works; fencing and boundary treatment. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0328 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 3-Sep-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Dalkey Park Montessori School Ltd. 41, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for change of use of the existing converted garage / family room (total floor area: 16.3sq.m) to a sessional term-time Montessori use to accommodate an additional 8 children. **Application Type:** Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala Wks. 32-35 9/8/'10 to 3/9/'10

Reg Ref: D10A/0308

Reg. Date: 4-Jun-2010

Location: The White House, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Permission for the demolition of a two storey four bedroom house (226sq.m) and the construction of a two storey plus attic level five bedroom detached dwelling (365sq.m) and 2 no. two storey four bedroom detached dwellings (300sq.m each), roof mounted solar collectors on each dwelling, modifications to the existing vehicular access, the provision of 2 no. new vehicular accesses (each 4.0 metres wide) at the metals, landscaping and ancillary site development works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission
Appeal Lodged: 24-Aug-2010. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission
Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála - Wks 32-35 3/8/'10 to 3/9/'10

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0636 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Decided:** 4/8/'10
Council's Decision: Grant Permission.

Location: 33, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for an extension to the front and side of house comprising two storeys plus basement; the demolition of existing one-storey extension, a detached shed and 9.5m of the existing boundary wall to the side; construction of a new rendered block-work boundary wall; the installation of 5sq.m solar panels on the roof of the existing house; widening of the existing gateway and replacement of the existing 3.13 metre wide entrance gate off Castlepark Road by 4.315 metre wide new gate.

Applicant: Mr Timothy and Mrs Sinead Bouchier-Hayes.



CURRY CHICKEN IN A HURRY



SERVES TWO

2 chicken breast, cut into strips
1 onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic crushed
1 tin tomatoes, chopped finely
1 heaped tsp. curry powder



1 cup coconut milk
1 tsp. coconut
Ground sea salt and pepper

1. Sauté the onions and garlic in a saucepan. Add the chicken strips and brown
2. Blend the curry powder with some juice from the tomatoes and add the tomatoes and curry paste to the chicken. Stir and allow the sauce to come to the boil. Then simmer for about 20minutes
3. Add the coconut milk and coconut and season as desired

Serve with brown rice and fresh coriander sprigs

'That Train is Really Late'

*Lena Feely with her daughter
Christine standing at the
Old Station House, Curry, Co. Sligo,
where Lena is from originally.*

*The line was the old Limerick - Sligo
one which has been closed
since 1963.*





OCTOBER 2010 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS



Wednesday October 6th at 8 p.m. Stephen Harrison will present his lecture '*Vikings Burials*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in The Burton Hall, Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin.

Tuesday October 12th at 8 p.m. Pol O Duibhir will speak to the Genealogical Society of Ireland on '*The Medlar's Gotcha - the story of Dublin family*' in the Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire - all welcome, contribution €3.

Wednesday October 13th at 8 p.m. James Scannell will present his lecture '*Ireland's First Railway*' to the Ballybrack-Killiney History Society in the Parochial Hall, St. Alphonsus & Columba Church, Ballybrack – enter from Killiney Hill Road.

Thursday October 14th at 8 p.m. Tomi Reichental will speak to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society on '*A Holocaust Survivor remembers Bergen-Belsen*' in the Function Room, The Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin - admission €3.

At 8.30 p.m. Brian White will present his lecture '*An Evening with Brian White*' to the Enniskerry History Society in The Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All welcome, admission €3

Tuesday October 19th at 1.05 p.m. as part of the Tales of Medieval Dublin series of lectures, Ms. Bernadette Williams will present her 40-minute lecture '*The Heretic's Tale – Adam Duff O'Toole (died.1327AD)*' in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 – admission free.

Wednesday October 20th at 8 p.m. Mr. Pdraig Laffan will present his lecture '*The desperate fight to save the harvest during the bad summer and severe winter of 1946 / 47*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire – all welcome.

Thursday October 21st at 8 p.m. Pdraig Laffan will present his lecture '*From Morse Code to Twitter*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow – admission €4.

At 8 p.m. Jack Phelan will present his lecture '*Ferries of Cork*' to the Maritime Institute of Ireland in the Stella Maris Seafarers Club, Beresford Place (behind the Customs House), Dublin 1 – all welcome.

A BOOK TO READ

"Blood on the Streets - 1916 & The Battle of Mount Street"

by Paul O'Brien, published by the Mercier Press.

The Battle of Mount Street during the 1916 Rising was one of the major decisive engagements during that event in which a small band of Irish Volunteers led by Lt. Michael Malone held up a large force of British troops advancing on the city from Dun Laoghaire. In the ensuing firefight, this small band of Irish Volunteers numbering about 7, killed or wounded 240 British soldiers before they were finally over come

In a very simple, clear and concise style Paul O'Brien provides the reader with a graphic account of events as they unfolded that day, 26 April 1916, in Dublin's Mount Street revealing that the British soldiers were told to take the buildings occupied by the Irish Volunteers regardless of cost and by the time these buildings had been taken, 204 British soldiers had been killed or wounded in blind obedience to carrying out their orders in the type of military engagement they had not been trained for. Most of the British soldiers taking part in the Mount Street battle had been hurriedly rushed from England mid way through their training which focussed on trench warfare in advance of their deployment

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to the Western Front and so were not prepared for the urban type warfare which they encountered in Mount Street and the surrounding area.

The second part of the book contains an account by a British officer of the executions in Kilmainham Gaol, outlining the procedures by which these were carried out and also examines some of the other events associated with the Rising as well as revealing why this party of Irish Volunteers were able to inflict such high casualties on the British Army in this day long engagement.

❖ ARMING YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT ❖



There have been several great movies about a person's identity being used by someone else and the trouble and grief in trying to rectify it. It can take years to clear your name! It's not just movie material, Identity theft is a very fast-growing problem, and it's easy to become a victim.

What is identity theft? Simply put, it occurs when some else says that he or she is you and uses your credit and identity to commit crimes. The consequences can include ruining your credit rating or worse. And if your identity is stolen, it can take a long time to fix the issues that it will cause. The authorities don't just accept your word that it wasn't you that purchased the Rolex or Penthouse with a deposit and direct debit from your bank, and then disappeared. Until proven otherwise, in the eyes of the law it was You!

How does one become a victim of Identity Theft? Most of the time, people give the thieves the necessary information. For example, have you ever received an e-mail that says, "You won a 42-inch TV!" or "You won the lottery!" Have you ever received email from an overseas country stating that someone died and left millions and all you need to do to get your share of the money is..? You might get an e-mail saying "There is an issue with your account, please login with your user name and password. Do yourself a favour; don't answer and just delete the email.

You also can become a victim by downloading malware or spyware. According to Wikipedia, "malware, short for malicious software, is software designed to infiltrate a computer system without the owner's informed consent."

Be very careful when buying "an unbelievable deal" online. There are lots of bogus rip-off jewellery and home commodity offerings on the internet which just want your credit card details.

Malware and spyware can be downloaded to your computer in any number of ways. They can get in through down-loading games or music from the Web, peer-to-peer sharing networks, some screensavers, and some "Free software." Many of these infections are completely invisible unless you have up-to-date Internet Security, and will trawl your computer or monitor your typing on the keyboard to identify anything that looks like a credit card number and pin or a social security code.

What are the criminals looking for? Information such as Social Security numbers, passwords, your mother's maiden name, your date of birth, billing and e-mail addresses, credit card numbers, bank account numbers, and ATM pins. The more information you give them, the easier it is to steal your identity.



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- Think security. If you are not sure about something, do not open or install it.
- If asked to download a file, and you are not sure what it does, do not download it.
- Do not open e-mails from people you do not know.
- Do not open attachments if you are not positive you know what they are.
- If an e-mail offers something too good to be true, it probably is a scam.
- Use Internet Security software; update it at least once a day or more.
- Patch your computer's operating system (all vendors have updates).
- Patch you applications (word, games, mail programs, etc.).
- Be smart; know what services run on your computer, and what ports are open.
- Stay away from peer-to-peer sharing software programs.
- Think! Computer Security is about what you do as well as what you don't do.
- If your computer has a Trojan or worm, you can try to fix it BUT it probably has more than one Trojan or worm. It's better to rebuild if you want to be truly secure.
- Think before you click.
- Don't leave your teenage kids with the responsibility of maintaining the computer security just because you aren't confident with the task. They can be more easily "suckered" than an adult and they don't have to pay the cost!

That all sounds like a lot of effort and requires knowledge about computers. It doesn't really. Patching is automatic. The primary pitfall to avoid is knowing the difference between Anti Virus and Internet Security. Too many people get caught out by using a "Free" Anti Virus solution. Most such systems wouldn't stop a new spyware strain. The home computer is now a window to the world and it's as easy to break-in to as your house. Spend between €39 and €59 on a reputable Internet Security solution from a leading vendor such as McAfee, Norton, Trend Micro or Kaspersky. Most are completely automatic - pretty simple to use - and the peace of mind is worth it.

David Girvan

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ST. BEGNET'S ICON

An icon of St. Begnet, designed by artist Colette Clarke and sponsored by parishioners Finbar and Maeve Breathnach, is now completed and was displayed at a short ceremony at 3.00pm on Saturday 4th September in the Church of the Assumption, Dalkey. Edel Bhreathnach, an authority on Early Irish History and Colette Clarke, the artist attended.

It is planned to have the icon placed on the wall of the Baptistry at a future date.



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Dalkey Business Group in September

Dalkey Business Group would like to thank everyone at Dalkey Community Council for awarding the Community Cup to us this year.

We are honoured and delighted to win an accolade such as this. Surprisingly, with the integration of the business community we have achieved a lot in a small amount of time. Local businesses are much more familiar with each other and surroundings.

Achievements

A solid brand identity for Dalkey has been established. Important lines of communication have been opened with local and national community groups and government agencies.

- Raised national and local awareness of the town and its recent problems
- Recruited 65 local business members
- Broken down borders, established a common denominator
- The inception, planning and staging of the very successful 1st Annual Dalkey Book Festival which received tasteful feedback from all
- Sales of own brand merchandise to fund group activities
- Successful creation of Ilovedalkey.com

- Raised awareness and promoted camaraderie through social media

Goals

Recently the DBG have been meeting to set goals for the next 6 months. We are delighted to announce that Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have sanctioned grant to the DBG towards the renovation of a public space to facilitate local events and to integrate the local community and business. This area will also enhance the attractiveness of the town including a hubberly, event information, permanent seating, lighting and monument pertaining to its site at the junction of Railway Road and St. Patrick's Avenue.

We are also delighted to announce the launch of Ilovedalkey.com and the new Dalkey Loyalty Card initiative – designed locally by Niall Meehan at Verso Design Consultants – which will be presented at a private press launch on Tuesday October 19th in the town. In the next issue of the newsletter find out more on these initiatives plus the upcoming DBG Christmas projects.

Oliver McCabe, Chairperson, DBG

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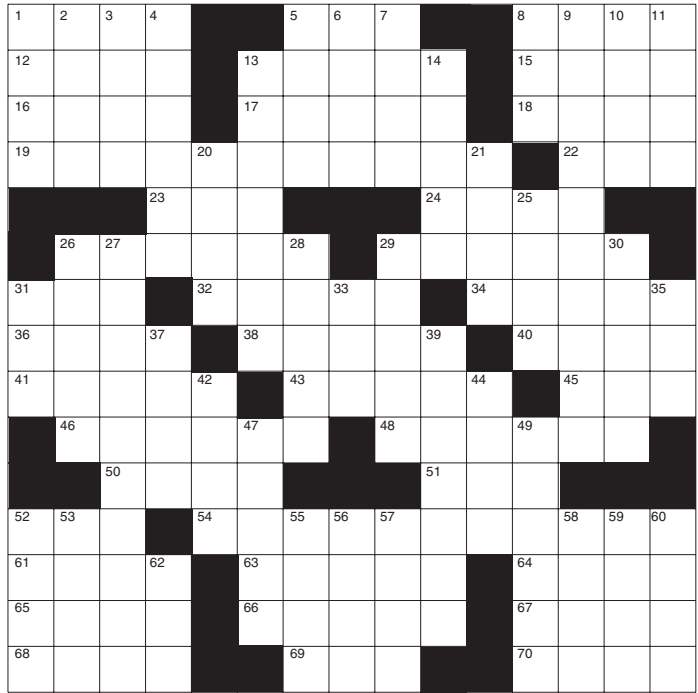
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1. Experienced
5. Ottoman officer
8. Place a load on (archaic)
12. Hodgepodge
13. Happening
15. Modify written material
16. One of 52 in a deck
17. Slowly, in music
18. Expert
19. Accidental
22. Floral necklace
23. Escape
24. Where the sun rises
26. Lace place
29. Author
31. President Lincoln
32. Bowel cleansing
34. Sensational
36. But not quite all
38. Sully

40. A military installation
41. Communion table
43. Place
45. Two short of a dozen
46. Ventilate
48. "Dracula" author
50. Learning method
51. Foot digit
52. A spring month
54. Little tiny pieces
61. Matured
63. Earlier in time
64. With a short hollow thud
65. An elaborate Hawaiian feast
66. A ring-shaped surface
67. Slave
68. Cousin of a gull



69. Neither ___
70. Marsh plant

DOWN

1. Central points
2. Flair
3. Former Italian currency
4. Walk unsteadily
5. Affirm
6. Lady's man
7. Initial wager
8. Chair part
9. Mixed with impurities
10. Calamitous
11. Decorative case
13. Chemical
14. Laser printers need this
20. Sheltered spot
21. A dog wags this

25. Counterfoil
26. Hemorrhagic fever
27. Past times
28. Flirt
29. Declines
30. Stair part
31. American Medical Association
33. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
35. Lair
37. Tropical root
39. Rags
42. Rodents
44. A swinging barrier to a room
47. Entice

49. Zoo or book _____
52. Kiln-dried barley
53. Chills and fever
55. Weightlifter's pump this
56. Novice
57. 60 minutes
58. If not
59. Not a single one
60. Moved fast
62. Horse of a dull brownish grey colour

**Solution to
Crossword No. 2
page 38**



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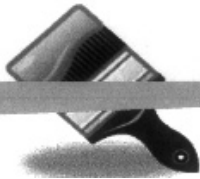
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The playgroup follows the High Scope methodology where children learn through their play. The playgroup is a community facility run on a not for profit basis that focuses on the inclusion of all. Involvement of the parents is encouraged which adds to the lovely environment and makes it great fun for the parents too. Because it's 'Community' facility, eligible children qualify for free places or part funded places through both subvention grant and ECCE grant.

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❖ GARDEN TALKS – OCTOBER 2010 ❖

ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY – DUBLIN GROUP

Thursday, 21st October, at 8 p.m. '10, St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Stillorgan. – John Good 'Climate Change and Alpines'

IRISH ORCHID SOCIETY

4th October 2010 8 p.m. 'Growing a Mixed Collection.' Laurence Hobbs, who runs a UK orchid nursery, will speak about his long-standing love for orchids, giving his tips on success and may even bring some plants! He may be contacted in advance for his plant list at +01342 715142 or Fax +01342 712183.

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I remember Dalkey
When I was a child
When winters were cold
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I remember Findlaters
And the open top trams
And seeing mothers
Wheeling enormous prams.
Ah, I remember Coliemoore
And the rowing boats
And on the railway bank
Mrs. Pollard's goats.
I remember our garden
When I was a child
When chestnuts were conkers
And primroses grew wild.
I remember the old station
And the old steam trains
And in 1954
The new Aer Lingus planes.

I remember the fields
With the hilltops beyond
And Ulverton quarry
With its long vanished pond.
I remember the Obelisk,
In the distance the Kish
Bray and the Sugarloaf
As on the stone we did wish.
I remember the Burmah
With snow all over the place
And seeing sleighs of every sort
As downhill they did race.
I remember Ardeevin
Where we played every sport
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Yes, I remember Dalkey
And St. Patrick's steeple
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B. Henderson August 2010

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❖ TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION RESULTS 2010 ❖

ADJUDICATION REPORT

Centre: **Dalkey**
 County: Dublin(DunLaoghaire-Rathdown)
 Category: E

Ref: 170
 Mark: 281
 Date(s): 01/07/2010



	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009	Mark Awarded 2010
Overall Development Approach	50	43	44
The Built Environment	50	40	41
Landscaping	50	31	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	29	30
Litter Control	50	31	31
Waste Minimisation	20	10	11
Tidiness	30	19	20
Residential Areas	40	32	32
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31	32
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	400	274	281

Overall Development Approach

The Dalkey Tidy Towns committee is clearly highly organised and motivated in its endeavours and for this you are congratulated. You are engaged with a wide range of stakeholders and it was great to note that you now have someone whose task is to specifically liaise with the schools in the region. Your 'overall development approach' is at a very high standard so gaining additional points is going to be more challenging. One suggestion I would have is to stream line your development plan to put target dates on specific actions - say over a three-year period. This will focus your minds on what can realistically be achieved and with whom you need to work. An additional aid to the adjudicator would be to prepare one map of the town indicating clearly the locations of projects that have been completed since the last adjudication. This is where points are awarded so the clearer this is the better. Other ideas maybe to start social networking e.g. Facebook or Twitter as these can be effective means of communicating and reaching out to new people.

The Built Environment

Your group is to be commended on clearly addressing points that have arisen in last year's report. Enhancing the graveyard access and your work with Topaz are well worthwhile projects. It is acknowledged that you are doing what you can regarding the hoarding on St. Patrick's avenue. The Castle and Harbour look great. The Church of Ireland is immaculately presented. Scoil Haróid looks great and was proudly flying its Green Flag!

The village centre looks fantastic and finding fault is a challenge. Well done to all business owners for taking such pride in their appearance. Finnegan's pub and nearby Guinea Pig deserve special mention for their appearance. Castle st. is wonderfully presented while the Castle itself is a fantastic heritage feature for the town.

Landscaping

You are clearly very active under this heading and you are engaged in projects across the wide Dalkey area. Remember that landscaping is not just about flowers but also included trees and shrubs which are in many cases preferable to flowers as they provide year-round impact. Hard landscaping, including civic spaces, seating and installation art, should also be considered.

Beautiful flower baskets were admired throughout the village centre - the combination of trees, shrubs and bedding plants in the Eurospar car park is an excellent display. The space on St. Patrick's avenue is very colourfully presented although sacks of rubbish stored here detracted somewhat from the scene. The colourful display at Ulverton close looks great.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities – It is wonderful to see you working so closely with the schools under this category. Dalkey has a rich natural heritage so it is great to see that this is being cherished. Lets hope that the red squirrel population can rebound and maintaining the feeders is a brilliant initiative. The Dalkey quarry project

will be another addition to this resource. You mention that a comprehensive wildlife survey was carried out but it could not be found in the appendices. Did this list the species and habitats that are to be found? Dalkey island is a protected conservation area - see www.npws.ie for more information on this. The natural heritage signage is a fantastic way of raising awareness although none were actually seen - this could be something to label on your map for next year. The pier is a wonderful amenity for watching wildlife with its seals and sea birds.

Litter Control

You clearly have an extensive programme in place for litter control. Are there particular black spots that need special attention? The focus of the National Spring Clean week in April is being used as a great opportunity to get things done. The entrance to the harbour was slightly littered. The laneway beside Eurospar was in a bad way. The bring centre, in its new location, was very tidy. Small amounts of litter were detected on Sorrento avenue, at the DART station and on Colimore road.

The village in general was very tidy with little in evidence however the storage of refuse sacks in prominent locations and litter in side streets is something that needs attention.

Waste Minimisation

Well done on improving signage and addressing some of the redundant or poorly presented poles. Your audit approach is most useful in this regard. A skip surrounded with traffic cones on the harbour road needs to be removed if not serving any function. While the DART station looks well the forecourt badly needs to be surfaced and fly-posting removed. Traffic cones and plastic Eircom tape on Sorrento drive should be removed. A traffic cone on Convent road beside Paddy Power should be taken away. Dumping of dead vegetation in the graveyard is visible from the road and this is not an appropriate method of disposal. Phone boxes attract fly-posting and graffiti and are probably no longer needed - perhaps it would be worth considering their removal, e.g. on Ulverton place. Road works around Church road and Carysfort road appear to have been completed but signage and plastic barriers persist.

Tidiness

Well done to Loreto Abbey primary school in being awarded their Green Flag! Do all schools now have a Green Flag? This is a wonderful achievement and should act as the nucleus for spreading behavioural change throughout the community. How can lessons learnt in school be brought home? The overarching goal here is to reduce the level of waste generated for landfill to zero. Where does the bulk of your waste come from? If you knew this you could identify strong actions to make a real difference. You will need to engage with both residential and business sectors on this and various approaches may be required. Some good projects may include: 'saying no to junk mail'; encourage the use of reusable shopping bags, coffee mugs or water bottles; or working with retailers to minimise packaging, particularly of the plastic variety.

Residential Areas

How many estates are there in Dalkey? Do they have residents associations and if so are they represented on the TidyTowns committee? If not, how can this be encouraged? TidyTowns in estates in particular can act as a microcosm of the contest e.g. through initiatives in landscaping, biodiversity gardening or waste management. Private homes and estates throughout Dalkey were presented to a very high standard. Pilot View for instance was very neat and tidy. The cottages along Carysfort road are beautifully presented. St. Patrick's square is a delightful area with beautifully landscaped presentation. Litter had gathered in some corners however. Landscaping at the entrance to the Termon estate looks very well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas

The granite 'welcome to Dalkey' signs looks particularly attractive alongside the planted cart on the Dun Laoghaire approach. Signage at Harbour Crescent and Tubbermore Avenue needs to be repainted. A bent sign with fly-posting near Loreto Abbey and Harbour road needs to be addressed. Back streets are generally very well presented and maintained e.g. Convent road and Corrig road. The car park across from Dalkey Castle is very tidy.

General Impression

In truth it is hard to find fault with the outward appearance of Dalkey while you are clearly working hard behind the scenes to maintain these high standards. I was very impressed with what I saw and I wish you all the best for the future.

NEWS FROM LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL

It might have been because of the good weather but the summer holidays seemed to fly this year and August 31st came around far too quickly.

Of course, there are lots of good things about going back to school. It's lovely to meet all your friends again because you may not have seen them for a whole two months and there's lots of gossip and stories about holidays to catch up on. Everyone is a class higher - one step closer to beginning scary secondary school.

It was nice, too, to come back and see the changes that had been made around the school while we were enjoying the long, sunny days. There's always been a problem with puddles in the yard and this summer they were fixed, so now the yard is a lot safer. We're not sure if all the children are delighted about this as some people would love to jump in the puddles if they were allowed!

We've also got new decorations and drawings in the playground and most of the school has been painted inside so it looks lovely and bright and clean. In the yard the Junior Infants look cute and happy and, sometimes, a bit nervous. Everyone is excited about having a new teacher and beginning nice new copies and books. Once we got settled in, there was that matter of doing homework every night but I suppose we just have to get on with it as there is no escape!

During the first week, sixth class prepared a beautiful prayer service for the victims of the flooding in Pakistan. It was attended by all the other classes, and the posters and PowerPoint helped to explain why disasters like this happen. We will continue to remember the people of Pakistan in our prayers during the year. The All-Ireland Hurling Final took place on the first Sunday in September and Tipperary beat Kilkenny, the favourites, by 4-17 to 1-18. You might wonder why we were interested in that result. Well, Mrs. Shanahan's Dad is from Tipperary, both of Ms. Ryan's parents are from Tipperary and Mrs. O'Hara was born in Tipperary, and they had promised that we wouldn't have homework on Monday if Tipperary won. They kept their promise the following day. Sometimes, going back to school isn't so bad after all!

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Summer time ends - hour goes back Sun 24 Oct	Closing date for receipt of entry forms for the DCC Art Exhibition Thurs. 4 Nov
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Sorting November Newsletter Fri 29 Oct	

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Tuesday 5 October: Birds of Fuerteventura - an illustrated presentation by John Fox. Kingston Hotel, 8:00pm. **Sunday 10 October:** Morning outing to Avondale, Rathdrum. Meet in the car park at 10:30am.

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