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**September:** *Latin for seven, was the seventh month of the Roman Calendar*

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**Flower:** *Aster*

**HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY**  
13th September 2010



### NEWS OF FATHER McDONAGH'S MOVE FROM DALKEY

The news was not really unexpected. Given that he had been with us for nine years, it was realised that a move at some stage soon was likely. Nevertheless it was a shock to parishioners to see in cold print the low-key announcement in the Parish Newsletter at the end of July that Father McDonagh would be leaving Dalkey in early September.

A Parish Priest has to be both Pastor and Administrator. Father John made a huge contribution to the life of the parish and of the community in both roles. It is difficult to do justice to this contribution in just a few hundred words.

To build a complete picture of Father John McDonagh, Pastor, you would have to talk to many people.

You would have to talk to parishioners who suffered bereavement. You would learn how

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important his compassionate words and caring attention were to each of them individually at a time of great personal sorrow and stress. More than 700 funerals took place during Father John's nine years in Dalkey.

You would have to talk to the parents of more than 1000 children who were baptised during those years to learn about his enthusiasm for passing on the treasure of the Word of God. You might like to have a word also with the committee and staff of the Harold Boys' School which with Father John's active support must now be one of the best primary schools in the country.

You could speak to a random sample of people in the pews to hear about the insightful way that he linked the scriptures to everyday Christian living. In this, and in all else, he wore his weighty academic qualifications lightly.

The choir and music tradition in Dalkey has been strengthened by his encouragement of the Parish Choir, of the Family Mass and Taize choirs and of the string quartet - all of which make special occasions like Easter and Christmas in the Parish Church even more special.

Father John recognised Our Lady's Hall as an important resource for the Parish and for the community - and gave his whole-hearted support to making full use of it with the help of Cluain Mhuire, the Dalkey Active Retirement Association (DARA), the Community Council and the many other organisations and clubs that enjoy its facilities. He supported the Parish Pastoral Council in organising a very interesting lecture series each year. He has been known himself to have slipped into DARA's occasional informal musical evenings and to have made his own contribution playing the violin to the delight of all involved.

Father John's achievements as Administrator of parish affairs have also been immense. In 2003, a survey of parishioners' views and opinions was followed by a discussion meeting in the Church open to all. Parish committees were restructured. The former Parish Council was replaced by a Parish Pastoral Council focussing on pastoral issues, and a Parish Finance Committee dealing with financial and property matters in co-operation with a Maintenance Committee and a management committee for Our Lady's Hall. A Parish Secretary was appointed and a Parish Office established in No.2 Presbytery. A Parish web-site, e-mailing facility and a computerised Parish Register have been put in place. A look at the web-site will give an idea of the range of activities, committees and voluntary effort involved in making the Parish work.

Over his nine years in Dalkey, Father John earned the respect, deep affection and gratitude of his parishioners and their prayers and best wishes go with him as he leaves. After a brief sabbatical, he takes up his new position in Sandymount Parish from 1st January 2011.

**J Neiland**

## ❖ SUMMARY OF DCC AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING ❖

The Monthly Meeting took place on Tuesday 3rd August in Our Lady's Hall. A minutes silence was held in memory of the late Norah Kershaw who had been a long serving member of the Council, it's Executive and the Road Rep for Saval Park Road.

**AOB:** There have several occasions during the summer when people have been camping on Dalkey Island. In order to protect the wildlife, camping is not allowed on the island and the landing jetty is in bad need of repair. DLRCoCo have plans for the island and its environment. The DBG is hoping to liaise with the Community Council and other groups to enhance the Christmas celebrations this year. DCC will ask the Transport Dept. of DLRCoCo to review again the parking situation on Barnhill Road. The traffic management plan for Dalkey Avenue has commenced.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.

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## AUGUST 2010

August is normally a quiet month amongst businesses in Dalkey as a lot of residents are away. The weather in July was not good leading to a lack of tourist business. The World Culture Festival in Dun Laoghaire and the August bank holiday weekends brought a downturn in business by 25%. This is a month when a lot of business owners are away too and due to this a scheduled DBG business member meeting will not take place till late August/early September. The central committee of the DBG have been busy at work setting 12 month and 3 year effective goals which will be prioritised at the next meeting. Goals such as redevelopment of derelict public spaces in the town working with local

council to enhance the area for the future; enhancing business in Dalkey at Christmas time with the integration of the community and local schools; election of further roles amongst the DBG in September etc. Business action coach Jason McChesney assisted the DBG through this strategic goal setting.

Chairperson Oliver McCabe will be visiting all local schools and parent teacher committees in September to meet and liaise on the integration of the schools with the further local seasonal events of the DBG e.g. Christmas, St. Patrick's Day and Dalkey Book festival 2011. The DBG will be announcing the launch for IloveDalkey.com and Dalkey loyalty card incentive in early September so please pay attention to IloveDalkey.com for further dates.

If you have any queries regarding DBG please email [Dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com](mailto:Dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com) , checkout [IloveDalkey.com](http://IloveDalkey.com) or call into The Bedroom Studio on Castle St.

Thank You

**Oliver McCabe** – Chairperson, DBG



## NATURE NOTES – SEPTEMBER



### TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2010

*The state of the nations seabirds from gulls to gannets to guillemots:*

An illustrated talk by Stephen Newton of BWI. Kingston Hotel, Dun Laoghaire at 8.00pm. All welcome.

### SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2010

*Outing to Kilcoole, Co Wicklow.*

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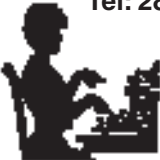
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## BRIGHT FUTURE FOR DALKEY HOCKEY



After a season of mixed fortunes for the ladies of Dalkey Hockey Club the upcoming season is off to a great start. The Dalkey ladies have secured the services of four excellent coaches, with one Stephen McGrath, specialising in Goalie coaching.

This compares to a less auspicious start to the 2009 season when great difficulties were encountered in coach recruitment. The club muddled through somehow until the current coaches, Simon Filgas, Nikki Matthews and Martin Cuppage joined early in 2010. The impact of the new coach recruits was not just seen on the pitch when the 2nd's team made it to the Cup Final but it was the encouragement and support of the coaches that spurred the Club into serious self reflection. Dalkey Hockey Club has now formulated a clear vision for its future growth and development.

At a Junior Hockey level, DHC has joined forces with Gillian O'Shea and Guy Barrett to encourage the development of younger hockey players. Gillian, with the assistance of members of DHC will coach youngsters aged 8 to 15 on Sunday mornings at Loreto Abbey Dalkey from 11am until 1pm starting September 2010. For anyone wishing to join this group further details can be found at [Dalkey HC.com](http://DalkeyHC.com).

The senior section recommences training on August 25th at Rathdown School 7.30pm. All new members will be made welcome!

While the club currently trains at Rathdown School all home matches are played on the pitch at Loreto Abbey School overlooking Dublin Bay.

So why not come along and join Dalkey Hockey Club? Apart from the obvious health benefits of being fit you get to meet a great group of women of all ages! While many of the members are past pupils of local schools Dalkey Hockey Club has taken in the odd 'culchie', (thanks girls!). The standard of hockey is not intimidating high but it's on the rise and after a gruelling match on a Saturday afternoon, The Queen's of Dalkey usually welcome us in for a drink.

We are also a very social club and look forward to our forthcoming "Sex in the City" fashion show featuring Ireland's top models from Assets. This is taking place on Thursday

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30th September in Fitzpatrick's Castle Killiney; please see our website/Face book (Dalkey Hockey Club) for further details.

Dalkey Hockey Club has great plans for growth and development now it's the perfect time to jump aboard whether that's as a player or a sponsor. Check us out at [www.DalkeyHC.com](http://www.DalkeyHC.com) or email us with any queries [dalkeyhc@gmail.com](mailto:dalkeyhc@gmail.com) - we look forward to hearing from you!

## **If I knew then.....**

There are so many daily joys for the parent of a young child: for example, pushing their swing, trotting them on your knee, playing 'horsey' etc.

Then one day it dawns on you that you aren't doing those things any more-they've outgrown it.

You realise that somewhere back there, was the very last time.

If I knew then what I know now. I would have savoured the last occurrence of each of those childhood games a little more.

I would have lingered a little longer at the swing. I would have trotted my knee a little longer that last time.

When we played horsey and that inevitable, gleeful plea came, 'One more time, Daddy, one more time', I would have crawled across that floor on my hands and knees until only sheer exhaustion made me drop.

**Anthony Mullinax**

GREYSTONES PARISH NEWSLETTER *Per Richard Mooney, Dalkey*



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The highly popular, **Meet the Tudors** continues at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre daily except closed on Tuesdays. There was a marked increase in the numbers through July and August. New opening times from Sept 1st: 9.30-17.00. Last tour is at 16.15.

### OPEN MORNING:

In conjunction with other Community Service Projects throughout the country, Deilg Inis Living History

Theatre Company who perform 'Meet the Tudors' is taking part in a morning of celebration of community service on Friday 10th September at Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre.

All members of the community are welcome to come and see Deilg Inis performing 'Meet the Tudors'. The Live Performance runs every half hour starting at 9.45 and entrance is free. **Advance Booking essential.**

**VINYASA FLOW YOGA** classes will re-commence on Tuesdays from September 7th at Dalkey Castle and Heritage 6.15pm-7.30pm and 7.45pm-9.00pm. Early booking advisable. Contact Gina Dowling gina\_dowling@hotmail.com Tel 087 202 0689

### ART EXHIBITION SEPTEMBER 2010

A joint Art Exhibition by Zora Byrne and Liliana Trinajstic **Nature, Nudes and Myths** will be open to the public from Thursday 23rd September to Sunday 26th September.

**Dalkey Castle: Contact:** Tel 01 2858366,

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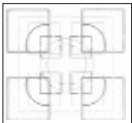
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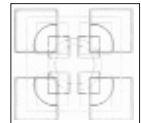
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**NOT SO EARLY BIRDS**

For the last few years I've always found myself getting a bit apprehensive if I haven't heard the squawking call of young Sparrowhawks by mid July. But then inevitably within a few days of the middle of the month we'd hear the young birds, perched on branches somewhere and letting their parents know, in no uncertain terms, where to come to with their next meal. Often there would be two separate sparrowhawk families, one on Dalkey and one on Killiney hill, often emerging at the same time.

It might seem late in the year for young birds to be born but sparrowhawks hatch late so their parents can avail of all the young birds in the air as a potential food supply. But when we were entering the last week in July and there wasn't a screech to be heard I'd given up on them. I was wondering could the Jays be responsible, they're well known for robbing other birds nests and they were nesting very close to where we'd seen the Sparrowhawks.

But the Jays were innocent in this case. On the August Bank Holiday weekend the familiar calls sounded from the woods and eventually I saw a young sparrowhawk (*pictured above*) on a branch of a Douglas Fir, one of the tallest trees in the woods. When I got a bit closer I saw a Wood Pigeon was perched on the next branch up. Maybe it was aware the predator a few feet away from it on the next limb was actually a juvenile presenting it with no threat anyhow it didn't seem the slightest bit interested in its neighbour although I'm sure if the Sparrowhawk's mummy appeared it mightn't hang around.

**BUTTERFLY BABY FOOD**

Botanist Declan Dooge of the Dublin Naturalist Field Club led a very entertaining field trip around Sorrento Park in July to look at some of the native and alien flora found in the park. Unfortunately the outing began under a torrential shower which had swept in over the bay. Declan assembled the hardy group under a tree with the rain bouncing off our umbrellas. He's very entertaining as well as being very informative and everything that was growing around us was a source of some anecdote or fascinating bit of information. I didn't even notice for a while that the umbrella the person standing beside me was holding, was



*Young Sparrowhawk on Killiney Hill*

directing a little stream of water right down the side of one of my boots. But soon the rain passed over and he was able to show us some of the parks flora and how it survived, or even thrived, so near to the salt water and spray.

He made an interesting point about buddleia bushes, a non native but very common plant. Buddleias are known as the butterfly bush and many people grow them, or tolerate bushes that have self seeded in their garden, because of their benefit as a



*Rosebay Willowherb on Dalkey Hill*

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*Rowan Tree and Buddleia bush, Killiney*

butterfly food plant. But then he made the point that although lots of us grow food plants for butterflies in the summer we may not provide food plants for their offspring, the caterpillars, to feed on. Many butterflies lay their eggs on nettles and the emerging caterpillars will feed on the leaves as they grow. But Declan said that he had a sister who, although she had buddleias growing in her garden for the benefit of any visiting butterfly, she wouldn't, in a fit, allow a nettle grow in her garden. So if you have a little space in your garden and want to help wildlife maybe you'd tolerate a nettle or two. I went a bit too far the other way a few years ago letting a few solitary nettles grow in our garden. Unfortunately now they're all over the place, spreading by their roots as well as by seeds and if I pull one up I'm afraid I might be dislodging loads of butterfly eggs while getting stung in the process. So I would advise if you want nettles try and keep them in a container or old dustbin where you can keep control of them. Brambles are another good food plant for butterflies and ivy is a good food plant for the caterpillars of Holly Blue butterflies who lay eggs on them in the autumn.

Generally native plants are of most benefit to our insects and wildlife but our most common Buddleia, (*Buddleia davidii*) a native of central China is great for attracting not just butterflies but bees, any many other insects and subsequently attracting birds to feed on these little creatures. A buddleia growing outside our kitchen window also provides us with great close up views of many different birds feeding on spiders and other insects.

### **NEW DINERS**

I was interested to hear, after chatting with an old friend, that I wasn't the only person who was having large numbers of birds coming to their feeders during the summer time. During the months of June and July I was going through a 20 kilo sack of sunflower seeds every ten days or so, even more seed than the birds were taking during the winter.

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Most of the birds coming were of the seed eating finch family, chaffinch, greenfinch and bullfinch. I mentioned before that it was until recently almost unknown for bullfinches to come to feeders. I've had bullfinches coming to the feeders this year for the first time ever and my friends told me that they also had bullfinches eating the sunflower seeds they'd left out. Those birds were miles away from mine and couldn't possibly be the same individuals. It's fascinating the way the same species would develop new feeding habits at the same time. Anyhow they're very welcome, especially the bullfinches, the very endearing little birds you'd never get tired of looking at. Quite a few people now get also another species of finch, the Linnet, coming to their feeders so if you regularly leave out food for the birds you never know who might arrive to avail of it.



Red Squirrel starting cone      Red Squirrel finishing cone

Photos courtesy Michael Ryan

## ❖ DALKEY FLOWER SHOW 1875 ❖

### THE DALKEY FLOWER SHOW.

On Saturday afternoon a grand show of fruit and flowers, projected and arranged by some of the residents of the locality, was held on the grounds of Curragh-Graia, Dalkey, the residence of Charles Lamb, Esq., J.P., who, with characteristic liberality and ability, allowed the free use of them for the occasion. A more suitable place for such an exhibition could scarcely be found, and, perhaps, no inextinguishable portion of the success which attended it may be attributed to the happy selection of the site. The natural beautification of the grounds gives them a very picturesque appearance, and being situated on the elevated land along the shore, they commanded a magnificent prospect seawards. When we add to this that they are most tastefully laid out, we think we have said enough to show that a more agreeable spot for a summer afternoon's promenade it would be very difficult to find. The weather was all that could be desired for open-air enjoyment, fine and clear, and not oppressively warm. The result of all these favourable circumstances was that so far as the attendance was concerned, at all events, the show was a decided success. Most of the sites of the residents of Dalkey and its vicinity were present, and the visitors from more distant places were also numerous. Aftering for the fact that Saturday's show was the result of the first local effort of the kind in Dalkey, it may fairly be put down as a grati-

fyng success, such as will, no doubt, lead to the movement being continued for the future. The committee had not only to organize the exhibition and undertake the necessary arrangements, but they had also to canvass for subscribers, and it was owing to the indefatigable exertions of these gentlemen, and especially of the honorary secretary, Mr. Henry Parkman, that so many exhibitors were induced, and so creditable a display of fruits and flowers obtained. Two pavilions were erected on a grass plot overlooking the sea, one of which was devoted entirely to plants and flowers, and the other was chiefly occupied with fruits and vegetables. Among the successful exhibitors was the owner of the place, Mr. Lamb himself. Some magnificent clusters of white grapes which he exhibited were awarded the chief of the prizes offered for that delightful fruit, and he also received the first prize for black grapes. One of the most successful competitors was Lady Camourry, Marston, Blackrock, who gained the first prize in the classes of single scotches and hard bonquets, and second prize in other classes. Mr. Alexander O'Connell, Ardara, was also a very successful competitor, gaining the first prize in the two classes of polyanthuses, the two classes of dahlias, and in the classes of nasturtiums and peaches. The other winners of the chief prizes were—Fruitful, E. J. Alexander, Victoria House, Dalkey; Misses (single specimens), William Brown, Bullock; two ferns (single specimens), A. O. Le Neve, Bannerville, Blackrock; Gladiolus, Joseph Barry, Westhampton, Terenure, county Dublin; verbena, James Jameson, Ashfield, Donnybrook; beets (unsalted), Charles Lamb; and, among (graded), A. O. Le Neve; bridal bouquets, Mr. Griffiths, Marston Row.

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## GARDEN JOBS FOR SEPTEMBER



- Compost should be watered during dry periods so that it remains active.
- Now is a good time to evaluate the success of this year's garden. Make notes that will help you improve your garden next spring.
- This is the best time to plant dormant evergreen trees and shrubs.
- Correct any soil deficiencies you've noticed. Healthy soil is crucial to healthy plants.
- Check coniferous trees for tip damage on new growth. If the tips have been mutilated by borers or otherwise damaged, remove them and establish a new leader by forcing a new side shoot into an upright position.
- Young trees should be staked to prevent the roots from being pulled by autumn and winter winds.
- If you haven't brought your houseplants in yet, do it before you have to start heating your home. This gives them a chance to adjust. Wash them thoroughly before bringing them in to rid them of any pests and eggs.
- As perennials fade away, mark their locations with small sticks. Some might not be apparent after the winter and might be disrupted by spring cultivating.
- Plant spring bulbs as long as the ground is workable. Plant the following bulbs soon: trout lily, narcissus (including daffodil), snowdrop, winter aconite, starflower, and crown imperial. For crown imperial, add a little lime to the soil.
- Take cuttings from such outdoor plants as impatiens, coleus, and begonia. An early frost can ruin your chances for cutting at a later date.
- Dig up your rosemary, basil, tarragon, oregano, marjoram, thyme, parsley, and chives to grow them inside as houseplants. Keep them in a cool, sunny spot, and allow the soil to dry out before watering. Snip off the leaves as needed in the kitchen, but do not strip them completely.
- Onions are nearly ripe when the tips of the leaves turn yellow. Break them at the necks. This will speed the final ripening process. Loosen the soil to encourage drying, and after a few days turn them up and let them cure on dry ground. Always handle them very carefully — the slightest bruise will encourage rot to set in.
- Clean out any older growth of mint. It can become a nuisance, running rampant. Leave the younger stock.
- Cider made from blemished apples, known as drops, will be fine, but avoid using too many apples with bruises or open wounds. If rot has already set in, it will affect the taste and longevity of the cider.
- Supplement your apple pies with fruit frozen or canned earlier in the season.
- If you have unripe tomatoes still on the vine and frost is approaching, pull out the vines by the roots and hang them upside down in a cool, dark place.
- Transplant rhubarb, strawberries, and raspberries well before the first light frost so that some root development may take place. Rhubarb and strawberries deplete the soil of nutrients in a short time, so find new locations for them every three or four years.
- Sunflower seeds are best dried on the plants. The seeds will be difficult to remove if you harvest the plants before they die naturally. Cover the heads with cheesecloth if you need to protect your crops from the birds.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0253      **Application Rec'd Date:** 13-May-2010

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

**Proposal:** Permission for retention of 8 existing sheltered housing units. The buildings are located within the curtilage of Carraig-na-Greine, A Protected Structure. **Applic.Type:** Permission for Retention. **Add.Info.:** 22-Jul-2010.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0400      **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Jul-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Niall Dowling, Green Road, to the rear of Sorrento House, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for development at this site fronting onto Green Road, to the rear of Sorrento House. The development will consist of revisions to development permitted under Reg. Ref. D07A/1578 to include: Change from permitted four bed to a three bed detached dwelling; increase in finished floor level of ground and first floor level of north-eastern wing with roof level remaining as permitted; increase in floor area of dwelling from 321sq.m to 328sq.m; new porch at ground floor entrance; relocation of permitted rooflights with new rooflight above ground floor corridor; Increase in first floor terrace at north-eastern elevation; New solar panels at roof level; and internal modifications, alterations to roof lights, and minor elevation changes.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0406      **Application Rec'd Date:** 22-Jul-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Eileen Smyth, 4, Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for dormer style dwelling with parking, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works.

**Reg. Ref.** D10A/0418      **Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Jul-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** David & Kate Woolfson, Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for amendments to granted permission Register Reference No.D08A/1113 for a single storey over semi-basement private dwelling house and garage with associated hard and soft landscaping at Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Amendments include extension of basement storage area on lower ground floor with increase in length of storage area window on north east elevation, the addition of new window to upper ground floor bathroom on south west elevation & reduction in length of master bedroom, the reduction in length of south east elevation by 1.9m the glazing in of upper ground floor covered terrace & integration of external steps internally, alteration of south east elevation window from 2.1m to 2.7m high & insertion of 2 No. glazed sliding doors with internal glass balustrade. Amendments also include addition of new window at upper ground floor south west elevation to kitchen area, the relocation of site entrance gate now placed 2.4m south west of granted location & reduction in height of associated boundary wall by 0.6m.

**Reg. Ref.** D10A/0430      **Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Jul-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Helen Scully, Site at Torca Road, Dalkey bounded by Elmo

Lodge, steps leading to Vico Road and right of way to Knocknacree Road

**Proposal:** Planning permission for a two-storey dwelling with balcony and garage. The access to the proposal will be from Torca Road. **Application Type:** Permission.

## PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 28-31 – 12/7/10 to 6/8/10

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0265      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 13-Jul-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Otranto Properties Ltd., 1, Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning permission for development which will consist of 5 no. apartments with no occupancy limitations in lieu of the previously approved and constructed 5 no. senior citizen residential units (Reg. Refs. D08A/0480 & PL 06D.230903 and D09A/0775 & PL 06D.235920).

**Reg. Ref.:** D10B/0252      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 16-Jul-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ann Hegarty, Little Wing, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for demolition of existing lean-to plant room and erection of a single storey extension to side of existing dwelling consisting of larger ensuite bathroom and boiler house and all site ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0300      **Decision:** Request Add. Info.      **Date:** 21-Jul-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. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10B/0258      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 21-Jul-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr & Mrs Neill Keogh, 24, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for development which will consist of proposed conservatory extension to rear of dwelling. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0221      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 26-Jul-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Rosaleen & Vincent Callaghan, Calydon, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission sought for development consisting of 1. Construction of single storey winter garden to rear; 2. Relocation of an internal wall to form 2 new bathrooms to 1st floor, with removal of existing bathrooms; 3. Removal of an internal wall to enlarge kitchen, and formation of new window opens to kitchen; 4. Replacement of existing windows throughout; 5. Widening of existing vehicular entrance and installation of new timber motorised gates; 6. General remedial works to interior and exterior building fabric and services. (A Protected Structure). **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0308      **Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Date:** 29-Jul-2010

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

**Proposal:** 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.

## APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala Wks 28- 31 – 12/7/10 to 6/8/10

None

## APPEAL DECISIONS OF An Bord Pleanala Wks 28-31 – 5/7/10 to 6/8/10

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0001      **Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Appeal Decided:** 22-Jul-2010

**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission.

**Location:** Johnville, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposed Development:** Planning permission for a new vehicular entrance, splayed granite stone walls and gates on Cunningham Road to serve the existing house. **Applicant:** Mr. R Lambkin.

# The recent Community Council Annual Garden Outing to The Arboretum, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.



## DALKEY ASSAULT CASE

At the Monday February 10th 1908 sitting of the Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) Police Court before Mr. Swift, a resident (John Crosbie) of Callaghan's Lane was charged with carrying out an aggressive assault on a female resident (Lizzie Byrne) of Pimm's Court the previous Saturday.

The victim who appeared in the witness box with her face heavily bandaged said that on the night in question the defendant and her sister, who was his wife, followed here and that when he was on Vico Road, he caught her and beat her with his clenched hand. She said that she had done nothing to provoke the assault but maintained that the defendant said to her that when he could not revenge on his wife he would take it out on her and that at the time of the assault he was making her way to the Rathdown Union.

In his defence the defendant said that he never struck the plaintiff but that she had taken away his boots band sold them then got drunk and fell on the road. The witness admitted that she had sold the boots in question for 1s. and that then money was shared in drink.

Mr. Swift said that he found it hard to decide what had really happened given the conflicting stories but perhaps taking into account that an assault had taken and that there was no justification for it, bound over the defendant in the sum of £5 or in default prison for a month

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**James Scannell**

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in publications in Ireland, the UK, Hong Kong, and on-line.)  
<http://www.preda.org/main/archives/2010/r10072801.html>*



*Fair Trade farmers*

*Photo courtesy Fr Shay Cullen*

My first encounter with death by starvation was in Olongapo City many years ago when I was called out to bless a dead child. I was led to the hovel made of cartons and plastic sheet where the three year old was about to be buried. I found a little girl about in a cardboard box covered with dress cut out of paper. It was all the emaciated mother could afford. The family hadn't eaten in days. It led me to ask why and what could I do to prevent it.

That quest pulled me out of the comfort of the church rectory into the farms and factories, onto the streets and into the harsh realities of poor people's lives and to understand better the causes of poverty and led to me to start Fair-trade projects all over the Philippines. How could I be content to eat well everyday and enjoy food security when millions went hungry? It led me to look closely at the social teachings of the church and realise that faith in the God's given dignity of the human person is only real when it leads to action for justice that will uplift the downtrodden and lead to a life of dignity for all.

In the Philippines about 200 families own or control 70% of the wealth. They control the congress and the army ensures their survival. Only a handful of rich families, politicians, and tycoons own or control most of the private arable land in The Philippines while the majority goes landless and hungry. For example, 7 out of 10 peasants still do not own land while less than 1/3 of landowners own more than 80% of agricultural land. Not only has the land reform project (CARP) failed only a fraction (17%) of the 1.5 million hectares of



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private lands has been fairly redistributed to the tenants who worked the land. The previous government of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo negotiated a 25 year lease with South Korea for 94,000 hectares of prime arable land in Mindoro for food production for South Koreans while Filipinos went landless and hungry.

Since the rapid increase in commodity prices worldwide three years ago, rice has remained at an all-time high in the Philippines. Small

farmers did not benefit, fertiliser and pesticide costs rose, millions of pesos designated to help subsidise the inputs were allegedly siphoned off to support the re-election of the president. Besides the government did not offer higher prices to farmers to grow more rice, instead they imported millions of tones of rice and allowed traders to manipulate the prices by hoarding. So as usual, the rich are getting richer on the hunger of the poor.

There are a billion hungry people in the world today, most of them in Asia at 642 million, in Sub-Saharan Africa 265 Million, Latin America and the Caribbean 53 Million, Near East and North Africa 42 Million and developed countries 15 million. Children suffer most from this global malnutrition. If they don't get the basic food intake between one to three they are brain damaged and if they survive will join millions of children that are unable to learn and remain uneducated and can never have a decent job and a life of dignity.

Undernourished children are sick 160 days of the year and this leads directly to the death of an estimated 5.4 million children every year. Another 5 million children die because of preventable diseases diarrhoea (61%), malaria (57%), pneumonia (52%), and measles (45%) which do their deadly damage because the children are so weak from undernourishment.

Three years ago, almost 33 percent of Filipinos were living below the poverty line. Now it is even worse because of the recession. As of 2005, 10.8 percent of the country's population survive on just \$1 a day, and another 41.2 percent make do with less than \$2 daily.

This is the greatest challenge that faces the Aquino administration. It also challenges all people of good will and non-government agencies to continue to work helping the poor to grow food and develop livelihoods.

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22. Frozen water
23. Long, long time
24. Part of a foot
26. Silver wattle
29. Impassive
31. Charged particle
32. Android
34. Undersides of feet
36. Spray
38. Film
40. Monopoly or Trivial Pursuit, for example
41. Earlier in time
43. A flow control device
45. Prom rental
46. Ancient ascetic
48. A sudden outburst of anger
50. You (archaic)
51. Zero
52. Refinable rock
54. Enabler
61. Heredity carrier
63. Batman's sidekick
64. Stiff hair
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66. This cradles a broken arm
67. Hurt badly

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68. Sword
69. Request
70. Circle fragments
14. Impact sound
20. Impoverished
21. Greek god of love
25. Blockage
26. Wavelike design
27. Continual and persistent demands
28. Not below
29. Piling
30. Objection
31. Babysitter's handful
33. Egg cells
35. Intercourse
37. Twaddle (British)
39. The early part of night
42. Coral ridge
44. Radiate
47. Approaches
49. Gamma globulin
52. Monster
53. Harvest
55. Coke or Pepsi
56. Nile bird
57. Connection
58. Rip
59. Auditory
60. Male sheep (plural)
62. Center of a hurricane

**Solution to  
Crossword No. 1  
page 33**

**KERINS PHARMACY** is celebrating 25 years of business in Dalkey this September.

Kerins Pharmacy, which is a family business run by Tim, Pamela and Declan Kerins would like to thank all its customers over the years for their custom and support. For the month of September we will be offering our customers 10% off selected products along with in store promotions each week.

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This year the 60th anniversary of the closure of the Nelson Pillar - Dalkey tram service on 9 July 1949 passed unmentioned in the media as it was on this day 60 years ago that tram services ended in Dublin city and suburbs until the arrival of LUAS in 2004.

In 1878 the Dublin Southern District Tramways Co. built 2 lines in the southern Dublin suburbs - Haddington Road to Blackrock and Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) Station to Castle Street, Dalkey. The line to Dalkey was built as a 4 foot gauge line due to sharp bends in the Dalkey area and although the Dalkey Township Commissioners wanted a double track system, the line was built mainly as a single track one with passing loops in several places. A tram yard built on Castle Street still stands today. The service began on 17 March 1879.

Initially an omnibus service linked Blackrock with Kingstown but when this ceased, a company called the Blackrock and Kingstown Tramways Co. was formed and constructed a connecting tram line which opened in 1885. While it now became possible to travel from Dalkey to Nelson Pillar and visa versa, the journey could take up to 2 hours to complete as the timetables of the 3 lines were not integrated with each other whereas the same journey by rail could be completed in under 35 minutes for the same fare and with no changes en

route. The B & K line failed and in 1893 was offered for sale to the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway and the Dublin United Tramways Co., both of which declined the offer and so it was purchased by the Imperial Tramways Co., parent owner of the Dublin Southern District Tramways Co. The Kingstown to Dalkey section was re-gauged to 5 ft 3 ins. and the entire line electrified with electric operations as far as Haddington Road commencing on 16 May 1896 and to Nelson Pillar on 12 July 1898 once the objections of Dublin Corporation to electric trams had been overcome. Dalkey continued to have a tram service to Nelson Pillar until 9 July 1949 when the city's last remaining tram routes 6,7 and 8 closed with the last trams being stripped of removable items by souvenir hunters which are prized heirlooms held by many families in the area.

**James Scannell**



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## GOOD NEWS

Four new volunteers, two have joined the committee and one will specialise in graffiti removal.

Committee members and volunteers have been involved in major projects recently.

1. Dillon's Park where the steps down to the sea have been re-discovered by the removal of overgrowth; all main paths are now accessible, without walkers being snagged by brambles.
2. The steps at Bulloch beside Our Lady's Manor, from Ulverton Road to Harbour Road, have been cleaned and sprayed; weeding of the borders is on-going.
3. Sorrento Park is in a badly neglected state and work is in progress; the computer company 'DELL' has offered volunteer personnel to work with Dalkey Tidy Towns on a regular basis.
4. St Begnet's Graveyard at Dalkey's outstanding Heritage Centre needed a tidy-up so 'in house personnel' helped by volunteers from DTT and DCC came to the rescue.



*St Begnet's Graveyard after Clean-Up*

These projects have gone far beyond the normal expectations of Tidy Towns activities and ideally they need sub-committees of 'residents in each locality' to take an on-going interest. Please contact us if you can help ! Our usual activities have also included weeding the flower beds and tubs around the town.

Dog fouling is persistent and ***you know who you are!!!***

Dalkey Business Group has regenerated the town over recent months with interesting activities, competitions for school pupils and the painting of premises. Visitor numbers have increased, Dalkey Tidy Towns efforts have been complimented and we offer our congratulations.



*Volunteer Gardeners at St Begnet's Graveyard Clean-Up*

**Litter Patrols** from September to April are 3 times each month. Thursdays at Dillon's Park at 11am. Tuesdays and Saturday at St. Patrick's Avenue at 10.30.

**DON'T FORGET bin those butts and clean up after your dogs!!**



**Green Home Tip - Repair leaks. One drop per second can waste 10 gallons of water each week.**

*BÍ BRODÚILAS BHÚR COMHSHEILBH \* BE PROUD OF YOUR COMMUNITY!*

**Thank you, June Barnett, DTT.**

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Over the summer sharp-eyed commuters may have noticed that many of the DART EMU's (Electrical Multiple Units) carried a new logo DART 25 as a reminder that the electrification of the Dublin suburban rail system took place 25 years ago. The first passenger carrying Emu's commenced operating on 23 July 1984 though the service was not officially opened until 22 October 1984 by Dr. Garrett Fitzgerald who was Taoiseach at that time.

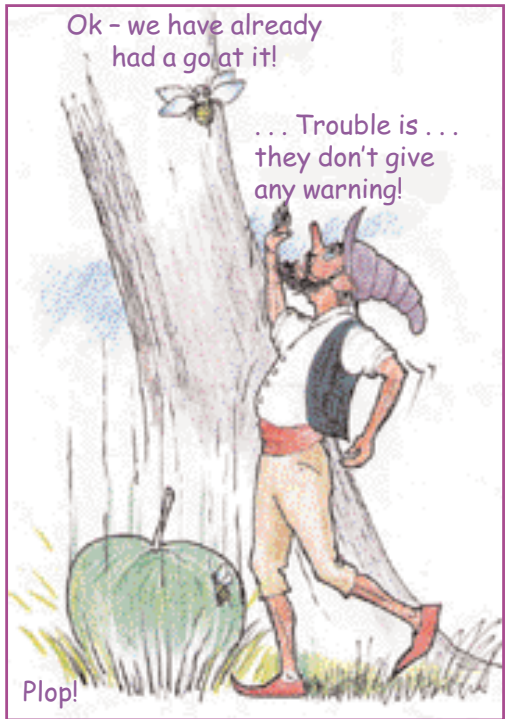
By 1978 the Dublin suburban rail system was in a very poor condition - the signalling system and trackwork needed replacement and upgrading while the rolling stock in use was worn out and also needed replacement. The suburban train service finished at 7 p.m. in the evening on weekdays and did not operate on Sundays except during the summer months. In June 1979 the board of C.I.E. received government approval to electrify the Dublin suburban rail system between Howth, Co.Dublin, and Bray, Co. Wicklow. Work commenced in February 1980 and by December 1983 the overhead wires line had been energised to Bray with driver training, vehicle testing and free demonstration trips (on an invitation basis) taking place until revenue-earning services commenced on 23 July 1984.

This was not first time electric trains served Dalkey - in the 1930's Drumm Battery Railcars stopped in Dalkey but only 4 units in all were built and from 1939 until their withdrawal in 1949 when their batteries needed to be replaced and were not renewed on cost grounds, operated mainly on the Harcourt Street, Dublin to Bray line, which closed on 31 December 1958, over some of which the LUAS Green line currently operates.

As part of the signalling upgrade, local traffic movement control moved from Dalkey signal cabin to CTC (Central Traffic Control) in Dublin Connolly with the Dalkey signal cabin along with those in Dun Laoghaire and Killiney taken out of use and subsequently demolished. The sidings at Dalkey station were also removed and replaced with a commuter car park.

Since 1984 the DART system has been extended to Malahide, Co.Dublin, and Greystones, Co. Wicklow, with services commencing to these locations on 9 October 2000 and 10 April 2000 respectively.

**James Scannell**



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## COCONUT FRUIT SUSHI



*Makes 20*

**Ingredients:**

300g (10½ oz) sushi rice  
 100g (3½ oz) caster sugar  
 200 ml (6½ fl oz) coconut milk  
 1 small mango - sliced

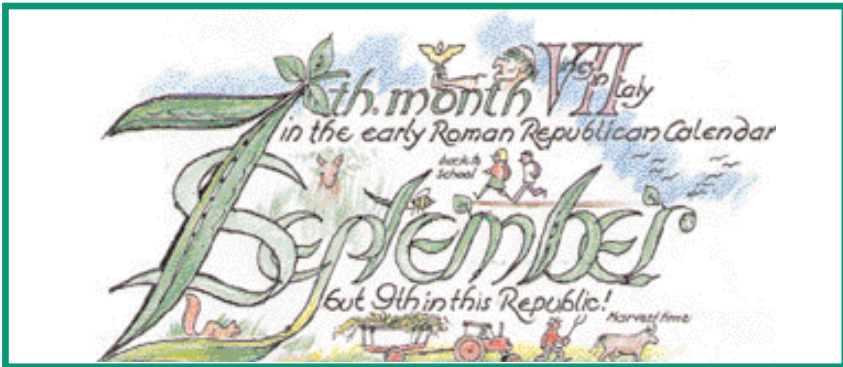
2 kiwi fruits - sliced and halved  
 100g (3½ oz) strawberries - hulled and halved  
 1 small papaya - sliced  
 Lime wedges - to serve

Combine the rice, sugar, coconut milk and 400 ml (12½ fl oz) water in a heavy saucepan. Bring to boil, stirring constantly to stop the rice from sticking. Then reduce to the lowest possible heat and simmer gently for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Once the rice has absorbed most of the liquid, cover the pan and leave on the lowest heat for another 10 minutes or until the rice is tender.

Line a 20 x 15cm (8 x 6in) shallow tin with cling film. Tip in the rice (leaving any scorched rice on the bottom of the pan) and spread it out evenly to a depth of 2 cm (¾ in). Smooth the top and leave to cool. Cover with cling film and chill for 1-2 hours.

Once chilled, turn the rice out on to a cutting board, remove the cling film and cut into sushi-like fingers, about 8 x 3cm (1 x 3in).

Top with the sliced fruit and serve with lime wedges. Ready in 40 minutes, plus 1-2 hours chilling.



### SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD NO. 1 (page 31)

**ACROSS** – 1, Fume; 5, Sis; 8, Balm; 12, Opus; 13, Tents; 15, Unau; 16, Cost; 17, Recap; 18, Snit; 19, Inseparable; 22, Ice; 23, Eon; 24, Arch; 26, Mimosa; 29, Stolid; 31, Ion; 32, Robot; 34, Soles; 36, Mist; 38, Movie; 40, Game; 41, Prior; 43, Valve; 45, Tux; 46, Essene; 48, Temper; 50, Thee; 51, Nil; 52, Ore; 54, Facilitator; 61, Gene; 63, Robin; 64, Seta; 65, Racy; 66, Sling; 67, Maim; 68, Epee; 69, Ask; 70, Arcs.

**DOWN** – 1, Foci; 2, Upus; 3, Muss; 4, Esteem; 5, Seer; 6, Inca; 7, Stab; 8, Bus; 9, Annihilate; 10, Laic; 11, Mute; 13, Transom; 14, Splat; 20, Poor; 21, Eros; 25, Clog; 26, Moire; 27, Insistence; 28, Above; 29, Stilt; 30, Demur; 31, Imp; 33, Ova; 35, Sex; 37, Tosh; 39, Evening; 42, Reef; 44, Emit; 47, Nears; 49, Plasma; 52, Ogre; 53, Reap; 55, Cola; 56, Ibis; 57, Link; 58, Tear; 59, Otic; 60, Rams; 62, Eye.

## ❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

Senior Citizens return OLH *Chat, Bingo, cuppa & meet a new friend. All welcome.*  
 (2.30pm - 4.30pm) **Tues. 7 Sept**  
**Free performances:** Community Service Programme: celebration: Dalkey Castle 9.30-12.15.Booking essential **Fri. 10 Sept**  
 Garden Reception and Presentation of awards (8pm-10pm in OLH) **Fri. 10 Sept**  
 Grandparents Day **Sun 12 Sept**  
 Dalkey Ladies Club resumes.  
 New members welcome **Thurs. 16 Sept**

Hospice Coffee Morning (9.30-12.30 in OLH) **Thurs. Sept ?**  
 Art Exhibition in HC - Nature, Nudes and Myths by Zora Byrne and Liliana Trinajstic  
**Thurs.23- Sun.26 Sept**  
 Cuppa for Kitui, OLH (10am to 1pm)  
**Sun. 26 Sept**  
 World Heart Day **Sun. 26 Sept**  
 Sorting October Newsletter **Fri. 01 Oct**  
 DCC (Oct.) Meeting in OLH **Mon.4 Oct**

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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## *Oh! How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years.....*

*RTÉ has for the last couple of years been transmitting **DTT** (digital terrestrial television) on a trial basis, from its main transmitters around the country. It would now seem that the decision has been taken to also transmit via satellite (not to be confused with RTE on Sky), as **DTT** will leave large areas (particularly in the west) without coverage. The plan is to transmit via satellite using a very tight footprint, to avoid overspill into the UK and Europe. The service will be free but will require a new dish and digital satellite receiver. So, RTE will be available via Sky, DTT and FTA satellite. If only RTE had launched via satellite years ago, there would be no issues with coverage, they would have saved tens of millions of tax payers money, and the service would be up and running (unlike the current **DTT** trials)*

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