



# DALKEY - Deilginis 'Thorn Island'

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Irish Heritage Town

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**February:** *Latin for "Februa" a ceremonial feast of purification held by the Romans centuries ago every February 15th. The early Saxons renamed February "Sol-Monath" - sun month because of the returning sun after winter.* **Flowers: Primrose & Violet**

**A Wet February, A Wet Spring**

**ST VALENTINE'S DAY - MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY**

*Our love is like the misty rain that falls softly - but floods the river.*



African Proverb



**Bottlenose Dolphin  
breaching at Killiney Bay**

This photo by Dalkey resident John Fahy of a bottlenose dolphin breaching at Killiney Bay in front of a snow covered Dalkey Island featured on the front page of The Irish Times on the 30th of November.

It was one of the four finalists for 'Photo of the Year' in the Media Awards on TV3's 'Tonight with Vincent Browne'.

*More photographs of the dolphins, the snow and other Dalkey scenes can be seen on [www.dalkeyphotos.com](http://www.dalkeyphotos.com).*

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## ❖ SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 2010 & DECEMBER 2011 MEETINGS ❖

The December Meeting was re-scheduled to Monday 13th December, a week later than usual due to the severe weather.

Matters arising: The refurbishment upgrade is in progress at the DART station and DLRCoCo has commenced work at the AIB space. The information sign will be moved to the back of the site. There will be new seating, resurfacing of the area and re-aligning of the planters. As the work here and at the DART station has begun it will roll-over to next year. Although the weather was inclement the Christmas Celebration was successful event. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The first DCC Meeting for 2011 was held on Tuesday 4th January in OLH. There was a minute's silence for the late Marion Wolfe who died shortly before Christmas. Marion was a long serving member who had represented St. Patrick's Square.

NW: The Gardai warned that there have been a number of break-ins and they urge vigilance and due care to be taken in ensuring that property is well secured.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.

## ❖ TIDY TOWNS REPORT – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010 ❖

**Road Cleaning Schedule:** Have you checked which day your road is swept by DLRCO on the Road Cleaning Schedule? Do you prepare for this day by sweeping debris into the kerb and not parking your car there?

### **SCHOOLS:**

1. Sixteen **Loreto Transition Year** students have organised a project with DTT under the Community Care Section of Gaisce - **The President's Award**. This is progress at Kilbegnet Close.
2. Three pupils from **Transition Year at St. Gerard's School** have had 15 hours of Community Service experience with DTT.



*Loreto Transition Year's Project*

3. **Harold Boys**

**School** has been assessed for an 'Energy Green Flag'.

**SORRENTO PARK:** Twelve volunteers and six DTT committee members worked from 9am to 4pm on 25 November in glorious sunshine to clear overgrowth. A picnic lunch kept everyone going and the results are outstanding.

On **Sunday 5th December** despite the icy weather **Santa came to Dalkey**. The children enjoyed the Pantomime in the Town Hall; the newly introduced Dalkey Schools Carol Concert in the Church of the Assumption; receiving prizes for the best Christmas Card Competition – another new venture; the switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights; meeting Santa and visiting the Living Crib in Archbold's Castle. The



*Working hard in Sorrento Park*

Anthem Choir led public carol singing. Several businesses in Dalkey joined in the spirit of the day with mulled wine, etc. The Queens provided refreshments for the organisers and helpers. Dalkey Garda and an ambulance, care of the Order of Malta, were on stand-by. Organising this day was by far the most difficult one to date due to snow and freezing conditions and grateful thanks is due to everyone involved in the above programme plus DLRCC, the staff and management of Dalkey Heritage Centre, volunteer stewards and the Leo Club for Santa's elves.

Photographs can be seen electronically in Dalkey Pharmacy's window and on notice boards in Maxwell's Chemist and the Library.

### MONTHLY LITTER PATROLS UNTIL MAY 2011

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**June Barnett, DTT.**

## Loreto Past Pupils and Friends enjoying Lunch





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*'We love February for its whispered promise of things to come. Hang in there just a little bit longer, as spring is just a twinkling away and the first signs are already becoming visible - tightly-sealed buds are growing plumper and the courageous green vanguard of bulb shoots is emerging, blinking into the watery beige light.'*

WORDS BY JAMES-ALEXANDER SINCLAIR

HE ALSO SAID:

*'A garden without secret plants is like a chicken without feathers - functional but something you'd not want to spend time with' So he tells us.*

How can we ever forget our recent curves, blankets and ridges of snow. I seemed to meet so many locals who made the very same remark: "We've never seen anything like this before!" Must admit our winter silhouettes and the beauty of our Dalkey tree shapes and structures,



*A goldfinch on a teasel  
(Wilmot's Ghost, they self-seed).  
Sometimes a picture can speak a  
thousand words*

snowballs dangling from his silky coat (maybe 3½ inches in diameter). He looked like a moving Christmas Tree, you know similar to those baubles, those creamy white lanolin ones that we see on our general household Christmas Trees. Sadly, I didn't have my camera or mobile at hand. So, in many ways, has it

never seemed to be so apparent as over those few weeks. Will it not be so interesting to observe which of our beloved plants, shrubs, herbaceous clumps, etc. have shrivelled up with frost-bite. I wonder too did any of our climbers, ramblers, prickly plants, etc put on some form of camouflage in order to protect themselves from our harsh conditions to survive. Even 'Precious', our King Charles Ruby, skidded and skated twice on black ice while out on his various walks. Another day, while playing with his treasured friend, 'Dylan' another dog, in my mother's back garden, I went to bring him into the house and simply couldn't believe what I witnessed: Precious had approximately eleven large



*Lichens, I love to see the various shades of green of  
our lichens*



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*Let's try and spring into action*

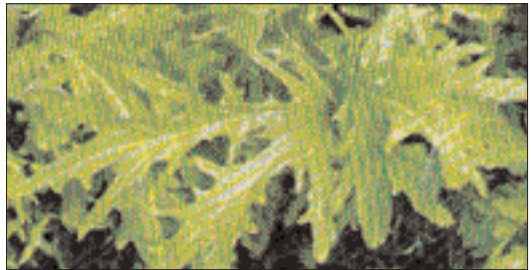
not been enormously invigorating to witness some of our weathering agents.

So as our winter starts to fade and our spring gets ever so closer, let's prepare for action. I heard on the radio yesterday that we should 'Be Innovative, Thankful and Hopeful!'

### **FEBRUARY MIGHT DO JOBS**

1. Perhaps clip back tightly into the wall your ivy or Virginia creeper so that neither grows too thickly and, therefore, becomes unsightly.
2. It's a good idea to fork over the soil in mixed borders in order to improve surface drainage and then it will also prevent moss growth.
3. After a couple of sunny days water all greenhouse plants; both those in soil and those in pots in order to encourage new growth.

4. Consider sowing in the open ground some early salad crops such as rocket (which I just love), lettuce or radishes.
5. When Christmas flowers such as cyclamen and azaleas have finished flowering, place them in a warm windowsill and water if needed.



*Rocket – such a delicious herb*

### **HOW TO MAKE A MINT**

Let's not go short of mint for our lamb chops or roast; it's also delicious in a glass of our Dalkey tap water. Maybe dig up a few roots from an old mint plant now, fill some wide pots with compost, lay lengths of root on the surface, cover with a little more compost and water well. Place in a cold frame in order to promote, spur on the root cuttings into growth. Pots, trees, can be placed outside in the garden to continue cropping.

## ❖ GARDEN TALKS – FEBRUARY 2011 ❖

### **FOXROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**

**8.00 p.m. Tuesday 22nd February** – “*Gardening with Sensational Plants - A Glimpse into the Weird & Wonderful World of a Plantaholic*”. Deborah Begley, Terra Nova, Limerick.

Venu: Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock

### **ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY - DUBLIN GROUP**

**12.30p.m. Saturday, 12th February** – Annual Lunch followed by: Mary Waldron ‘*Gardens of Other Lands*’. Venu: Royal St. George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire.

**8.00p.m. 17th February** – Talk, Sidney Clarke; Plant Hunting with a Camera’ NBG, Glasnevin.

### **POEM**

*by*

**M. LOUISE HASKINS**

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.  
And he replied:

Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way.

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*Lunar Eclispse over Torka*

*Photo: M. Ryan*

## WALES AND DOLPHINS

Nobody needs to be reminded of the record sub zero temperatures, dangerous looking icicles and deep snow but within four weeks from mid December to mid January we had some other interesting natural spectacles.

The shortest day of the year on 21st December was heralded in by a lunar eclipse. On the east coast we had very good conditions and great views.

We watched the early views of the shadow appearing as we walked round the hills though the temperature decided we watched the final stages through the window at home.

A few weeks later we had a partial eclipse of the sun. The morning had been a bit overcast and cloudy but at the right moment a strip of clear sky over the horizon appeared as the sun rose. You had to be careful looking at it through shielded squinting eyes and I felt a bit dazed for a while afterwards but the sharp black shadow was clearly visible.

Anyone who regularly goes over Dalkey and Killiney hills knows that on rare days you can see the mountains of Wales silhouetted on the eastern horizon. Sometimes they're seen early on spring or summer mornings as they're backlit by the red glow before sunrise and sometimes they can be seen on cold still winter days when the sky is overcast and the light is brightest near the horizon. You get to recognise the rounded mountain looking like a island towards the south while a long mountain range lies further north, the highest peak visible presumably being Snowdonia.

Early on the 2nd January a cloudless horizon displayed a few dark shapes but as we looked through binoculars I saw something I'd never seen before. Our snow was long gone but behind the lower darker hills and mountains on the horizon could be seen a range of mountains still covered in snow looming above the sea like Arctic glaciers. The views were even better from the obelisk on Killiney hill. I've increased the contrast on the attached photograph since they looked a bit faint but otherwise they're as we saw them. In four weeks of unprecedented events this was another one for the records.

## CELEBRITY SWIMMER

On our walk we'd already seen a red squirrel (page 13) peeling the scales from a cone on a Scots Pine while great dollops of snow sat on the branches above it. That was over two hours before and we should



**Snowdonia and other Welsh mountains**

*Photo: M. Ryan*

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have been home by now, getting stressed about preparing the meal, getting ready to visit some of our neighbours or having a traditional seasonal argument. It was Christmas Day and you're not supposed to be taking it easy. But there we were, standing on the path above the Vico Road, looking out over the bay, not a cloud in the blue sky. A low mist hung on the water a few miles out and we could make out what looked like the masts of an old galleon rising out of it. Not a ship though but the oil exploration rig being towed by the tug which had been moving it around the bay for the last few months. Although there was deep snow on the ground it was lovely here under a blazing sun, actually pleasantly warm out of the light breeze. Below us there was barely a ripple from the sea, calm as a mirror except when it was broken by the three dolphins rising to the surface to expel air or just circling around one of the marker buoys which they seemed to have formed an attachment to. Yes it was those three Bottlenose dolphins again. One of those dolphins could possibly be one of the most viewed dolphins ever since it was featured in that wonderful photograph that took up half the front cover of the Irish Times. The photograph, taken by Dalkey resident, John Fahy (for more photographs see [dalkeyphotos.com](http://dalkeyphotos.com)), showed the dolphin breaching, leaping clean out of the water, with a snow covered Dalkey Island in the background. I believe the photograph has been syndicated and has appeared all over the world since it first appeared and probably seen by hundreds of thousands if not millions of people.



*Red Squirrel* Photo: M. Ryan

Anyhow, the dolphin featured was almost certainly one of the group of three that have been seen regularly between Dun Laoghaire and Greystones and were now swimming around below us. Totally oblivious of their celebrity the dolphins surfaced, dived and probably fed below the surface. Somebody passing by wondered might they have given each other anything for Christmas. We reckoned if they had there might have been fish involved.

Every time we started to move off the dolphins would resurface and it seemed shameful to walk away from such a lovely sight so we were grateful to them when after at least 90 minutes they did swim on.

In the middle of the sub zero temperatures with deep snow on every surface you'd wonder how any birds that normally feed on the ground could survive. Flocks of birds would be coming to feeders they were already familiar with but for other birds it must have been disastrous. Blackbirds were taking slices of apples but many birds were moving around trying to find natural food on trees and bushes. Certainly I've never seen a better demonstration of the value of berry and seed bearing plants and trees. Our 'palm' trees, (*cordyline australi*), possibly the most unnatural looking trees to have in eastern Ireland gardens being native of New Zealand. They shed long leathery leaves all year round covering lawns after any high winds and you could spend hours every week picking them up. I've occasionally thought of removing a few of them but they do have one great asset. They produce a profusion of seeds and it was on these seeds I watched a blackbird urgently feeding while deep snow lay on the ground. The seeds are also a very attractive food for blackcaps, wood pigeons, blackbirds, starlings, mistle thrushes and song thrushes. The slightly less welcome hooded crows love them as well. Thankfully the crows had left some for the blackbirds.

Any other berries in the garden were soon gone as well with the *Leycesteria formosa* (Himalayan Honeysuckle) providing a great food source for bullfinches and blackcaps. I've mentioned this plant before, it's more commonly known as the Pheasant Berry since it used be grown for those birds on game shooting estates. *Leycesteria* spreads easily, always a sign of their popularity with birds who spread them by passing or 'venting' out the seeds. The cold spell was the first time I'd seen chaffinches eating them as well. Alder seeds are great for siskins and redpolls and of course the humble ivy still produces berries when they're long gone off most other bushes. If you want to help your wildlife visitors maybe think of planting a seed or berry producing plant that might save a few little lives in future winters.



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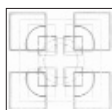
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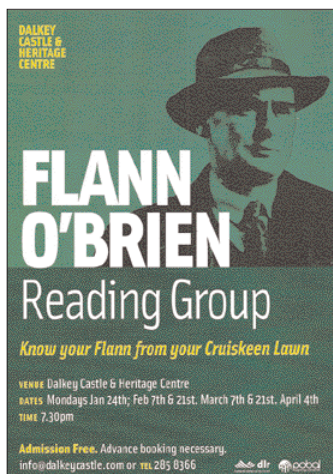


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The centenary of writer Brian O’Nolan’s (Flann O’Brien’s) birth occurs in 2011. To mark the occasion, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is running a Flann O’Brien Reading Group **Know your Flann from your Cruiskeen Lawn** with the intention of exploring his work with an interested audience. The early sessions will explore extracts from ‘The Dalkey Archive’ and some of the hilarious articles from ‘The Cruiskeen Lawn’ in the Irish Times. No previous knowledge of his work is required. All are welcome. Admission Free but advance booking is necessary.

The Flann O’Brien Reading Group **Know your Flann from your Cruiskeen Lawn** is on every second Monday until the 4th April. Next session on Monday 7th February at 7.30pm in the Heritage Centre.

**SCHOOLS PROGRAMME** The highly popular Schools Programme is in full swing with Deilig Inis

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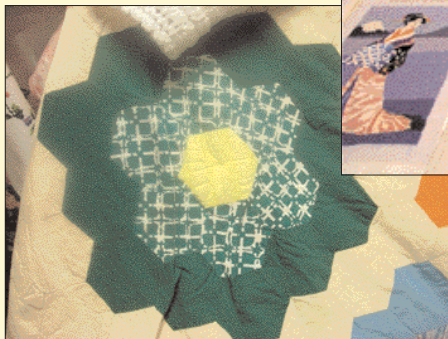
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## A NIGHT OF NOSTALGIA

On November 25th 2010, The Dalkey Ladies Club held a “Nostalgia” night as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Club. A display of art and craftwork from over the years was shown - including knitting, crochet, embroidery, macramé, lacework and also some items of art and jewellery. Various items of needlework by Delma Meredith (a founder member of the Club) were on display, and some work of the late Detta Cullen (another founder member) was brought along by her daughter Éilis. These included a beautiful patchwork quilt made in the 1960s. All in all a truly nostalgic night enjoyed by all.

**Ber Montgomery**, Hon. Sec., Dalkey Ladies Club

*Right:  
Needle work by  
Delma Meredith*



*Left and below:  
Patchwork by the late Detta Cullen*



*Above: Éilis Cullen with her late mother's patchwork*



*Knitting done by  
Margaret Kenny*

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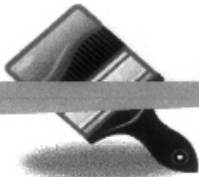
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## A REFLECTION OF THE DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP 2010

The set up of the voluntary Dalkey Business Group and central committee in March 2010 was to overcome the downturn in the economy and to support each other to build sustainable growth in the area.

### The Key Aims were:

- To drive a Vision into success as a common goal.
- To set up Regular Business Meetings as the Dalkey Business Group.
- To set up A Work-in Progress Group.
- To get to know each other by name and our businesses.

We should know what each other has on offer

### PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

**Social networking** (Facebook page), email ([dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com](mailto:dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com), database (60 business members).

**Irish Independent article** written by David McWilliams of the Decline of business in Dalkey which sent out a message of hope to other towns around Ireland that they too could come together to overcome the downturn in the economy by getting to know each other, to support each other.

The set up of the **Dalkey Book Festival**. We all decided that an event was the most important initiative to highlight as the first goal of the DBG. With the help of David and his wife Sian Smyth the Dalkey Book Festival was set for Midsummer's weekend. A lot of tireless work from everyone involved and we were blessed with a successful summer tasteful festival. So much media exposure for our town which is priceless.

**"I love Dalkey"** inspired by Oliver McCabe.

The **Creative Design** of the new branding, logo, image, merchandise for Dalkey by Verso Design Dalkey.

The set up of our **New Website *IloveDalkey.com*** all thanks to ongoing work by Niall Meehan, Paul Donnelly and Photogenic Photographers.

The set up and launch of the **Dalkey Loyalty Card**.

DBG winning the **Dalkey Community Council Cup**, an honour.

The **Redevelopment and Upgrade of Public Sites** e.g. (St. Patrick's/AIB civic space/DART forecourt) in Dalkey due to ongoing work with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee and Dalkey Community Council

**Local Business Promotion Grants** awarded to DBG through dynamic appropriate applications.

The success and appreciation of our contribution to the Christmas event this year, the schools carol concert and the **Dalkey Christmas Cards in aid of Barnardos** designed by local children which were shown in local business windows throughout Christmas and raised €300.

The Integration of Dalkey residents with local business, schools and council as a common goal.

**The arrival of new businesses** Toil and Glitter and new office upstairs, MaxMedia, Fitz Gallery, new holistic therapists, Tramyard stores and the InBar is sold.

The tireless **voluntary work of the DBG Central Committee**: esp. the day to day voluntary



work from Sara Macken from Berea Construction, Paul and David Buckley from The Bedroom Studio, Business coach Jason McChesney and myself Oliver McCabe Select Stores And thanks to Noelle Scanlon, Kevin Kinnahan and Mary d'Arbey Byrne too. This work has been an experience we will never forget, it has been very rewarding thru the ups and downs. We have been taken away from our businesses and personal lives but we feel it has been worth it and it is fantastic to give something back to Dalkey which has been very good to us over the years. The DBG Central Committee 2010 will be officially leaving in early March 2011.

### ***New Members Welcome***

Next Month, we are looking for any local businesses from the Dalkey area, any local business people working from home, or and new businesses to Dalkey who would like to join the Dalkey Business Group 2011. Please make yourselves known at our next meeting which will be on **Wednesday Feb 9th 2011 at Dalkey Heritage Centre at 6.15 p.m.** This is your chance to be part of a rewarding voluntary working group in progress. Your opportunity to create something positive and to enhance business in our beautiful heritage town of Dalkey. Also to be part of the business community that are always there to support one another through this unforeseen time we live in. A new Central Committee will be elected in early March 2011.

Thank You,

**Oliver McCabe, Chairperson, DBG**



This photograph shows a new Eircom box on Coliemore Road beside the old one (not in use) which still has not been removed, although reported last October

## **OIL DRILLING PLANS FOR THE DALKEY ISLAND OIL PROSPECT**

A report in The Irish Times on 24th December 2010 stated that Providence Resources planned to commence a drilling programme in 2011 to include six locations, including the Dalkey Island Oil Prospect.

For further information see the company's website: <http://www.providenceresources.com>



Dalkey was a winter wonderland this Christmas. The Harold Boys School looked like a Christmas card scene. In the midst of all the snow, the school stayed open and the boys were busy. It was a truly magical and festive time.

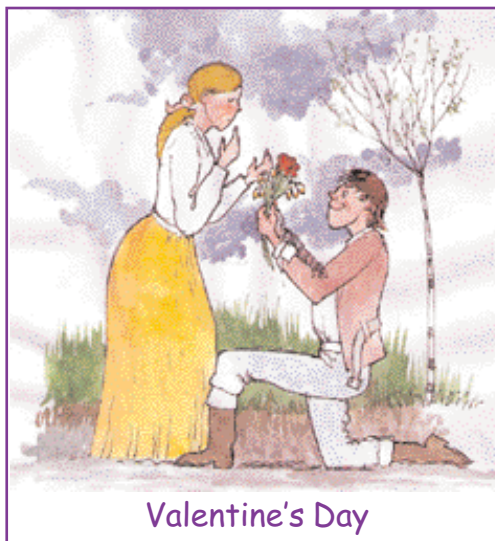
Parents crammed into the hall to see each class perform, hymns, songs, poems, routines and two wonderful plays. 2nd Class boys sang their hearts out with lively seasonal songs, while 3rd class performed an imaginative play set in a toy shop. 4th and 5th class entertained everyone with their Irish version of the Hakka, and the 6th Class boys performed a nativity play 'as Gaeilge', complete with flowing costumes and joyful humour.

The Christmas raffle took place on the 23rd December. This event is essential as a main annual fund raiser for the school. The prizes this year were amazing and despite lean times, the raffle raised more money, than other years. This was largely due to the exceptional generosity of our sponsors in their enthusiastic support of our school. All of the parents and children at Harold Boys National School Dalkey wish to thank the following businesses for all their support and wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year:



- Bolero Boutique - Toil & Glitter Boutique*
- The Yoga Village - Serenity Day Spa Glashule*
- Maxwell Pharmacy - Dalkey Pharmacy*
- Thai House Restaurant -Diners Thai & Chinese Restaurant*
- Ouzos Restaurant - Regazzi Restaurant*
- The Club Restaurant - Finnegans Lounge*
- Select Stores - Thyme Out - Cavistons Glashule - The Butlers Pantry*
- Rhona's Hairdressers - Senso Studios - Head Hairdressers*
- The Pet Shop Dalkey - Supervalu*
- Unique Flowers and Design - Dalkey Flowers*
- Molls Paraphernalia - Handworks*
- The Exchange Bookshop - Dalkey News*
- Irwins Solicitors -Crisp Dry Cleaners - Verso Design*
- The Tramyard Gallery-Photogenics - FujiFilm Dalkey*
- Doyles Butchers - The Golden Apple - Country Bake*
- Guinea Pig - Don Giovanni - Benito's/Borza's*
- O'Briens - The Grapevine*

- RTE- Smyth's Toystore - Leisureplex Stillorgan*
- IMC Cinemas Dun Laoghaire - Cobra Electronics Dun Laoghaire*
- Milano's Restaurant Dun Laoghaire - Royal Marine Hotel Dun Laoghaire*
- Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel Killiney- Fitzgerald's Pub Sandycove*



Valentine's Day

*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/0630

**Application Rec'd:** 18-Nov-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** D & P Charlton, Site at rear of 3 & 4, Belyoke, Harbour Road, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a new two-storey three bedroom dwelling, new pedestrian entrance off Harbour Road, relocated vehicular entrance and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0637

**Application Rec'd:** 19-Nov-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Stephen Pike, 38, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal Permission is sought for conversion of existing 4 bedroom detached house to 2 No. separate 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings, to include demolition of existing garage and gable wall, construction of a two-storey side extension, single storey extension to front of existing and proposed dwelling, internal modifications to existing dwelling, new vehicular access to proposed dwelling and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0644

**Application Rec'd.:** 23-Nov-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Tony & Linda Corcoran, Ard Na Carraige, The Green Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing terraced two storey over basement four bedroom house (280m<sup>2</sup>), and the construction of two No. terraced two-storey over basement houses, consisting of a four bedroom house of 252m<sup>2</sup> with garage (house 2), and a two bedroom house of 202m<sup>2</sup> with car port (house 1), both with roof mounted solar collectors and rainwater harvesting, with pedestrian and vehicular access from the Green Road, and associated landscaping and site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0648

**Application Rec'd.:** 25-Nov-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin & Stephanie Batt, Caldragh, Saval Park Rd., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Outline planning permission is sought for dormer dwelling with access through existing vehicular entrance which is to be improved together with proposed vehicular entrance to serve existing house. Application Type Outline Permission

**Reg. Ref.** D10A/0657

**Application Rec'd.:** 30-Nov-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackeys Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove & part of No.1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal :**Permission for modification to approved plans Reg. Ref. D06A/1808 (PL 06D.224130) and D09A//0919 (PL 06D.236838) being the addition of 1 No. 3 bedroom penthouse apartment with a floor area of 230 sq.m at third floor (roof) level in Block A. This will result in an increase in the total number of units in the scheme from 50 to 51.

**Applicant Name & Location:** D & P Charlton, Site At Rear of 3 & 4 Bloyke, Off Harbour Road, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is being sought for the erection of a new two storey three bedroom dwelling, new pedestrian entrance off Harbour Road, relocated vehicular entrance and associated site works in the rear gardens of 3 & 4 Bloyke.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0672

**Application Rec'd.:** 07-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Simona Doyle , 9, Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for the retention of the following variation to previously approved (D08A/0773) works: 1) Widening of the front door opening. 2) Raising the height of the rear / side boundary wall with No. 10. 3) Provision of additional roof light to rear. 4) Removal of chimney to side adjacent No.10. 5) Retention of chimney to living room. 6) Omission of glazed ridge to side roof. 7) Alterations to rear fenestration and roof lights. 8) Provision of replacement gates to front vehicular entrance to detached bungalow.

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/679

**Application Rec'd.:** 9-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Otranto Properties Ltd., Castlepark Road, Dalkey..

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development at the site Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, Byrne's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin and Part of No. 1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin. Modifications to approved plans reg. ref. D06A/1808 (PL06D.224130) and D09A/0919 (PL06D.236838) being the addition of screened private terraced open space to 2 no. penthouse apartments at third floor, Block B.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0680

**Application Rec'd.:** 10-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Aidan McCormack & Mary Rockett, The garden to the side and rear of Mineholm, 39A, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Outline planning permission is being sought for the removal of two existing sheds and the construction of a two storey house in the garden to the side and rear.

**Application Type:** Outline Permission

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0682

**Application Rec'd.:** 10-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Tim & Collette McNichols, 8, Castle Close, Sandycove.

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for the conversion of an existing garage to the side and construction of first floor extension to side set back from the front with internal alterations, rooflights to side, re-location of entrance gates, alterations to existing windows and addition of stone cladding to front elevation with new render and ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0674

**Application Rec'd.:** 7-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Martin Whelan & Richard Murphy, Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin

**Proposal :** Planning permission is sought for development on a site of 0.2468ha. The development will consist of; (1) The demolition of the front porch, the extensions to the southern elevation and part of the rear extensions at ground and first floor of 'Linden Lodge', (2) The replacement of the existing south facing side door of 'Linden Lodge' with a window, and the revision of the front door to 'Linden Lodge', (3) Construction of a new 2-storey extension along the southern elevation and rear of 'Linden Lodge', 62 sq.m, (4) Renovation of the existing 'Lodge' to convert it and the new extensions into office space, 209 sq.m, (5) Construction of 5 No., 4-bed 2.5 storey terraced dwelling houses, 211 sq.m each, (6) Vehicle and pedestrian access to the development will be through the existing vehicular and pedestrian entrance along Castlepark Road. (7) An additional pedestrian access will also be provided to the south of the existing vehicular entrance along Castlepark Road. The development will include all associated site works including hard and soft landscaping and associated parking and bicycle provision, surface water connection and water mains connection.

**Reg. Ref.** D10A/0703

**Application Rec'd.:** 17-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr & Mrs James Lenehan, Altamont, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission for retention of extension to existing house on two storeys, provision of car parking spaces and conversion of car port to garden room.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/071

**Application Rec'd.:** 21-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Martin Doran, Firmbank, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for the erection of a 2-storey dwelling and the provision of a new vehicular entrance off Dalkey Park to access same including all service connections and associated siteworks.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0717

**Application Rec'd.:** 23-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. Timothy & Mrs. Sinead Bouchier-Hayes, 33 Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for an extension to the front and side of the house comprising one storey plus basement; the demolition of existing one-storey extension and a detached shed; adjustments to the boundary wall; the installation of 5 sq.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 a 3.5 metre wide new gate.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10B/0505

**Application Rec'd.:** 23-Dec-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Frank & Elly McCrea, 16, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission to retain the following works: 1. The provision of a ground-floor, side, kitchen extension (5.0 sq.m). 2. The partial conversion of the integrated garage (10 sq.m) into (a) the extended kitchen, and (b) including the provision of a bathroom.

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention .

## PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 46-01 15/11/'10 to 7/1/2011

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0450

**Decision:** Clarification of Add. Info.

**Date:** 19-11-'10

**Applicant Name** Monzio Ltd

**Location** Eurospar, 36-38, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**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/0593

**Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid

**Date:** 15-11-'10

**Applicant Name & Location:** Glencairn Flat Management Ltd., Glencairn Apartment Building, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for 1) relocation of existing vehicular entrance on Harbour Road. 2) General refurbishment and upgrade of hard and soft landscaping including provision of 7 no. additional car parking spaces. 3). Upgrading works to elevations including a rendered plaster finish (also some window replacement) 4) Provision of 3 no. new apartments in a new third floor level (with roof top plant room over.)

**Reg. Ref.:** D10B/0412

**Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention

**Date:** 19-1-'10

**Applicant Name & Location:** Jo Ann Connolly, 43, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for retention is sought for development consisting of a single storey rear extension of 31 sq.m, a single storey garage conversion

to utility room at side of house of 12 sq.m and all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

**Reg. Ref.** D10A/0400      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 22-11-'10  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Niall Dowling, Green Road, to the rear of Sorrento House, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**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/0552      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 26-11-'10  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Turlough O'Donnell, Jamrud, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a change of use from a single residence to 2 detached residences, 2 new entrances, on-site car parking for each residence, associated site works, 16.9 m2 extension, 24.3 m2 floor area reduction and retaining an existing architects studio.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0630      **Decision:** Withdraw Application      **Date:** 30-11-'10  
**Applicant Name & Location:** D & P Charlton, Site at rear of 3 & 4, Belayke, Harbour Road, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a new two storey three bedroom dwelling, new pedestrian entrance off Harbour Road, relocated vehicular entrance and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.** D10A/0584      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date** 15-12-'10  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Catriona O'Brien & Stephen Ryan, Barralee, Hyde Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing single storey garage and the construction of a new two storey extension to the front and to the side of the existing two storey house and for a new rooflight to the existing roof facing North-West and to widen the existing vehicular entrance onto Hyde Road at Barralee, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

**Reg. Ref.** D10A/0589      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date** 14-12-'10  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Conor & Aine O'Hanlon, Dolphin Cottage, 28, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the renovation, alteration and extension. The works will generally consist of the replacement of the existing roof with a new roof to the same profile with a natural slate finish and a new linear rooflight at ridge level; the demolition of existing lean-to extensions to the south east and north west gables; internal alterations and the construction of a new two storey extension to the south east gable to include a new entrance and staircase; the construction of a new single storey extension at lower ground level to the north west gable to include a bathroom and boiler/storage room with an access deck over and side gate and screening to the public road; alterations to the rear facade and window opes to include new windows and balconies; the replacement of doors and windows to the front facade and a new painted railing along the property line and the insertion of two new windows in the north west gable. Application Type: Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0595      **Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Date:** 21-12-'10  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Andrew Heavey & Maria Sweeney, St. Helier's Lodge, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought to: A) demolish and replace the existing single storey over basement dwelling, with a two storey dwelling to the rear of the site. B) to build a new two storey over basement attached dwelling in front. (2 no houses).

**Reg. Ref.:** D10B/0456      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 20-12-'10

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. & Mrs. R. O'Reilly, 47, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for relocation of position of hall door and adjoining window. Alterations to existing windows, New Velux Roof-lights to side and new windows to existing rear extension.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0601      **Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Date:** 21-12-'10

**Applicant Name & Location:** JC Decaux Ireland Ltd., 5, Castle St. Ulverton Rd., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the removal of 3 no. 6 m x 3 m and 1 No. 3m x 2m no. advertising structures, together with the supporting steels, concrete slab and columns, the demolition of an existing dwelling and existing walls including boundary walls to allow for the construction of 2 no. 3 storey mixed use blocks. The Ulverton Road block will consist of 1 no. retail unit and vehicular access to central yard which also contains access to all apartments, 6 no. car parking spaces, bin and bicycle storage at ground floor, 2 no. 2 bed apartments with rear balconies and a Metropole scrolling internally illuminated advertising display at first floor and 2 no. 2 bed apartments with front balconies formed by set back from Ulverton Road. The Castle Street Block will consist of 2 no. retail units at ground floor, 2 no. 2 bed apartments with rear balconies at first floor and 2 no. 1 bed apartments with rear balconies at second floor. This is an area of Architectural Conservation Area.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0608      **Decision:** Request Add. Info.      **Date:** 5-Jan-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Padraig Fitzpatrick, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for demolition of existing 'Southwinds' bungalow and for the construction of replacement bungalow with garden walls, landscaping, drainage, driveways, footpaths and ancillary works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0607      **Decision:** Grant & Refuse Permission      **Date:** 5-Jan-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Aoife & Tony Randles, 3 Dalkey Grove, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** The widening of the front gate, the demolition of a single storey garage to the side and sunroom to the rear and the construction of new 2 storey domestic extension to the side and rear of the existing house, to accommodate new bathroom, kitchen, utility and living accommodation and the fitting of a freestanding solar energy collector.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0614      **Decision:** Request Add. Information      **Date:** 6-Jan-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Glencairn Flat Management Ltd., Glencairn Apartments, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development for the following ; a) relocation of existing vehicular entrance on Harbour Road, b) general refurbishment and upgrade of hard and soft landscaping including provision of 7 no. additional car parking spaces, c) upgrading works to elevations including a rendered plaster finish (also some window replacement), d) provision of 3 no. new apartments in a new third floor level (with roof top plant room over) at existing apartment building.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0658      **Decision:** Declare Invalid (Site Notice)      **Date:** 6-Jan-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** D & P Charlton, Site At Rear Of 3 & 4 Bloyke, Off Harbour Road, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is being sought for the erection of a new two storey three bedroom dwelling, new pedestrian entrance off Harbour Road, relocated vehicular entrance and associated site works in the rear gardens of 3 & 4 Bloyke.

## APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks.8/11/2010 to 7/1/2011

- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0905 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decided:** 12-Nov-'10  
**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission **Location:** Ardrubh Road, Dalkey  
**Proposed Development:** The development will comprise of the construction of 3 no. detached dwelling houses consisting of House A, to be located on the southern portion of the site nearest Ardrubh Road, comprising a 6 bedroom, three storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 523 sq.m.; House B, located in the centre of the subject site, comprising a 5 bedroom, three - storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 374 sq.m; House C, located on the northern portion of the site, comprising a 5 bedroom, three-storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 374 sq.m. The houses are set within the contours of the site with only House A visible from street level at Ardrubh Road. Each house has a north-facing terrace/balcony at ground floor level. Each house is served by 2 no. car parking spaces and connected via an internal driveway to a shared vehicular and pedestrian entrance to be created from Ardrubh Road. The proposed development includes all site development works, services, landscaping and boundary treatments. The development is on a 0.21655 hectare site. **Applicant:** Marie Conlon.
- Reg. Ref.** D10A/0430 **Appeal Decision:** Application Declared Withdrawn on appeal.  
**Decided:** 10-Nov-2010 **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** Site at Torca Road, Dalkey bounded by Elmo Lodge, steps leading to Vico Road and right of way to Knocknacree Road. **Proposed Development:** Planning permission for a two-storey dwelling with balcony and garage. The access to the proposal will be from Torca Road.  
**Applicant:** Helen Scully.
- Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0014 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decided:** 19-11-2010  
**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** Site to the east of Hill House, 11A, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposed Development:** Permission for development comprising the following; to erect a new 3 bed, 2 storey with habitable attic space, detached dormer dwelling house, comprising; 2 no. bedrooms and family room at ground floor level, living, kitchen and dining area at first floor level, and master bedroom suite within habitable dormer attic space. A new detached two storey dormer annex building, containing garage, gym and games room, together with a new entrance gate and access road off the existing laneway, and all associated drainage & site development works. **Applic.:** Michael & Brenda Lennon.
- Reg. Ref.** REF 11509 **Appeal Decision:** Declaration of Non-Exemption. **Decided :**18.11. '10  
**Council's Decision:** Refuse Cert. of Exemption. **Location:** Mount Henry, Torca Rd, Dalkey.  
**Proposed Development:** Old timber fence became unstable and was replaced with a new timber fence, the overall height remains same. **Applicant:** Mount Field Holdings LLC of Delaware USA.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0919 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Decided:** 22-11-2010  
**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove and part of No.1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin  
**Proposed Development:** Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (Reg. Ref:D06A/1808 and PL06D.224130), being the reduction in the number of apartments from 51 no. as approved to 48 no. by the omission of 2 no. 1 bed apartments at first floor level in Blocks A and B (the adjacent 2 bed apartment increase in size), and the omission of 1 no. 2 bed apartment at third floor level Block B (the adjacent 3 bed apartments increase in size). Also proposed is the redistributions of floor

area in Blocks A and B such that 6 no. small 2 bed apartments become 6 no. large 1 bed apartments (52sq.m each) and the surplus floor area will be allocated to adjacent 2 bed apartments, to provide a proposed revised apartment mix in total of 8 no. 3 bed apartments, 28 no. 2 bed apartments and 12 no 1 bed apartments. Also proposed are modifications to elevations of both Blocks A and B by the repositioning of windows to reflect new internal layout changes and the extending of balconies to increase private open space allocation within the development with revisions to landscape design including the children's play area, basement car park ventilation and a new location for the ESB substation. **Applicant** Otranto Properties Ltd.

**Reg. Ref.** D10A/0308 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decided:** 9-Dec-2010  
**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** The White House, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposed 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. **Applicant:** Mrs Iris O'Malley

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0077 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Decided:** 21-12-2010  
**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission for Retention. **Location:** Centra, 11, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposed Development:** Permission for retention is sought for the demolition of a single-storey store at rear and the temporary installation for 3 years of single storey temporary premises as extension to existing retail shop at rear. **Applicant:** Marie Ballyguile Ltd.

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## HUGH LEONARD'S FRENCH CONNECTION



A writer was being interviewed on RTE. I grabbed pen and paper and began to scribble, not making notes about what time he got up, or the hours spent each day getting words on paper.

I was writing a letter of support championing a new beginning, airily giving my views on love with the idea of sending my thoughts to a complete stranger.



*Hugh Leonard*

After the programme I re-read my notes and reality dawned. The content was too personal to send. It seemed intrusive and forward, as my mother - a person keen on manners - might have said. But I felt this person should know I supported them and my words of encouragement would surely be welcome. On the other hand, hadn't this character plenty



*Les Frères Jacques*

of friends and family to offer support? Well known, not only in his town and country, but internationally, a rumour existed that he was not the easiest of people; he could be a bit of a Curmudgeon. What if rage, followed by a smart public riposte, in a national newspaper, was the response to my letter? What indeed? Back then, the internet was in its infancy and I, a 'modern gal', had an e-mail address. My name plus hotmail.com catapulted me into a brave, daring new world. I proudly included it

and posted my letter, without having the writer's full address. I felt it would get there, Dalkey being that kind of place. I had never really doubted myself. A positive response appeared in my e-mail inbox, heralding the start of many, merry lunches with Jack Keyes.

When my move to France loomed, in 2003, Jack knew that I wanted to change direction and write, but was always more interested in discussing French life, especially food. It's fair to say that though he could tell a scurrilous story really well, Jack wasn't the warmest of advisers. (I didn't mind as I already had a champion: Maeve, 'The Queen of the Bookshelves'.)

Jack treated me to a memorable farewell lunch at Les Frères Jacques; I sailed away and began to write about life here in Ariège Pyrénées.

Articles began to be accepted; seeing my work in print was thrilling. Then real fame arrived, with phone calls and e-mails telling me I had been mentioned in the Curmudgeon column.

Jack wrote: "My friend is not only in the early throes of authorship, but has gone the whole cochon, moving with her partner to the 'neck' of France just north of the Pyrenees between the Atlantic and the Med. Now and again, I hear from her to say that another article has been sold, and in between she has been the bride at a village wedding. Janey Shortall is living the dream with a vengeance."



*Pyrenean backdrop*

One of Jack's very last e-mails read; "Keep taking notes. In no time you'll have enough for a book." I did. I have. My kingdom for an Agent.!

**JANE SHORTALL, Ariège**



*Winter scene in Ariège*

## ACROSS

1. "Wise birds"
5. Request
8. Sword
12. Bucket
13. Nap
15. Absorb written material
16. Novice
17. Open-mouthed
18. Backside
19. A period of rising prices and no growth
22. Writing tool
23. Muhammad \_\_\_\_
24. Anagram of "Mean"
26. Plywood layer
29. Spin
31. Blend
32. Bowel cleansing
34. Inebriated
36. Cobras
38. Adolescents
40. Tardy
41. Pentateuch
43. A purposeful surveillance
45. Two short of a dozen
46. Distant
48. Splinter
50. Arid
51. Relative of an ostrich
52. N N N N
54. Flag-waver
61. Agitate
63. First aid attendant
64. Deep sleep
65. Dwarf buffalo
66. French for "Room"
67. At the peak of
68. Transmit

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| 69. It opens a lock | 21. An aromatic ointment           | members                |
| 70. Pestors         | 25. An earthy deposit rich in lime | 49. Mr. Spock's planet |
|                     | 26. Eyeshade                       | 52. Memorable periods  |
|                     | 27. A mathematical statement       | 53. Not a single one   |
|                     | 28. Christopher of "Superman"      | 55. Furniture wood     |
|                     | 29. Mobs                           | 56. Doing nothing      |
|                     | 30. "Come in!"                     | 57. Greasy             |
|                     | 31. Welcome ____                   | 58. Bit                |
|                     | 33. Japanese apricot               | 59. Urban haze         |
|                     | 35. Barbie's beau                  | 60. Faucets            |
|                     | 37. Identical                      | 62. Young boy          |
|                     | 39. The absence of sound           |                        |
|                     | 42. Trumpet                        |                        |
|                     | 44. City in Peru                   |                        |
|                     | 47. League                         |                        |

## DOWN

1. Selects
2. Pause
3. Former Italian currency
4. Motto
5. Seaweed
6. Chair
7. Yachting cap
8. Historical period
9. Cause to continue
10. Lack of difficulty
11. Biblical garden
13. Prominent
14. Spring bloom
20. Run away

**Solution to  
Crossword No. 5  
is on page 32**

## ❖ FEBRUARY 2011 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS ❖

**Wednesday February 2nd at 8 p.m.** Frank Murray will present his lecture *‘The Soldier’s Song and the Restaurant Continentale’* to the Rathmichael Historical Society in The Burton Hall, Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin

**Thursday February 3rd at 8.15 p.m.** Brian Siggins will present his lecture *‘The 1907 Herbert Park Exhibition’* to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission €4.

**Tuesday February 8th at 8 p.m.** Jim Herlihy will speak to the Genealogical Society of Ireland on *‘RIC and Related Police Forces’* in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire - all welcome, contribution €3.

**Wednesday February 9th at 8 p.m.** Pat Sweeney will present his lecture *‘Closed Shipyards in the Dublin Area and Some Historic Ships They Built’* to the Ballybrack-Killiney History Society in the Parochial Hall, St. Alphonsus & Columba Church, Church Avenue, Ballybrack – enter from Killiney Hill Road. Admission €3 includes refreshments.

**Thursday February 10th at 8 p.m.** Diarmaid Ferriter will speak to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society on *‘Is Dev now turning in his grave?’* in the Function Room, The Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin - admission €3.

**At 8.30 p.m.** James Scannell will present his lecture ‘Accidents with Trams and Buses’ to the Enniskerry History Society in The Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow - all welcome, admission €3.

**Wednesday February 16th at 8 p.m.** Jim Rees will present his lecture *‘Captain Halpin of the Great Eastern (and native of Wicklow)’* to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dub Laoghaire - all welcome.

### A BOOK TO READ

#### *Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society Journal No. 20 - 2011*

This is always an excellent annual publication and again this year’s 80-page issue contains a wide selection of articles with *‘The Building of Dun Laoghaire Harbour’* (Colin Scudds), a poem *‘I Remember Dalkey’* (Brendan Henderson), *‘Dundela Rovers A.F.C’* (John Weafer), *‘The Forge at Baker’s Corner’* (Liam Larkin), *‘Dun Laoghaire, Christmas: The Panto’* (Anna Scudds), and *‘The Cottage Home’* (Jim Cantwell) are just some of the articles featured in it, copies of which, price €6, can be obtained locally from The Exchange Bookshop, at monthly meetings of the Society in the Kingston Hotel or from a number of outlets in Dun Laoghaire.

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## SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD NO. 4 (page 30)

**ACROSS** – 1. Owls; 5. Ask; 8. Epee; 12. Pail; 13. Sleep; 15. Read; 16. Tiro; 17. Agape; 18. Arse; 19. Stagflation; 22. Pen; 23. Ali; 24. Name; 26. Veneer; 29. Gyrate; 31. Mix; 32. Enema; 34. Drunk; 36. Asps; 38. Teens; 40. Late; 41. Torah; 43. Vigil; 45. Ten; 46. Remote; 48. Sliver; 50. Sere; 51. Emu; 52. Ens; 54. Nationalist; 61. Roil; 63. Medic; 64. Coma; 65. Anoa; 66. Salle; 67. Atop; 68. Send; 69. Key; 70. Sags.

**DOWN** – 1. Opts; 2. Wait; 3. Lira; 4. Slogan; 5. Alga; 6. Seat; 7. Kepi; 8. Era; 9. Perpetuate; 10. Ease; 11. Eden; 13. Salient; 14. Peony; 20. Flee; 21. Nard; 25. Marl; 26. Visor; 27. Expression; 28. Reeve; 29. Gangs; 30. Enter; 31. Mat; 33. Mei; 35. Ken; 37. Same; 39. Silence; 42. Horn; 44. Lima; 47. Teams; 49. Vulcan; 52. Eras; 53. None; 55. Teak; 56. Idle; 57. Oily; 58. Iota; 59. Smog; 60. Taps; 62. Lad.

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## LORETO ABBEY



Mention Dalkey to visitors or non-resident friends and the name 'Loreto Abbey' springs immediately to their minds. Many thousands of girls have passed through its hallowed doors over the years and it would be unfair, if not impossible, to list the names of those who have progressed to higher things in the academic or business world. Loreto Abbey is officially a member house of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (I.B.V.M.) The Institute was founded in the Seventeenth Century by Mary Ward (1585-1645), who pioneered the higher education of Catholic women. During her lifetime she established schools all over Europe, which are spread over five Continents.

The Irish branch of the Institute was founded by Frances Ball in 1821. She was a native of Dublin. Her first foundation was in Rathfarnham and was called 'Loreto Abbey', which title is taken by all of the schools founded, at home and abroad. The members became known as 'Loreto Sisters'.

Loreto Abbey, Dalkey, as we know it today was founded in 1843. At the time Dalkey had progressed from being 'a small fishing village' and was eventually to have its own Urban District Council and a Town Hall, which villages don't have. Dalkey had also been renowned as the Port of Dublin, long before the present Dublin Port was established.

Along the Dalkey rocky shoreline was a common which Frances Ball immediately recognised as an excellent site for her school. While she negotiated the purchase of this site she rented Bulloch Castle, opposite Bulloch Harbour, where she operated a small boarding and day school from June 1841 to 1843. Frances Ball was her own architect and her castellated building of Dalkey granite was finished and opened on 17th August 1843, as a boarding and day school, which continued unbroken until 1982, when the Boarding School was forced to close owing to dwindling numbers. As the local educational needs grew the Loreto nuns acquired a beautiful mansion next to Loreto Abbey where they opened a Preparatory and kindergarten school as a separate extension to Loreto Abbey. This mansion was located in the grounds of Carrig na Gréine, and provided the necessary conditions for the promotion of physical and intellectual development of the girls attending. Two entrance gates open into the grounds, one within two minutes walk of the tram terminus at Dalkey, and the other at the seaside. The report of this development appeared in the Evening Herald on 19th November 1934.

Early in the 1970's a young man, named Eugene Smyth, joined the staff at Loreto Abbey as Groundsman and was to maintain the entire grounds of the Loreto complex, single handed, for the next 30 years or so. Many of the flower plantings which he did was from either his own garden or those of relatives. Many of the girls who attended Loreto during his period there will remember him with fondness for his gentle manner and willingness to assist them if he could. His dedication to his work there was of a very high standard and was always commented upon especially around the time of the Annual Corpus Christi processions, which started from the Church of the Assumption and took a route down Convent Road to the grounds of Loreto Abbey and then back again to the Church. Sadly, ill health forced his early retirement some years ago and as he battled Cancer he turned to his sister, Tess Smith, for support and care. So well was he thought of at Loreto Abbey that the girls formed a guard of honour and the school choir sang at his Requiem Mass.

Loreto Abbey today has a thriving day school of more than 600 girls, many of whom travel long distances to attend, such is the reputation of the Abbey. The quality of the education imparted there is considered to be excellent, and for the daughters of many former pupils it is the first choice when moving from Primary school to second level.

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## OUR SNOWMAN



During the recent spell of bad weather many of us found it hard to cope with the everyday chores. The first few days afforded us a “Winter Wonderland” but it became a difficult time when we had to venture forth and negotiate treacherous roads and equally bad footpaths. The local shop became a focal point of the area, vulnerable neighbours were identified and checked during the harsh conditions. Papers, groceries, flowers and Christmas trees were delivered and no one was left to want for anything they needed. Our local shopkeeper works very hard and long hours and he is always there for his customers. Not only does he care for them but he looks after them all year round. He brought Christmas cheer and the true spirit of Christmas to our area in good measure! We thank him for his generous and caring nature. We would be lost without him! A very big Thank You to Dessie Conway!

Hillside Resident

*(Name & Address Details with Editor)*

### MY WHEELBARROW by Norah Harte, Dalkey

I asked for a wheelbarrow for my birthday  
But he took little notice of that.  
I never liked scarves, jewels or cakes  
So I just got what I always expected.  
I think he must be jealous of me in my garden  
As I nurture and tend flowers and seeds.  
He wants plenty of hugs and puddings galore.  
In the end I got my new wheelbarrow.  
Over twenty years it has served me well.

But today when I looked it was rusty.  
The single old wheel has loosened and holed.  
I decided to fix it and paint the rust over  
Now, in spite of its age, it goes on before me  
With loads of old clippings, sticks and weeds.  
Thus proudly survives my wheelbarrow and me.





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We made lots of New Year resolutions and we really meant to keep them! Some girls and boys promised to keep their bedrooms tidy, others said they would watch less T.V. this year, and many more promised that they wouldn't eat so many sweets and junk food and that they would exercise more.

During January we checked the senior classes to find out how people were doing with their resolutions. The results weren't too surprising. About half of those we asked were still trying to keep their promises, some had given up after the first few days, and a few said that they made the mistake of trying to do too many things. One teacher said, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again"! She didn't tell us if she had made a resolution herself but, if she did, it was probably to give lots more homework! We hope she doesn't succeed or try, try again!

After all the snow in December, it was lovely to see that the evenings were getting a teeny bit longer each day during January. Everyone was glad to see the rain and it just goes to show that you can get too much of a good thing - even snow! Now Spring has sprung and each year in our school we celebrate the first day of Spring, Lá 'le Bríde, on February 1st. Some classes make a Cros Bhríde with green rushes and we mark St. Bridget's feastday with a prayer service and stories about her life.

Bridget was known as Muire na nGael and she is the most important Irish saint after our patron saint, St. Patrick. We read that she was the head nun in a big convent in Kildare and that she was in charge of monks as well as nuns. It's hard to imagine that happening now.

During February we also celebrate Saint Valentine's Day and we make cards for special people. Homemade cards are better than the shop ones because you can decorate them with as many hearts as you like and write your own Valentine verses on them. Bought cards are very dear and this year people are trying hard to save some of their pocket money for outings like our school tour. Parents always say that they prefer homemade cards and they often keep them so that they can look at them years later when their children are older and have children of their own.

We are really busy with schoolwork like prime numbers and multiples and preparing for our Confirmation on March 15th. Most girls have chosen their Confirmation names now and are learning about the saints whose names they plan to take. People gave many reasons for their choices but the most common one was because they want to be called after someone in their family whom they admire and look up to. Lots of mums, grannies and aunts will be very pleased.

We've entered the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Schools' Poetry Competition which takes place in March, and we hope that someone will be lucky enough to win a prize. Congratulations to Holly O'Shea from fifth class who won an award from DLR CoCo for her amazing Christmas decoration which she made from re-cycled materials.

This term our school will sponsor a past-pupil, Heather Reid, who plans to travel to Australia to work with other students on environmental projects like we do on the Green Schools' Committee. When Heather comes back, she will tell us all about her adventures and what she has learnt during her travels, and we might get some great ideas on how we can improve our own environment in Dalkey.

As you can see, there's lots to look forward to in LPS this Spring.

*Anois teacht an Earraigh, beidh an lá 'dul chun síneadh, buíochas mór le Dia!*

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## THANK YOU!

Dalkey Community Pre School Playgroup would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for making the Christmas Fair such an enormous success! Despite the snow, loads of people braved the weather to get out and support us. It was lovely to see the community come together to support a local cause. We were delighted.

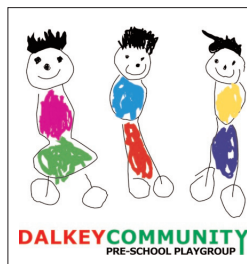
It couldn't have been the success it was if it wasn't for the local businesses that supported us so we'd like to say a huge thank you to the following:

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Thank you everyone who came down and supported us on the day. It was such a brilliant day - everyone had so much fun with the Wheel of Fortune proving to be a big hit. There were queues of people waiting to have a go!

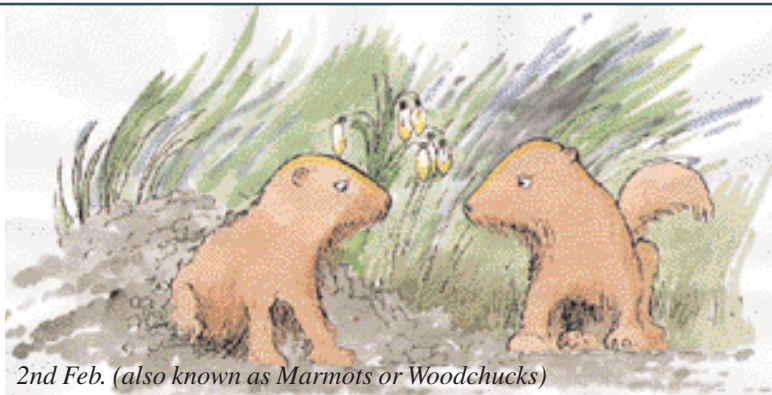
Happy New Year and I hope you all got something lovely from Santa.

**Everyone at the Community Playgroup x**



**What'ya think, buddy?**

**It's Groundhog Day - should we wake up . . . or go back to sleep?**



*2nd Feb. (also known as Marmots or Woodchucks)*



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**Pohnpei** “upon (pohn) a stone altar (pei)” is one of four states in the Federated States of Micronesia and one of the wettest places on earth with annual recorded rainfall in excess of 300 inches. We were part of a group taking part in a fascinating educational voyage, visiting several atolls in the South Pacific Ocean.



*Mango Planting*

Nanumea on Tuvalu atoll has a population of 660, and apart from a handful of government employees, there is no employment. Everyone lives off the land and sea. We approached the shore on Zodiacs, welcomed by serenading villagers who presented us with floral headdresses on landing. An international organisation called **Seacology** has recently built a **Craft Centre for Women** that was due to be officially opened on the day of our visit, complete with ribbon cutting and celebrations. Traditional handicrafts are being made at the Centre to generate Export Income. To show their appreciation, the people of Tuvalu are creating a **Mangrove Reserve** by planting over 1,000 seedlings (provided by Seacology) along the coastline.

We visitors were invited to join in the project, aimed at preserving this low lying island from vanishing beneath the ocean as sea levels rise.

As we walked inland I enquired about bottles hanging in the palm trees. I was told they collect sugary sap that can be given to children when fresh, but is mainly fermented to make **Palm Wine** - a popular alcoholic beverage.



*Collecting sap to make Palm Juice*



*Cooking on Nanumea Atoll*

We arrived at the **Public Meeting House**, a large open sided building that is revered with its own etiquette. i.e. remove shoes, sit only on hand woven floor mats, and do not walk across the building. The ceremony began with speeches from the women, thanking Seacology and inviting us to a banquet of fresh local food including roast pig, chicken, fish, coconut crabs, several versions each of breadfruit, taro, and rice and fresh coconuts to wash it all down. Hygiene was difficult but smiling people wafting palm leaves kept the flies away.



*Music at Nanumea Atoll*

Party time followed with a splendid display of dancing and singing to the beating of drums.



*Roast Pig at Nanumea Atoll*



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St. Valentines Day	Mon. 14 Feb
Sorting of March Newsletter	Fri. 25 Feb
Cuppa for Kitui - Our Ladies Hall 10am to 1pm	Sun. 27 Feb
March DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon. 28 Feb

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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

**Dalkey Players** The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm      Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Contact Caroline Hickey 086-8092850 or check [www.dalkeyplayers.ie](http://www.dalkeyplayers.ie) for details.

**St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey** Northover Hall at 8pm      Mondays & Thursdays  
Contact Deirdre 087-9566460 or check [www.stpatsdramsoc.com](http://www.stpatsdramsoc.com) for further information.

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

### NATURE NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 2011

#### Tuesday 1st February 2011

Ireland's Bat Species - a talk by Tina Aughney (Bat Conservation Ireland).  
Kingston Hotel, 9-12 Haddington Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, 8.00pm.

#### Sunday 6th February 2011

Rogerstown Hide, Donabate. Meet in the car park off Turvey Avenue at 10.30am.

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