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FERAL DOGS ATTACK SHEEP AND DEER

Recent dog attacks around Co. Wicklow have raised concerns among farmers as we enter lambing season, and are a grisly reminder to recreational walkers, and local residents to keep their dogs under control.

According Wicklow Uplands Council, over the last few weeks "there have been two reported incidents close to the village of Aughrim, where newly born lambs were killed and maimed. In both cases, the dogs were found in the midst of the attack and destroyed onsite

"The farming community close to Clara Vale has also recently seen serious incidents involving multiple sheep losses and many young deer killed by two dogs identi-

to the fied as possible hunting dogs that had gone feral, Uplands Council stated.

The two 'feral' dogs are also believed to be responsible for the deaths of over 40 sheep within a the three-mile radius around Vale Trooperstown.

One of the dogs, a black lurcher crossbreed, was shot and killed earlier this month, however at the time of going to press the other, a large tawny lurcher crossbreed, remains at large. The dogs have been feeding

on their kills.

Responsible dog control continues to be a major issue for upland sheep farmers resulting in the loss and serious injury of their flocks and financial and emotional burden that it

As recreational use of the Wicklow Uplands increases, the presence of dogs close to farmland areas and the hills used for sheep farming requires awareness of Responsible Dog Control.

In a statement to



Bife students recently visited Finland as part of their course studies. The trip was financed under the Erasmus scheme and it gives the students the opportunity to work for a number of weeks in a European country and experience the culture and way of life of that country. Pictured I/r are Gabriel Allen Deputy Principal, Kenneth Hanrahan, Anthony Duffy, Kian Wallace, Benny (Bethany) Deans and William Molloy.



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Uplands Wicklow Council said 'Uncontrolled dogs are a serious threat to the livelihood of upland farmers. Dogs loose on the hills cause anxiety within a flock of sheep often causing them to be displaced and getting stuck in rough ground and vegetation. One of the impacts that is often unseen by recreational users is the early abortion of lambs and in the worst incidences dogs directly attack sheep causing them severe injury or

"When a flock is disturbed, the loss of young lambs due to hunger can also occur if they become separated from their mother, the source of essential milk. This is not just a problem for the landowner in terms of their livelihood but it is

death.

Wicklow Times, the also a serious animal welfare issue.

"The problem is not limited to walkers' dogs with damage often being caused by local dogs which stray from neighbouring properties and their owners are unaware of their whereabouts.

Brian Coordinator of Wicklow Uplands Council, added With an estimated 300 -400 attacks occurring nationwide each year which results in up to 4,000 sheep killed or seriously injured, the message of responsible dog control is a very serious one. Sadly, Co. Wicklow experienced several very serious sheep attacks last year and Wicklow Uplands Council continue to highlight the important role that dog owners need to undertake in tackling this issue.'

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What's Happening...

A Night to Remember

A wonderful night of music will take place in the Holy Redeemer Church in Bray on Friday 1st February, 7:30pm (Entry €5). Featuring: Bray Choral Society, Harbour Ukuleles, Serendipity, Classic Harmony, Cheile Choir, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri, and much more! All proceeds in aid of the Caroline Foundation for Cancer Research.

Courthouse Youth Arts Festival

'Travelling Through', the Courthouse Youth Arts Festival, takes place on Saturday 2nd February in Tinahely.

It consists of an Arts Workshop (National School, 10am to 11am, €5; Secondary School, 11:30am-1pm, €5) and a Drama Workshop (National School, 2pm-3pm, E5; Secondary School, $3:30pm-5pm, \in 5$). For more information or booking, call 040238529 or email bookings@courthousearts.ie

First Saturday Book Sale

The February First Saturday Book Sale, which supports the Shankill Old Folks Association, will take place in the Shankill Old Folks Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, between 10am and 1pm on Saturday February 2nd so avail of the opportunity to pick up great reading material. Donations of books, which must be in a good and clean condition, other than school/text books, will be accepted on that day. Photographs and memorial cards found in donated books can be collected at the book sale.

Shankill Classical Music Club

The February meeting will be on the first Wednesday of the month Wednesday 6th. Usual venue: Shankill Old Folks' Centre, Lower Rd, Shankill, 7.45-10.00 pm, (tea and biscuits at the interval). Visitors welcome (€2). Just come along, or see further details of the club on www.shankillclassical.org, or ring or text John on 087-2109175



Peter Byrne and Janna Sobko at the Arklow RNLI's 50th 'Hurry to the Curry' event in the Arklow Bay Hotel.

Arklow 'Arrow' group first walk of 2019

The first Arrow (Arklow Residents Right of Way) group walk of 2019 takes place on Sunday the 3rd of February. The walk will commence at 3pm sharp from outside the Arklow Bay Hotel.

Spokesperson Tommy calling on all our supporters to make the effort to give us an hour of their time to highlight our Rights of Way and the obstacles that have been placed in our

Breen said, "We are Porters Rocks which I consider to be nothing short of a land grab situation. It is impossible for people with limited mobility, walkers, prams etc. to access the area and at this time of year it is a health and safety risk for everyone.

"We have been asking for a response from the planning enforcement department of Wicklow County Council for months since they asked for photographic evidence that people walk regularly along the route and have done for many years. Arrow group members which number close to 2000 people have sent emails and photographs but there has been no

way to Seabank and change as yet.

"There has not been one complaint from holiday makers about local people and tourists walking the route which passes a number of mobile homes and in fact there has been some very positive interaction during the Summer months particularly when Arrow had an afternoon picnic in the area which was attended by the Arklow active retire-

ment group." Residents of the area have seen barriers erected since May 2017 and since Arrow was founded last Summer both groups have attended the group walks in an effort to restore access to the beaches.

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at Wicklow Library

As part of phase 2 of "Healthy Ireland at Your Library" Wicklow library will host a talk given by Kirsten Whelan, Social Prescribing & Well being Co-Ordinator for Wicklow.

The talk is entitled "Your Wellbeing In Your Community", linking people with sources of support within the community.

Social Prescribing is about supporting the health and wellbeing of people by using community based activities and supports, such as art, exercise, reading, and gardening.

Who is it for? The programme is for you if you feel that you need some support to mind your health and wellbeing, or if you feel isolated, stressed, anxious or depressed.

Kirsten will talk to you about what activities interest you, the benefits of participating in them and will assist and support you in attending these activities.

The talk will take place in Wicklow Branch Library at 7pm on Thursday 31st January. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. For more information contact the library @ 0404 67025.

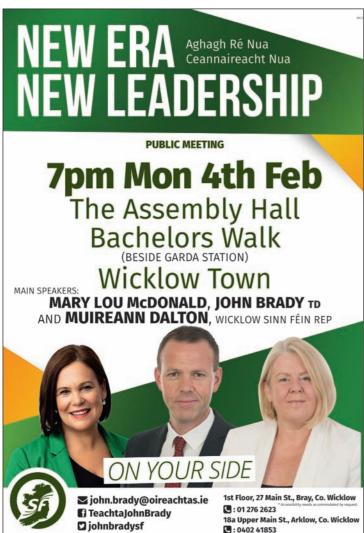
Stacking the coffins

Kilmacanogue History Society presents a Talk on "Stacking the Coffins" by Dr. Ida Milne who has recently written a book on the subject of the Influenza Epidemic of 1918-19.

She is European History Lecturer at Carlow College. 23000 Irish people died in this pandemic and Dr. Milne has included first-hand accounts from people who lived through it and also how it affected the course of Irish history. Venue; Glenview Hotel on Tuesday 5th February '19 @ 8p.m . Admission €4, members









IGS WILL BE SHOT!

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The Department of Rural and Community Development also last week urged dog owners to be responsible, stating that "Dog attacks cause real and serious injury to sheep and have a very negative impact, both financially and emotionally, on the farmers involved and their families. Even quiet, docile dogs can turn into killers, especially if they join other dogs."

Conor Dowling, who covers the Wicklow area as Chief Inspector for the ISPCA, said "Pet owners must to be responsible and ensure the welfare of the dogs, sheep and vulnerable lambs are protected at all times. A dog's natural instinct can be to chase, and even the most docile, well-behaved dog may take part in pack behaviour. Pregnant ewes can be injured in a panic to escape from chasing dogs, often miscarrying their lambs. Or worse, they are fatally injured causing serious suffering and damage and devastation to farmers. Under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 it is an offence not to have your dog under effectual control and local authorities are responsible for enforcing the Control of

Dogs Acts."
P.J. O'Dea is a farmer in the Rathdrum area who along with his neighbours experienced several serious sheep attacks last year, with P.J losing 13 ewes in total in two separate attacks. Speaking to Wicklow

Times, P.J. said concern is now growing again among himself and his neighbouring farmers as lambing season gets close. P.J. has 80 ewes due to give birth in March. He said the dogs responsible for last vear's kills were also a black and brown dog, and that they were never shot. He said it's possible that they are the same dogs responsible for the recent killings around Clara Vale but he couldn't be certain.

"I'd feel a lot better if someone had got them last year," he said. "Every morning now I'm going out hoping that nothing has happened. I've moved my ewes to a different piece of land closer to the house but there's no guarantees. Dogs will travel miles and will go anywhere. They'll do savage damage, especially to ewes if they don't kill them they might make them abort by worrying them. A field of ewes is like a playpen for them, and they'll come back again stopped."

P.J says his message to people is to "keep their dogs under control and know where your dog is. Everyone thinks their own dogs are harmless and innocent, but any dog is capable of doing damage, especially if it teams up with another dog."

Roundwood farmer Sean Malone is a founding and current member of the Wicklow Uplands Council and has been a member of the IFA since 1957. He says he regularly observes hillwalkers with dogs not on a lead startling sheep which leads to the sheep falling down holes and ditches due to the ter-

He told Wicklow Times, "My message to people is to keep their dog on a lead, once it's off the lead it's no longer under control. It can go after anything. As farmers at this time of year we need to be more vigilant, we need to be always on our guard. I've had sleepless nights listening out for dogs. This is our most vulnerable time of year.

"I've seen sheep chased into drains and streams where they drown, I've seen them suffocate from piling on top of each other trying to get away from a dog,

kinds of ways over the years. A lot of damage can be done without the dog killing them directly. If ewes panic their lambs can get twisted up inside them."

Sean believes there should be a ban on all dogs being let off leads on all recreational walkways and hills.

In certain circumstance farmers may be legally entitled to shoot dogs if they are endangering livestock on their property so if you live or walk near a sheep farm, you must ensure your dog is under control and also cannot escape from your property at any time.

The ISPCA is also reminding dog owners that it is a legal requirement that dog are microchipped and puppies once 12 weeks of age. It is important dogs are also vaccinated and neutered/spayed which are key components to responsible pet



Pictured: Katie Hawthorne and Anne Mordaunt at the Arklow RNLI's 50th 'Hurry to the Curry' event in the Arklow Bay Hotel

Roundwood Variety Group Presents Cinderella

Cinderella is coming to the Brockagh Resource Centre in Laragh from the 1st of Feb to the 3rd of Feb presented by the fabulously entertaining Roundwood Variety Group.

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Enrol at Ballycoog National School

Ballycoog National School is now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants and limited spaces in other classes available.

New Preschool also opening on the grounds of the school in September. Prospective parents are welcome to make an appointment to view the school and

For more please call 040235511. You can also find out more about the school at www.facebook.com/ballycoogns





Pictured at the Fianna Fail selection convention in Baltinglass were Stephen Donnelly TD, Patsy Glennon, Cllr Pat Doran, John Mullen, and Pat Caseu TD.

Fianna Fáil in Baltinglass selects three candidates

Cllr Pat Doran, John Mullen and Patsy Glennon were last week unanimously selected to represent Fianna Fail for the Baltinglass Municipal District in the local elections.

Convention took place in All three bring a wealth Baltinglass Wednesday 23rd January, ment and talent and is a and sitting Cllr Pat Doran. Community activist and Parliamentary Assistant to Pat Casey TD John Mullen from Tinahely, and retired Guard and barrister Patsy Glennon the many areas of confrom Hollywood were selected unanimously to contest the six seat local electoral district.

strongest teams we have village needs and the clowhich is known as West areas along with ongoing Wicklow with the addi- planning and community tion of the South West rural area of Tinahely.

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on of experience, commitgrowth in the county," declared Fianna Fail TD Pat Casey

"I will work closely cern to the people of the District, from the danger-"This is one of the address each town and

Selection Shillelagh and Carnew. unturned and no door will be left un-knocked in the coming weeks and months as this dynamic very healthy sign of Fianna Fáil team and Fianna Fail's continued their supporters continue to meet local communities and residents to discuss their concerns."

Speaking at the conwith this team to address vention John Mullen remarked "I Joined Fianna Fail in 1992, Kevin Barry Cumann ous situation with the UCD and Tinahely N81, an action plan to Cumann in Wicklow, I am 26 years card carrying. I have served at ever selected in this area sure of services to rural nearly all levels in the party, as an advisor to Joe Jacob, a researcher for the Parliamentary "No stone will be left Party and a National

> 'Patsy Glennon from Hollywood has served the community in West Wicklow as a member of the Guards in a distinguished career and is also a barrister. I also look forward to working closely with him in the months ahead."

Organiser over the years,

my fellow members".

and now am humbled to be a candidate chosen by

"Pat Doran and the

Doran Family have

served the people for over 35 years. Pat first

elected in 1985 has been

an excellent councillor

in the tradition of the

great Paudge Brennan.

Pat Doran is a republi-

can that I have can-

vassed for and supported

and am delighted now to

be his running mate.

Health has always been

a key area where Cllr

Doran worked and in

Community Care and

South Wicklow Hospice

are areas where Pat can

particular

take much credit.

Carnew

"In case people think that we cannot achieve a great result here, I would like to remind people that only a few years ago, back in early 2016, very few people thought FF could win back a Dáil seat, but with Pat Casey and the people in this room we did win back a seat and I now work with him as his Parliamentary assistant. Since then Stephen Donnelly has joined and we now have two excellent TD's working hard for all the people of Wicklow

ELECTION RACE HEATS UP IN GREYSTONES DISTRICT

The local election campaigns in Greystones Municipal District have well and truly kicked off with Sinn Fein and Fine Gael announcing their candidates at selection conventions last week.

Minister for Health Simon Harris proposed Alice O'Donnell and Cllr Grainne McLoughlin proposed Derek Mitchell. Cllr McLoughlin will not be seeking re-election and was thanked for her work on many aspects of life in the area including

She also represents the Committee.

for eight years and her have learnt about the paigns and have secured work in the area of dis- importance of good planability has inspired her to ning through my involveseek this new opportunity. ment with Delgany Community Council. We Greystones area on the need to act now on cli-Joint Policing Committee mate change with short help ensure public safety. and the Children and term, measureable actions Young People's Services as well as long term plan-

funding for footpath, road repairs and a tree maintenance fund and I'm part of a committee to help get CCTV for Greystones to

"I fought against the water charges and have ning. While people can headed the campaign



Cllr Derek Jmitchell and Alice O'Donnell with Minister Simon Harris at the Fine Gael Selection Conventon for Greystones

the commemoration of the 1916 gun running in Kilcoole. Cllr McLoughlin, after retiring, will continue her community work with Greystones 2020, La Touche Legacy, and other

projects. Čllr Mitchell said he was keen to keep working to provide a better train and bus service for Greystones and Kilcoole, to keep the pressure on to improve the N11, to bring more jobs to the area, to complete the Harbour scheme and Public Park.

"I am also keen to encourage walking and cycling to school and the DART by providing safer paths," he said.

A native of Portlaoise. Alice O'Donnell has been living in the Greystones area since 1998 and has been heavily involved in community affairs. She served as chairperson of local autism support group, Triple A Alliance

O'Donnell said "If make powerful changes at along with my Sinn Féin elected to Wicklow an individual level there County Council I will is a need for strong leadwork hard to make the ership at council level and Greystones, Kilcoole, nationally in terms of sus-Delgany and Newcastle area an even better place in which to live and raise a family. We need better community facilities, improvements in public again for the party. transport and roads, as Cllr Lawless, the curtransport and roads, as well as safe cycling and rent Cathaoirleach of walking routes to school for our children. I hope to see the IDA site developed to provide employment in Greystones, to reduce commuting time and to increase quality of life for those who would be able to work locally.

work with the Public Participation Network showed me the value of people having their say and I will ensure that I and seek their views. I community groups, cam-

tainable planning.'

Meanwhile sitting Sinn Féin Councillor Nicola Lawless was last week formally selected to run

Grevstones Municipal District, was first elected back in May 2014 as the first ever councillor for Sinn Féin in the Greystones District.

Speaking after the convention Cllr Lawless said "I am very humbled and "The people who live honoured to be selected here deserve to be con-sulted about decisions that in the 2019 Local will affect their lives. My Elections which take place on May 24th. Since being elected I have represented the people of the Greystones District to the best of my ability. I have communicate with locals been involved in many

colleagues in Wicklow to get a GP out of hours service for North Wicklow and will continue to do so until it is up and running.

"If elected again I will continue to work hard and represent the people of the Greystones District and Wicklow."

Cllr Lawless concluded "I intend to go out and give it my all for this election, having a Sinn Fein councillor in Grevstones over the past five years has given the people a real alternative voice to Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael and I will continue to do so. Thank you also to TD John Brady for his continued support over the last 4 and half years and all our members in Wicklow. We will have a very strong team of Sinn candidates Wicklow for the local elections this year and we are aiming to take all our





Cllr Nicola Lawless (centre) was selected by Sinn Fein to run in the Local Elections.

COUNTY COUNCIL HOMELESS POLICY SLAMMED!

- Homeless families put back on the street -

Sinn Féin TD John Brady and Councillor Dermot O'Brien have sharply criticised a policy operated by Wicklow County Council in the provision of part-time emergency accommodation for vulnerable families in

The policy of only However when it comes children and who is 19 resort. So the council are offering emergency accommodation to families in homelessness for three or four nights a week is in operation by the Council and where the families spend the remainder of the week is families are experiencing. not a consideration of the also splitting families up in some cases were accommodation cases they only offer it to the mother and children, but not the father.

Sharply criticising the policy Deputy Brady said "Unfortunately homelessness in Wicklow and across the State is continuing to grow. Between the council won't provide January and November 2018, there were 594 homeless presentations to Wicklow County Council: this included 338 families

to providing emergency accommodation to these very vulnerable families the policies operated by the council are totally unacceptable and add to the trauma and hardships

"There is no consistencouncil. The council are cy to whom emergency accommodation is offered to, and a new policy which the council have offered. In a number of adopted for some of those who are lucky enough to be offered emergency accommodation sees the council only offering the accommodation for a few nights a week. The families are forced back onto the street for the nights accommodation.

"I have worked with a number of families who

weeks pregnant and is emergency accommodation has had her accommodation cut from 7 nights a week to 4 nights. Two other families were forced to rotate the use of a B&B. The council would only provide 4 nights in it for one family and three for the other. This was rotated on a weekly basis.

this disgraceful policy the council said that they encourage the families to go back to other family members for the nights that they are out of the of a support intervention emergency accommoda- is to give a clear sense to tion. This is simply not an option for many families they are worthy of that for a multitude of reasons. support. The absence of

"Presenting as homeless to the council is a difficult have been at the receiving thing for anybody to do dren. The absence of end of this policy. One and having tried every 636 children. homeless mum with 3 other option it's a last

literally throwing families back out onto the street each week. It gives no stability to the vulnerable families or the children who from one week to another don't know where they will be, they are continuously living out of suitcases or bags.

Sinn Féin Councillor Dermot O'Brien who is a member of the council "When challenged on Housing Strategic Policy Committee said "It is our role, our responsibility, our obligation to support the most vulnerable in our society. A critical element those who are in need that worth has a devastating impact, especially on chilworth brings shame which is our most destructive



emotion because it corrodes the very part of us that believes we are capable of change.

"Hard enough as it might be to feel that you are not worthy of a house in the Ireland of 2019 but to add insult to injury you are only worthy of 'emergency' support for a certain number of days in the week. How do we reconcile that as a society? As a council? As a housing SPC? How do we imagine a young person manages the impact of that situation alongside all of the other challenges in their life? The trauma of a daily reminder that you are in emergency accommodation is compounded by the weekly reminder that vou are only worthy of this support for a limited number of days. There is a very real danger that some of the policies of today will become the mental health issues of tomorrow. It we don't place dignity and empathy at the heart of every intervention, we run the risk of creating a future generation who will judge us harshly. We are in a crisis and we must decide whether to throw out the safety net for those who are most at risk or write them off and ride the storm. Part of our current problem is that the safety net is full of holes and it seems that our national government is taking zero responsibility in supporting local authorities to move beyond the faulty safety net solution to the housing crisis.'

Cllr O'Brien went onto say "As a policy this is an attack on the most vulnerable families in our county. It is not sustainable; it lacks compassion and does not appear to be solution focussed.

"In my short time on the Housing SPC I have not been part of discussions about this policy. As an action that has created trauma and runs

the risk of making people partmore vulnerable than they already are, the question needs to be asked as to whether the Housing SPC endorses this model of intervention? I look for- ded "The homeless policies ward to posing that question at the meeting in

meantime it is my view

that if a family is not on

board with the option of

time emergency accommodation as part of a solution for them, the imposition of it needs to stop immediately."

Deputy Brady concludoperated by Wicklow County Council need to early February. In the be immediately changed and brought in line with national policy, the notion that someone can be treat-

ed as part-time homeless is absurd. Unfortunately my concerns to the council on their policies have gone unanswered; I have raised the issue directly with the Minister. The Sinn Féin Council team in Wicklow also plan on raising it at council level in an attempt to bring an end to these



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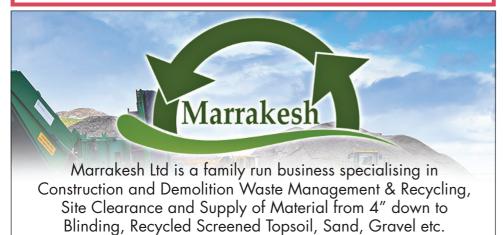




Voices of Bray Community Choir present cheque to Lakers

Voices of Bray Community Choir presented a cheque for €2,620 to Lakers, the proceeds of their 4th Annual Christmas Concert which took place in St. Fergal's Church in Bray on Sunday 9th December. Fionnuala Downes accepted it on behalf of Lakers and thanked the choir for their generosity and continued support.

Under the direction of John Ivory, and accompanied by Justin McCann on piano, the programme featured Christmas and seasonal favourites old and new and the choir also sung the repertoire it performed at the North Wales Choral Festival in early November. As in Wales the performance was very well received by the audience. Voices of Bray has now raised over €50,000 for local charities in the six years since its foundation. They will perform three summer concerts in the Mermaid Arts Centre from 6th - 8th June 2019. Pictured above are (L to R): Mary Butler, Fionnuala and Cian Downes and John Ivory



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WAITING LISTS FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SLAMMED

Social Democrats councillor Jennifer Whitmore last week criticised the Minister for Health as children are left on long waiting lists for mental health

Cllr Whitmore was speaking after the release of figures to Social Democrats Co-Leader Deputy Roisin Shortall from the HSE, which showed that many children are left waiting over a year to access mental health services.

Cllr Whitmore said These figures are absolutely shocking, for all of their talk about investing in mental health the government have allowed these lists to grow to a disgraceful extent."

"The documents that were obtained show that more than 6,000 children are waiting nationally for community psychology services and over 1.500 have been forced to wait a year. In addition, 286 children have been waiting over a year to access Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) which provides multidisciplinary support for children and families facing mental health issues. Community Health Organisation Area 6, of

has the third highest waiting list in the country, with 321 children waiting for CAHMS support. We are failing these children and their families.

Cllr. Whitmore went on to point out the importance of early intervention for child and adolescent mental health.

"Parents who have taken the positive step of seeking assistance for a child who is having difficulty are having the door closed in their face. If a referral is made for talk therapy, it is crucial that it is followed through on in a timely manner so that conditions are not allowed to deteriorate. We should be treating mental health like physical health and not allowing conditions to worsen to a point where emergency interventions are needed. It makes sense to fund these services so that less costly and complex interventions are not needed earlier.'

Referrals for the spe-

increased by over 20% since 2012. Developing Mental Health services remains a priority for Government, reflected by the additional 55 million for mental health this year which brings overall HSE mental health funding to nearly 1 billion in 2019.

The total number of children on CAMHS Waiting List was around 2,560 at end November 2018. The HSE has prioritised improving Access to CAMHS and reducing waiting lists nationally, particularly those over 12 months. Agreed improvements include better out-ofhours and 7/7 day cover, progression of Day Hospital care, improved Prevention and Early Intervention services at Primary Care level, and the development of great potential around new emental health and digital on-line supports.
Minister Harris stated:

'I am very pleased to confirm that South Co Wicklow has one of the cialist CAMHS service first pilot schemes for the new Telecouselling in the country. This pilot sees GPs in the area using a new system of referral. Where they identify a patient who may potentially benefit from counselling to address mild to moderate mental health difficulties are being offered the opportunity to avail of free online counselling at location of their choice. Key reassurance is that CAMHS cases clinically assessed as urgent are seen as a matter of priority. I will, in conjunction with the HSE, work to improve links and reduce waiting list for both the CAMHS service and for Primary Care Child Psychology services. In fact, my colleague Jim Daly TD, Minister for Mental Health and Older People met with all nine HSE CHOs on Wednesday last, 23 January, to review progress on CAMHS improvements, including waiting lists in

No guarantees on impact of Children's Hospital overspend on other health projects

Fianna Fail Spokesperson on Health Stephen Donnelly has said the Taoiseach is speaking prematurely when he promised that all health projects would still go ahead, despite the massive overspend on the planned National Children's Hospital.

Deputy Donnelly explained, "Taoiseach claimed that no health projects would be cancelled to meet the €1.73 billion construction cost. However he did admit that some projects will have to be delayed while Department of Health raises additional funds. A further 100 million euro will be needed this year alone.

"It's completely unrealistic to imply that these huge cost overruns won't have a massive and permanent effect on our health service. Just yesterday I got response to Parliamentary Question from the Department of Health which clearly stated that the HSE is still developing its Capital Plan for 2019. In words, it's

impossible to say which new Children's hospital areas will be deprived of

"We also have no remember just how much money is being spent here. Back in April 2016 we were told that National the new Children's Hospital later that price had spiralled to 1.73 billion. While the Government is spending money like that, there is absolutely no guarantee that other health projects won't be cancelled", concluded Deputy Donnelly.

Sinn Féin TD John Brady has called on the Minister for Health Simon Harris to immediunknown how much ately state what impact Primary Care Centre in money will be spent and the runaway budget of Arklow is currently at immediate clarity."

will have on projects in Wicklow.

"The projected cost guarantee that the €1.73 overrun is at best a fiasbillion price will not rise co, and at worst, an further. It's important to example of gross incompetence on the part of government and those overseeing the project.

'What is most worrying is - despite the fact that this overrun is set to would cost €650 mil- blow a hole in capital lion. Just over two years budgets for years to come - that nobody appears to be willing to take responsibility for it. There is also massive concern in communities across the State and here in Wicklow about how the overspend will impact on them and on commitments made to fund projects that are badly needed.

"The long awaited

where. Therefore it's 1.7bn to construct the design stage and is making slow but welcome progress. The Taoiseach has stated that the Children's Hospital overrun requires a reprofiling of about €100m worth of capital expenditure this year. So the Minister for Health needs to immediately state if projects such as the Arklow Primary Care Centre will be curtailed or delayed.'

Arklow Sinn Féin Councillor Mary McDonald said "There are a lot of concerns in Arklow that this long awaited project will be pushed back as a result of Government incompetence. Any delays to the Arklow Primary Health Care Centre will not be tolerated. The Minister needs to bring

New mental health tele counselling service to be piloted in South Wicklow

A Parliamentary Question tabled by Sinn Féin TD John Brady has revealed that a new tele counselling service, which would see GPs having the option to refer their patients with mild to moderate mental health difficulties to an online counselling service, is to be piloted in South Wicklow

Speaking on this TD present in front of the John Brady stated "I cautiously welcome the piloting of this tele counselling service in South Wicklow, especially if it alleviates some of the chaotic waiting times in sionals to carry out that mental health services distress to people of the county. When people are much more difficult to suffering it is imperative that they get the help they need quickly, and this project may assist some people to access that.

to be a strong accountmechanism present for this pilot pro-ject. When people are HSE what progress

professional for counselling, it is obvious that they are accessing the help they need. So the priority should be the investing in more profesone to one work. With a that are causing much remote service like the one proposed, it would be spot if someone has slipped through the cracks. As this is new ground being tested with regard to mental health "However there needs intervention, monitoring of the pilot project must be of the highest stanreports they are doing on with the HSE to monitor the project, and I will be the progress of the pilot maintaining close contact project."

Pictured: Wicklow County Hurler of the Year Warren Kavanagh from Gleanealy with Butch,

Catriona, Lee and Collette Kavanagh at the Garden County GAA All Star Banquet in the Arklow

2 Purcell Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow



Potential for development of 343 houses in Ashford

A 57.97-acre land holding in Ashford has been placed on the market by Savills Ireland with a guide price of €13.5m and has the potential for the development of 343 houses.



The lands are situated in a sought after residential location on the eastern side of Ashford Village, between the R772 road and the M11 Motorway approximately 44km south of Dublin City Centre and 6km north west of Wicklow Town

The majority of lands are located within the boundary of the Ashford Town Plan 2016 - 2022, with approximately 28.5 acres zoned for residential development, and a further 18.63 acres zoned for strategic land reserves. A feasibility study prepared by Darmody Architecture outlines the potential - subject to planning permission - for a development comprising 343 houses.

The lands previously formed part of the curtilage of Inchanappa House - a protected structure which does not form part of the sale. Access to the lands is from the R772 main road which travels through Ashford village. A secondary access point is located on the southern boundary of the site.

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Pictured with Terry Kavanagh at the party celebrating 25 years of Roundwood Lotto were some of the original volunteers from 25 years ago; Lucy Molloy, Louis Cullen and Margaret Traynor.

ROUNDWOOD LOTTO CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

On Friday 18th January, the community in Roundwood and surrounds held a party to celebrate the great success of their local Lotto. Before the party, at the AGM of the Lotto, a presentation was made to local man Terry Kavanagh for his unbelievable commitment to the Lotto over the 25 years.

Terry and indeed his wife Tina and his children, gave of their time for most of the Saturday and Sunday evenings in the long history of the Roundwood Lotto. Terry

himself, although not a the club was in the fortu- each ticket for the weekly weekend.

Roundwood and District portion of this land to need for extra play areas Athletics Club decided WCC, who will build a and the Lotto funding has that Lotto in Roundwood Community Playgroup on provided for these. On

was the way to go. Funds it. The club sees this as a top of all this, over the

drinker, probably is the nate position to purchase draw and of course to man you are most likely a piece of land from the Terry Kavanagh. The meet in the diocese, next door to the Lotto enabled the school Roundwood pubs any GAA club, with a view to to build their recent veekend. having their own track extension to a much high-It was started way back and facilities. To add to er spec. As the school this the club are giving a has grown, so too has the



Pictured at the party celebrating 25 years of Roundwood Lotto were Tom

Fee and Emma Wolohan.

SECTION 10 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 2004 SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT AT ROAD WORKS

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL MHANTÁIN

Manor Kilbride (R759), Blessington, Co. Wicklow **ROAD WORKS SPEED LIMIT ORDER NO. 1 OF 2018**

Road Works on the Manor Kilbride (R759), Blessington, Co Wicklow, are due to commence to complete necessary surfacing works

Notice is hereby given that in exercise of the powers vested under Section 10 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004, and in the interest of safety, it is necessary to make a Road Works Speed Limit Order, in respect of the area where the works are to be carried out.

Subject to the Road Works Speed Limit Order No. 1 of 2018, 50 kilometres per hour shall be the Road Works Speed Limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on the roads as specified in the First Schedule hereto. These special speed limits to apply from Wednesday, 30th January 2019, until Friday, 31st May 2019, or such earlier date as may be determined by Wicklow County Council.

FIRST SCHEDULE

50 kilometres per hour shall be the Road Works Speed Limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on the roads as specified hereto.

- 1. The Sally Gap road (R759) from its junction with the Manor Kilbride road (L4372) to a point 70 metres south east of its junction with the Ballyfolan road (L4382).
- The Tinode road (R759) from its junction with the Manor Kilbride road (L4372) to a point 45 metres north of its junction with the Manor Kilbride road (L4372).
- The Manor Kilbride road (L4372) from its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759) to a point 41 metres south of its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759).
- The Lisheen road (L8383) from its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759) to a point 50 metres north of its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759).
- The Lisheen (Kilbride) link road (L8385) from its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759) to a point 50 metres north west of its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759).
- The Ballyfolan road (L4382) from its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759) to a point 30 metres north east of its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759).
- The Banks road (L97591) from its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759) to a point 30 metres south west of its junction with the Sally Gap road (R759).

Allyson Minion, Administrative Officer, Transportation and Roads, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow.

SECTION 10 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 2004 SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT AT ROAD WORKS

Coolkenno (R726), Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow

ROAD WORKS SPEED LIMIT ORDER NO. 2 OF 2018

Road Works on the Coolkenno (R726), Shillelagh, Co Wicklow, are due to commence to complete necessary surfacing works.

Notice is hereby given that in exercise of the powers vested under Section 10 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004, and in the interest of safety, it is necessary to make a Road Works Speed Limit Order, in respect of the area where the works are to be carried out.

Subject to the Road Works Speed Limit Order No. 2 of 2018, 60 kilometres per hour shall be the Road Works Speed Limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on the roads as specified in the First Schedule hereto. These special speed limits to apply from Wednesday, 30th January 2019, until Friday, 31st May 2019, or such earlier date as may be determined by Wicklow County Council.

FIRST SCHEDULE

60 kilometres per hour shall be the Road Works Speed Limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on the roads as specified hereto.

The Shillelagh Road (R725) from a point 296 metres south east of its junction with the Balyconnell Road (L3252) to a point 1,272 metres south east of its junction with the Ballyconnell Road (L3252).

Allyson Minion, Administrative Officer, Transportation and Roads, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow.

raised would be divided way of giving back to the years, the Lotto has proequally between RDAC community who have vided funding for new and St. Laurence's supported the Lotto over floor covering for the National School in the years. AnneMarie school, for Ipads and linx

Roundwood. with representatives from School, said at the both recipients and they were united in their praise for Terry and the Lotto. Pat Molloy, Chairperson of RDAC said the funding from the Committee. She thanked Lotto helped the club on so many levels. The Holt, the school secretary, funding enabled the club who disperses the tickets to keep registrations at a on a Monday amongst the low cost and they funded all entries to competi-Thanks to the Lotto funding, in 2015

Morris, Deputy Principal Wicklow Times spoke of Roundwood National presentation to Terry Kavanagh, that the school has benefitted enormously from the fantastic work of the hard working Lotto everyone including Chris participating pupils, those who buy the tickets and those who meet each Sunday night to check

devices, for whiteboards and projectors as well as many extra curricular activities. All in all the Lotto has

had total sales of €2,844,425 over the years and after allowing for winnings and all the usual expenses that go with such an endeavour, RDAC and Roundwood National School have, in total, been the happy recipients of €719,705.00 each over the time of Lotto



Pictured at the party to celebrate 25 years of Roundwood Lotto were Tracy Burne and Esther McGurk.

2018 THE MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR SO FAR FOR 'PURE'

For the last two years, 2017 and 2018, Pure has seen a reduction in the amount of see that we are noticing illegal dumping in the Wicklow/Dublin Uplands with 2018 recording the lowest an annual reduction in amount of illegal dumping collected in the uplands since the project started in 2007.

including, Department 2008 and being appalled absolutely no room for of Communications, at the amount of illegal complacency, and it is

the been made since the mattresses, furniture, with many organisations Wicklow/Dublin project was established, toys, bed frames and stakeholders, Uplands in 2007 and however, there is

domestic waste, all from the Wicklow/Dublin Uplands.

The Pure Truck is on the road every day, and since the project was established. Pure has collected over 3,250 tonnes of rubbish from over 11,000 illegal dumping sites in the Wicklow/Dublin Uplands and have received 11,750 reports to the Pure office. If you were to put all this rubbish into standard household rubbish bags, you would fill over 400,000 bags. If you lined up each of the bags that Pure has removed from the landscape, they would stretch all the way from Dublin to Dingle.

Ian continued "We have been recording and mapping every location and incident of illegal dumping in the Wicklow/Dublin Uplands since 2007 working hard to build up a base-line-data of all illegal dumping activities in the uplands, and we are delighted to

dumping."
Pure believe that by using a multi-disciplinary approach, incorporating a number of preventative measures, covert CCTV operations,

media/PR campaigns, public awareness campaigns, community projects, such as the Pure Mile, and educational initiatives, the project has finally seen a marked reduction in illegal dumping Wicklow/Dublin Uplands.

The Pure Mile has been a tremendous success with over 220 areas involved in 2018 and over 1.000 volunteers helping to cleanup the uplands, with more groups getting involved in this years Pure Mile Project.

In both 2018 and 2017, Pure installed covert CCTV units at several upland sites which were continually affected by dumpers, the footage obtained clearly identified people involved in both littering, and illegal dumping.

This footage resulted in a number of people



Pictured: Orla and Tommy Annesley at the Arklow RNLI's 50th 'Hurry to the Curry' event in the Arklow Bay Hotel.

receiving litter fines, confident that the local orating with, Wicklow December 2018, involv- this year. ing large scale illegal dumping, resulted in a with our Covert CCTV criminal prosecution and Operations in 2019 and large fine. A number of a number of locations other cases involving that are continually people caught on covert affected by illegal CCTV are currently dumping have already under investigation by been selected for moni- DUMPERS Wicklow Council, and Pure are say.

"We will continue County toring," Ian went on to DUMPING LO-CALL
Pure are say. "We will be collab-

and one case brought authority will proceed County Council, Coillte, before the courts in with court prosecutions and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and we are determined to catch those involved in illegal dumping and further reduce this environmental scourge.'

REPORT



Climate Action and dumping that I saw. In vital that we continue to Environment, Wicklow County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, amount of dumping we Coillte, National Parks ever collected. & Wildlife Service, and September 2006.

Ian Davis, Manager of

2008 Pure removed 436 tonnes of illegally dumped waste from the uplands, the largest

driving amount of progress has 13 tonnes of dumped

we will see a return to the old days January 2019 is prov-

ing to be a very busy time for Pure. The post-"Ten years later, in Christmas period has the Wicklow Uplands 2018, we removed 160 seen a lot of dumping in Council and was tonnes, which is a reducthe county with Pure officially launched in tion of over 60%, the receiving over 70 lowest amount we ever reports in first three removed from the weeks of January, with Pure commented, "I upland areas. A huge the truck removing over

monitor the situation, or,



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Pictured: Camogie Player of the Year Jessie Byrne from Knockananna, with Assumpta Byrne, Ciara Byrne, and Ciara Stokes, at the Garden County GAA All Star Banquet in the Arklow Bay Hotel.

Primary schools called on to enter the 2019 Our World Irish Aid Awards

Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Ciarán ing and reusing waste, Cannon, TD, is calling on all \bar{W} Icklow primary schools pupils to take part in this year's Our World Irish Aid Awards.

The Awards, which are now in their 14th year, invite children to create projects about the challenges facing children in developing countries and the role played by Ireland, through Irish Aid, the Government's programme for overseas development.

Speaking at this year's launch, Minister Cannon said: "There are 7.6 billion people in the world; 617 million young people who do not have basic mathematical, reading and writing skills; 57 million primary school aged children are not able to go to school. You quickly see why it is essential that Ireland continues to play a proactive role in overseas development and meeting the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development."

This year's theme 'Leave No One Behind'

reminds us that each and

7.6 billion citizens counts. 13 million tonnes of plas-

Development Goals and marine life and eco-systems, pupils will be learn-Tanzania. Dunia Designs, tic that makes its way into run by Irish expats

Nations Sustainable harming local and global Cronin, is an eco-friendly design company that specialises in the upcycling every one of the world's ing about an Irish Aid of plastic bottles, plastic supported project in the bags and other waste to In a bid to combat the northern highlands of create beautiful and functional indoor and outdoor furniture and construction our oceans every year, Evanna Lyons and Alexis materials, not only divert-



Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Ciarán Cannon, launching this year's Our World Irish Aid Awards. Pic: Andrew Downes.

but also creating incomes for local families who otherwise would not have the opportunity to work and earn an income to support the wider family

All entries will be assessed on their creativity, understanding of the theme and their impact. Sixty projects that illustrate strengths across these three areas will receive an 'Our World Irish Aid Award' plaque at regional awards ceremonies in May, and twelve top entries will win a place at the final awards ceremony in June. where the overall winner will be presented with an 'Our World Irish Aid Awards' trophy. There will be additional awards for Teacher of the Year and Best Newcomer School.

Registration for the programme is now open and the deadline for entries is Friday 5 April

DISAPPOINTMENT **FOR LORETO PUPIL AS TED TALK CALLED OFF OVER FIRE FEARS**

Fianna Fáil health spokesperson Stephen Donnelly has said he's extremely disappointed on behalf of a Loreto Bray schoolgirl whose Ted talk in Dublin's Mansion House was cancelled last week amid fire safety fears.

explained, "Fifth year student Jenny Salmon from Loreto Bray was due to deliver a speech on Tuesday afternoon that was being filmed as part of an online series of educational Ted Talks. However smoke was detected shortly before lunchtime in the Round Room of the Mansion House and members of the public were immediately evacuated from the area. They were initially relocated in the adjoining 'Fire Restaurant' while two tenders from the Dublin Fire Brigade arrived on the scene, but they were later asked to leave the premises. "Speculation was rife

that the smoke was coming from the electrical wiring in the Mansion House. It had been heavily used the day before when the venue had hosted the official State commemorations marking 100 years since the first public sitting of Dáil Éireann. However that was never confirmed. What is certain is that the fire fighters made the right decision to err on the side of caution. It's very disappointing for Jenny and all the other students who've worked



Loreto pupil Jenny Salmon with Stepehn Donnelly TD

hard on their speeches but soon. Out of 300 entries, it's always better to be just 15 were chosen to be safe than sorry.

Conor Reale, who's the Parliamentary Education Officer in the Oireachtas. It was Conor who started the Ted Ed Club which helps Irish students create short video lessons and he's assured me that the talks will be rescheduled concluded Donnelly.

recorded. Jenny's talk "I've spoken to the focuses on the human organiser of the event, cost of mobile phones, especially on those who mine some of the metal components. It's a shame we didn't get to hear this week. But it will no doubt be just as good when the event finally takes place,"

Have your say on Heritage Plan

A public consultation on the development of a new national heritage plan - Heritage Ireland 2030 - has been launched and the people of Wicklow are being invited to have their say.

The plan recognises the vital role heritage plays in our community, our economy and our society and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is inviting the public's views to help shape the priorities for Ireland's heritage for the next 10 years.

Ms Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer with Wicklow County Council, said: "It is important that the voices of individuals, groups and communities in Wicklow are heard through this process. Heritage 2030 offers an opportunity to build on some of the achievements and partnerships developed through the County Wicklow Heritage Plans in recent years, empowering local communities to play an active part in managing local heritage".

In order to facilitate the Heritage 2030 process, the Heritage Office, on behalf of the Wicklow Heritage Forum, has organised an open public information session in County Buildings, Wicklow town, on Tuesday 29th January, from 4.30-6.30 pm. All are welcome to drop in and find out more about the process and how to get involved.

Submissions from the public are sought by 28th February and can be made via an online survey, e-mail or by post. Visit www.chg.gov.ie/heritage/heritageireland2030 for details.

For more information see www.wicklow.ie or contact Deirdre Burns at dburns@wicklowcoco.ie T: 0404 20100.

Wicklow Gardaí launch pilot rural liaison initiative with Wicklow IFA

Local Gardaí together with input from Wicklow IFA have launched a new rural liaison initiative. The initiative is the result of ongoing engagement between the IFA and Gardaí in Wicklow following incidents of rural crime in the county.

The aim of the initiative is to build personal links between rural communities and the local Gardaí.

Detective Sergeant Barry Turner has appointed three rural liaison officers, one for each district in the county. These officers will be the point of regular contact for all IFA members and local communities.

Speaking at the launch, IFA's Wicklow Chairman Chris Hill said, "The IFA has been proactive in the fight against rural crime but, as we have said many times, this needs to be a combined effort. This initiative is all about working together so that

"I'd like to thank Detective Sergeant Turner for his commitment to getting this pilot up and running and we look forward to building strong, open lines of communication between our members and the nominated liaison officers.

House prices to rise 4.6% in 2019

rise by 4.6% in the next 12 months, according to a survey carried out by Real Estate Alliance (REA).

in 2018 - with no change between September and December. The REA Average House Price Survey concentrates on the actual sale price of Ireland's typical stock home, the three-bed semi, giving an up-to-date pic-ture of the second-hand property market in towns and cities countrywide.

activity, with vendors buying into adjusted price levels," said Simon Murphy of REA Murphy Baltinglass and Blessington.

"Strong location is sup-porting demand, and we expect an increasing gap between better located first-time buyers." properties, and others, as new-build supply increas-A negative Brexit may see Q4 REA Average House an annual increase of Barry McDonald

rose by 8.3% to €291,000 ues. There have been offers withdrawn when 2018 at adjusted prices come to market."

"Quarter four of 2018 improved on quarter three in Wicklow Town," said Matt Forkin of REA Forkin in Wicklow Town and Bray.

"More property is sell-"There has been solid ing, but there is less multiple bidding. The stock shortages seen in quarter three and quarter four, 2018, will hopefully ease with a number of upcoming new developments.

was good demand from

The average semidetached house nationally

a rise of 0.6% on the Q3 figure across the country rose by 4.6% in 2018 - a decrease on the 5.4% recorded to September and indicating that the market is continuing to steady after an 11.3% overall rise in 2017.

Growth in the commuter counties also slowed to 0.38% in the last three months - an annual rise of 4.18% with the average house now selling for \in 249,472. This is an annual rise of "In Bray, quarter four €10,000 and growth of was sluggish, but there €2,000 in the last three months.

recorded the biggest rise to build in many places," es in preferred locations. now costs €236,287, the of the quarter at 1.25%,

Prices in the county a stagnation or fall in val- Price Survey has found - 5.81%, with an average three-bed semi costing €252,500.The biggest decisions are slow or €234,284. Overall, the urban rise was seen in when preferred locations average house price Galway City, where selling prices rose by 2.7% in the quarter to \in 282,500 - a yearly increase of 9.7%.

The highest annual increases (7.7%) were once again seen in the rest of the country's towns which rose in selling price by an average of €10,000 in 2018 and which experienced a 0.85% rise in Q4 an average of €157,717.

"In these areas, you largely have the perfect storm of affordability within the 10% deposit The country's major range, and no new homes cities outside Dublin as it is still uneconomical said REA Spokesperson



Pictured are Cllr Vincent Blake, Baltinglass Municipal District Cathaoirleach Tommy Cullen and Cllr Edward Timmins outside the old convent where the new Baltinglass Primary care centre will be located. "Works will begin in the coming weeks," said Cllr Timmins. "I very much welcome this facility and the very large investment in the community. It will also mean we finally develop the old convent and its grounds which has been lying neglected for almost two decades now. the old convent building will be retained and refurbished. It's 18,600 sq ft includes HSE Services, an ambulance station and GP Quarters. The project will be developed by Remcoll Capital Ltd, who developed the Carnew Primary Care Centre in 2016."

Local charities rewarded for **IMPACT** in local communities

in 2014 by Adam Harris, was last week named as one of five winners of the GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards 2018, with each organisation receiving €10,000 in unrestricted funding.

Today, Adam is CEO of the charity, which is a company limited by guarantee with CHY status from Revenue. The organisation is a 'one stop shop' for all matters autism.

The Dublin-Wcklow Mountain Rescue team, meanwhile, was one of five runner-up charities which each received €2,000 in unrestricted

funding.
The GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards, now in their fourth year, are designed to recognise and reward community-based charities who contribute to the improvement of people's health and wellbeing in Ireland, as well as acknowledge the positive outcomes these charities have on patients and their local community.

There are hundreds of small healthcare charities all over the country providing critical services, which are, in many cases, filling a gap in healthcare support or provision. What's unique about the GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards is that the winning charities are selected for how their organisation is managed and run, as well as the services they actually deliver. These charities are proof that small organisations with limited resources can deliver excellent services professionally and efficiently and, most importantly, make a huge impact on Irish communities.

In addition to the €10,000 prize money, each winning charity also receives a video and photography package for their use in promoting their work and services. As part of the GSK IMPACT Awards, charities are required to undertake a lengthy and strict entry process for the awards, which includes a review and presentation of their financials, governance, services and membership growth over the previous 12 months.

NOTICE GLENDALOUGH VISITOR CENTRE

With effect from Saturday February 02nd 2019, parking charges will apply at the Glendalough Visitor Centre carpark. This is designed to cover the costs of new security and carpark management measures at the site.

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Time to celebrate our heros! Wicklow fire fighters short-listed for a national award

The Co Wicklow Fire Service has been short-listed for the Emergency Response Team of the Year award at the All Ireland Community and Council Awards.

Congratulating the Fire Service on the nomination, Minister Simon Harris said "I want to first and foremost congratulate our fire fighters on this nomination. It is indeed a testament to their incredible hard work and dedication and I am delighted to see this being recognised on a national stage. Co Wicklow was absolutely ravaged by gorse fires last summer and our fire-fighters worked day and night to bring these under control, preventing death and destruction through their work.

"It was an honour to join our fire services in Greystones recently to launch a new AED which was

purchased from funds raised by a very grateful community. It is so clear to me that the community are really eager to show their support for our emergency services and I know everyone will be delighted to see the multi-agency team who worked on the summer fires, nominated for this award.

"I want to take this opportunity to again thank our incredible public servants and wish them the very best of luck. I know I will be joined by the entire Co Wicklow community in wishing them



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We're all only human and at times it is all too easy to get bogged down with life. It is often difficult to avoid feeling overwhelmed, in need of a helping hand, some sound advice or guidance or even just a friendly ear to talk into or a shoulder to lean on. Often however, we need the help and support of professionals who are experienced in dealing with specific problems.

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vices with dedicated staff there. and volunteers who are there when people in the community need them?

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For more information on volunteering and how and where you can get involved, why not give Wicklow Volunteer Centre a call on 085 962 1525 (Bray & Greystones office and surrounding areas) or 086 325 8803 (Wicklow town, Arklow and West you info@volunteerwicklow.ie or register to volunteer on our web-site www.volunteerwicklow.ie. As they say... time is the best donation you can make!



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~Training for Education and Employment in the Community~

If you are out of work, had a illness, set back, need some support, have a disability or if you left school early and you are looking to get a job or qualifications and further education then you might be interested in calling into the regular National Learning Network Open Mornings. You will see first-hand the training courses they have on offer.

centre in Close Beechwood (beside the Recycling Centre), Boghall Road in Bray opens its doors every Wednesday from 11.00am -to 1.00pm and people are invited to come along to meet current students and instructors to learn more about their training courses.

It's a great opportunity to see first-hand what's involved in the courses and to see the additional supports that are on offer such as education supports, psychologist, and peer support to help you to a new start!

The courses, funded by the Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board, offered here are:

Vocational Skills Foundation, which is aimed at early school leavers, and leads to a QQI Level 3 in Employability Skills.

Seeking Employer Based Training, where the focus is on getting a job and also leads to a QQI Level 4 in Employment Skills

IT and Business Administration which leads to a QQI Level 5 Information Processing and progres-Education as well as **Employment**

.All of the courses offer work placement. For more information, please see their ad in this section, call 01 282 9643 or get the latest updates on Twitter @NLNWicklow, or Facebook www.facebook.com/NLNWicklow".

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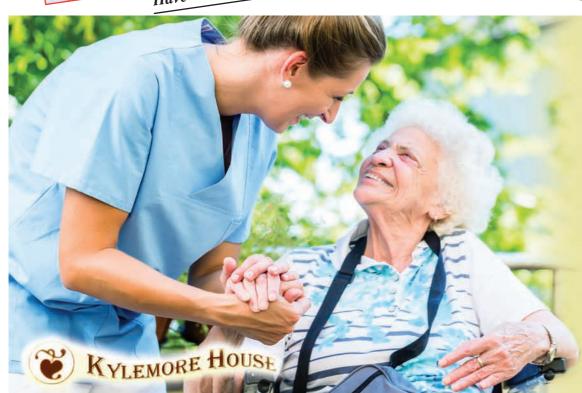
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BRAY ACTOR BRINGS STRUTTING AND FRETTING TO THE STAGE

Bray based actor Chris McHallem has spent the last three months preparing for a role he will never play.

the 16th of February, career. Chris plays James Dillinger, an actor who has been described as, 'a has been performing as comic gem,' and 'a master prepare for the role. MacBeth on a four month class,' and with reference

been a disaster and when

'Strutting and the curtain has fallen for Fretting', which runs at the last time, he sits in his the Civic Theatre in dressing room picking Hitler.' Tallaght from the 12th to through the rubble of his

link between Krapp's Last Tape and Springtime for

Chris, who can currently be seen in RTE's Strutting and Fretting Resistance, explained what he has been doing to

"Strutting and Fretting to Mel Brooks classic is a comedy, but for it to Dillinger's show has film, The Producers, has work, audiences still have been called " the missing to believe that this guy is

capable of playing Macbeth. So I just thought, you know, if I was playing it, what would I do, how would I get ready? And so that's what I've been doing. I've not gone the full 'Robert De Niro' or anything, but I'm still off the bread and the beer and I'm running and going to the gym, which is what I'd do. I hope if I was playing the part for real."

Chris spent the first three years of his career playing punk Rod in the BBC's popular soap, Eastenders and moved to Ireland nearly twenty years ago. Since then he has worked regularly at the Abbey and Gate theatres and has appeared on TV in shows like, The Tudors, Vikings and Paths To Freedom.

Strutting and Fretting produced by Bewley's Café Theatre and started life at the Powerscourt Theatre in Dublin and then travelled to Listowel. Chris is delighted now to be bringing it to Tallaght.

'Some plays work really well on the page," he says, "and some work better in the rehearsal room. Strutting and Fretting is a play that is really about the interaction between a performer and an audience.

This very funny play will appeal to fans of Shakespeare in general and of Macbeth in particular, but it also has a great deal to offer anyone with an interest in the pitfalls of the theatrical life.

Irish Premiere of New Choral **Work by Howard Goodall**

Bray and Wicklow Choral Societies will perform the Irish premiere of Howard Goodall's new work - 'Invictus: A Passion' on Saturday 9th February at 8.15pm in St. Andrew's Church in Westland Row. Soloists are soprano Sarah Power and tenor Ross Scanlon. Tickets are €20 and are available from Eventbrite.ie or at the door on the night.

Howard Goodall will performed a second time able from Eventbrite.ie or attend the Irish premiere of 'Invictus: A Passion' and will introduce the work to the audience.

by the choirs on Sunday at the door on the night. 10th February at 8.00pm in the Church of the Most a musical retelling of the

'Invictus: A Passion' is rork to the audience. Holy Redeemer, Bray. passion of Jesus Christ. The work will be Tickets €15, also avail- The work is unusual in

Pictured: Triona Marshall

the perspective of women using texts written by women. It describes human suffering and persecution, but also the transformative power of love in the face of tyran-

ny. Howard Goodall CBE is one of Britain's best known composers. His choral masterpiece 'Eternal Light: A Requiem' has been performed by hundreds of choirs all over the world since its premiere in 2008. He has written scores for many films and television programmes, such as the 'Mr Bean' series, 'The Vicar of Dibley' and 'Blackadder'. He is a regular presenter of television programmes on music. He was

Britain's first ever ambas-sador for singing from 2007-2011. Bray and Wicklow Choral Societies, under

the musical direction of Mr Frank Kelly, are choirs with a long tradition of performing works from the classical and modern choral repertoire. Wicklow Choral Society performed the Irish premiere of Howard Goodall's 'Eternal Light: A Requiem' in 2010.

Coming up at Mermaid...

Tríona Marshall, Tim Edey, David Power & Rithim Orchestra

A once-off meeting of established and up-and-coming virtuosos. Hear some stunning guitar and harp playing from leading lights of the traditional music world: music from musical stars of the future: and an exciting coming together of all the musicians.

Triona Marshall has been playing the harp with The Chieftains for over a decade. Her music has been hailed by critics as both sensitive and revelatory. Drawing from the centuries-old harp tradition, her performances are renowned for their depth, virtuosity and flair.

Tim Edey (BBC Radio Two's Musician of the year 2012 (BBC R2 FOLK AWARDS) multi-instrumentalist and singer, has toured the world and recorded with most of the major names in Celtic/Contemporary roots music including; The Chieftains, Christy Moore, Sharon Shannon, Altan, Capercaillie, Seamus Begley, Shaun Davey, Lunasa, Mary Black, Frankie Gavin to name but a few.

David Power makes music on the Irish Uilleann Pipes, travels the world as a solo musician, in duos with fiddlers, Martin Hayes & Willie Kelly, harpist Triona Marshall and in collaborations with many other artists, including Edges of Light, Masters of

Tradition, Pipers Union, the baroque ensemble Camerata Kilkenny, ConTempo Quartet and pipe-organist Malcolm Proud.

The Rithim Orchestra are an extraordinary Bray-based traditional ensemble of 25 talented young musicians running under the Music Generation Wicklow umbrella with tutors Gerry O'Donnell, Tim Doyle and Rachel Duffy. The groups comprises harps, flutes, fiddles, uilleann pipes, concertina, bodhrán, banjo, guitar.

This concert is curated by Eamon Sweeney, Music Network Artist in Residence 2018/19 an initiative of Music Network in partnership with Wicklow County Council Arts Office and Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre.



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FSM KIDS TAKE SILVER AND GOLD AT CELTIC CUP

Nine superfit kids who attend FSM training facility in Bray brought home medals from the recent Celtic Cup, a national function fitness event with teams from all over Ireland and Europe competing for the title of fittest team in Ireland.

FSM also entered a number of adult teams in competiton, and while they performed well, it was the youngest members that really impressed, particularly as this was their first outing as a team.

Three junior teams entered the event and took first and second positions overall. There were two separate workouts; the first was running, squats, burpees and sit ups and the swcond was pulling a 30kg ball 9 metres, bear crawling, skipping and pressng a weight overhead. In total there were 14 kids teams with 42 competitors.

Head Coach at SSM Stephen Kinsella told *Wicklow Times* that he was exremely proud of the children who attended. Speaking about the kids teraining programme Stephen said, "Not all kids like to play sports or have the natural co-ordination. As they grow older sports become a place where the best players play and the not so talented kids get left behind or quit in their early teens.

"Functional Fitness is all inclusive at any age. It's more about testing yourself. We help our kids and teens understand how their bodies move and teach good movement over everything. It results in more confident kids and teens. We have even seen kids that would not naturally do well in sports, excel after learning how to become

FSM Bray is Ireland's largest Kids Strength & Conditioning facility. Their programme is based on Physical Literacy, Moving well and Play.



Pictured are FSM kids Emma, Sadhbh, Luke, Cian, Fobba, Sorcha, Abbie, Laoise and Senan

Have you claimed your New Year's dental entitlements?

If a healthy smile is top of your new year's resolution list, now is the time to check your dental entitlements for 2019.

recently extended dental unexpected dental costs benefits for PRSI workers under the Treatment Benefit Scheme. This scheme is available to insured workers, the selfemployed and retired examination once a calpeople who have the required number of PRSI contributions.

Dr Paul O'Dwyer, group clinical advisor at Dental Care Ireland, Greystones, says: "Although the cost savings are quite significant, many people are still unaware of their dental entitlements. The best way to prevent dental worries is a regular dental examination, and a thorough cleaning routine. Regular check-ups can help to avoid unnec-

government essary pain and minimise in the longer-term.

> Among the benefits available under the Treatment Benefit Scheme, is a free oral endar year, as well as an annual contribution towards a scale and pol-

> A dental examination looks at the general health of your teeth, gums and mouth. Regular check-ups allow your dentist to detect conditions such as tooth decay, teeth grinding, gum disease and even oral cancer. The dentist will also offer professional advice on hygiene, diet and best

A scale and polish is

dental cleaning, whereby your dentist or dental hygienist will remove plaque and tartar from your teeth, leaving them clean and smooth. In addition to a good daily oral health routine at home, professional cleaning helps to prevent a build-up of plaque bacteria which can lead to gum

Top Dental Health Tips

You can help keep your mouth healthy by following a number of key

- daily, especially last thing at night * Use a timer to make
- sure you brush for a full two minutes
- * Floss teeth once a day to remove plaque, preferably before brushing

 * Use a fluoride tooth-

another way to describe a paste to help keep teeth strong and prevent dental decay

Reduce frequency of sugary snacks and carbonated drinks

* Spit out excess toothpaste after brushing but avoid rinsing, so that fluoride remains on your teeth

* Drink plenty of water to help dilute any acid attacks caused by food or drinks

* Schedule a full dental check-up with your dentist at least once a year, or more frequently as advised

Dental Care Ireland * Brush your teeth twice Greystones provides an annual exam, scale and polish for €15, to those who qualify under the Benefit Treatment Scheme. To check your 2019 dental entitlements, contact the practice on 01 287 5133 or visit www.dentalcareireland.ie



out for 30th anniversary

Páidí Football Festival

Blessington Ladies, no strangers to the competition, are fittingly competing again in the 30th anniversary of the Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidi Ó Sé 2019, with 44 adult men's and ladies club teams descending on the rugged Dingle Peninsula from 15th to 17th February.

The Blessington ladies lost last year's final to Burrishoole of Mayo in the intermediate ladies competition and this year, they are up against local Kerry side's Corca Dhuibhne and Tralee's Austin Stacks, Longford's Ballymore, Edinburgh's Dunedin Connolly's and Mayo side Belturbet Rory O'Moore's.

The football festival was officially launched by former Kerry great Kieran Donaghy and Dublin ladies star and holder of three senior All-Irelands Lyndsey Davey, and which was also attended by representatives of the Blessington

The festival, founded by Kerry iconic footballer Páidi Ó Sé, has attracted over 15,000 club players grown into a major international GAA event with cultural and social events Sé's pub in Ventry, Co.

music and entertainment which is open to the gen-Banquet at the Comórtas pub in Ard a' Bhóthair,

Comórtas Chairman Pádraig Óg. Ó Sé said, 'We are delighted with the response to our 30th over 30 years and has anniversary Comórtas with 17 counties represented, the largest senior, intermediate and amount in our history. We junior competitions as thank our UK GAA well as teams attending friends with five traveling teams and indeed Dubai at Comórtas HQ, Páidí Ó Celts who are making the longest journey of all. The support of local host The football festival clubs is crucial in ensurwill also host nightly free ing we can maintain such a high number of teams and we thank them for eral public and a their co-operation. Local Saturday Night Players partners Lee Strand Milk and Kerry County marquee at Páidi Ó Sé's Council Tourism Unit are backing us also to contin-

which has become a big benefit in terms of local tourism. We are also delighted EJMenswear.com Sligo, who are related to

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the Ó Sé family as well as Lidl Ireland are back to help make this event happen. Collins.

Michael Regional manager, Lidl Ireland said" "We are Ireland said" delighted to continue our partnership with this year's Comórtas Peile Páidi Ó Sé. Our store teams in Dingle and Tralee are proud to support the Comórtas Peile Páidi Ó Sé and we are all looking forward to the festival of Gaelic Football ahead."

Review of Sports Capital Grants brings good news to five Wicklow Clubs

Five Wicklow Clubs have been awarded funding after a review of the **Governments Sports Capital Grants.**

Speaking on the announcement, Fine Gael TD and Minister of State, Andrew Doyle said "The Department of Tourism and Sport has announced that following a review of invalid applications for 2017, the 5 Wicklow Clubs that were reviewed have received some welcomed news this morning. The allocation to Wicklow is in excess of €283,000 which will be allocated between the five Clubs

The five Clubs that will benefit from this review are; Wicklow Rugby Club, Roundwood and District Athletics Club, Enniskerry Youth Football Club, Wicklow Triathlon Juniors and Wicklow County Council running track at Seaview.

Minister Doyle added, "The Sports Capital Programme was re-instated by the last Fine Gael government in 2012. It represents an excellent value for money investment for society. We are now living in a society where we have become more health conscious and focus more on a healthy body and a healthy mind. Investing in sport is good for the health of the nation, both literally and economically

'This scheme has proved very successful in getting much needed funding to our local clubs," the Fine Gael Minister of State said. I would like to commend all the clubs who applied through this scheme, for their dedication and commitment to their organisation and for the difference they are making to those living within their local community.'



The DCI Greystones team; Dr Gina Kilfeather (left) with Rachel Sillery, Rachel Coughlan, Natasha Byrne, Colm Davitt, Chief Executive of Dental Care Ireland, Maria O'Rourke, Rath Manning, and Mr Gerard Kilfeather (right). Pic: Robbie Reynolds

Winners announced at ICA Wicklow **Federation Drama Festival**

This year's ICA Wicklow Federation Drama Festival was a great success with full houses and a very high standard of drama on stage. Eleven groups performed over the three nights with six one act plays and eight sketches/short plays, giving adjudicator Anna Walker a very hard job. Here are the results:



Best Actress One Act section award winnero Fiona Keane of Bray Arts, at the ICA Glenealy Drama Festival.



Condon Cup winner in the Sketch/Short Play section, Celine Moore of the

The Premier Award for Best Group was won by St Patrick's Dramatic Society from Dalkey with their One Act Play "In Room Five Hundred And Four" by Jimmie Chinn. Their director Judith Elmes won Best Director and cast member Hannah Blair White won the Adjudicator's Actress Award.

The Molly Moore Shield for Runner Up Group was won by Bray Arts with "Late Entry" by David Tristram.

The Terri Connolly Cup for Best Sketch/Short Play was won by Dalkey Players with "Khora: A Space Between Time" set in the trenches in World War 1 written and directed by Emmet J Driver who won the Adjudicator's Award in the short play section. Dalkey Players also The Gloria Mullally Trophy for Best Moment in Theatre and The Norah Ferns Appropriate Costume.

Best Sketch/Short Play by an ICA Group was won by Clooney Quin ICA "A Will On the Side" written and directed by Anita O'Loughlin.

The May Condon Cup for an ICA Group or Individual in the Sketch/Short Play section was won by Celine Moore Ballycoog ICA for her part in "Ear to the Ground" by Thomas Clare.

Delgany Dramatic Society won Best Set with their One Act Play 'The Patient" by Agatha Christie and their director Pat Dunne won the Adjudicator's Award in the One Act Section.

Best Actor was won by Michael Fogarty St Patrick's D.S.

Best Actress went to

Runner Up Actor went to Martin Davidson Bray Arts. Runner Up Actress was won by Maureen O'Sullivan in "The Flattering Word" Balally Players. Merit Awards went to Peter Harrison Delgany Dramatic Society for the Lighting in "The Patient"; Beth Holmes Delgany ICA: Doris Cullen Balally Players and Brigid Cahill Ashford ICA.

In the Sketch/Short Play Section Best Performance was won by Anthony Belton and Freddie O'Brien for their roles in "Khora: A Space Between Time"

Up Runner Performance went to Slattery Siobhán Clooney Quin

Merit Awards were won by John Mc Cabe Dramatic Delgany Society for his role in Memorable Occasion" by Dorothy Robbie; Brigid O'Grady Avoca ICA "Ocean View" by Valerie Mc Gee; Sheila Deegan Ballinteer Drama in "Oedipus Complex" by Tony Deegan; William Mansfield St. Patrick's "Black Out Number" by Michael Frayn and Margaret Condon director of Ashford ICA's "Party Eileen by



Margot Brennan, ICA South East Regional President and Hilda Roche, Wicklow Federation President and festival director present the Adjuction's Actress Award to Hannah Blair White at the ICA Glenealy



Margot Brennan, ICA South East Regional President and Hilda Roche, Wicklow Federation President and Festival Dirtector present the Adjudicator's Award in the One Act section to Pat Dunne, Director of the Delgany Dramatic Society's One Act Play, The Patient.

Mermaid screening 'Rosie' shows the reality of the housing crisis

Paddy Breathnach's powerful new film Rosie was screened at the Mermaid Arts Centre last week.

by participating in a question and answer session after the screening. The film documents 36 hours in the life of Rosie and her family - partner John Paul and their four children. The Dublin family has been made homeless after the landlord of the property they lived in for seven years decides to sell up. With John Paul working long hours and Rosie spending her days trying to find emergency accommodation 'even for one night just' as she is heard pleading with hotel staff over and over again, their situation appears hopeless. The few properties that are available ply needing somewhere

Breathnach to rent are either extordelighted local film fans tionately priced or 'not suitable for families', as John Paul is told at one viewing. 'But it's a house?' he replies, while understanding quickly dawns on his face. They are not wanted. It is a sellers market and with young childless professionals competing for accommodation, Rosie's family will not win.

The film does not point the finger at any one cause for the situation the family have been plunged into. These are hardworking honest, loving people. Roddy Doyle's screenplay is carefully crafted to draw the audience in to the turmoil of a family sim-



Paddy Breathnach

to lay their heads. They are not the 'others', they have not suffered some shocking event, or drug or alcohol addiction, or anti-social behaviour. They are a family on your street, they are your family, they are any family.

Interwoven through the chaotic events of the day heartbreaking moments of tenderness between Rosie and her children. She will protect them like a mother lion, will fight to keep them together, but cannot provide for their most basic need. "I'm sorry", she repeatedly tells them, for every little thing.

There are no answers provided in this film. It is a journey we undertake with Rosie and her family, and the truth of it for the thousands of Rosies out there is that sometimes it works out ok, and sometimes it doesn't. And that, said Paddy Breathnach after the screening, is the point. Maybe tomorrow things will work out for Rosie, and maybe they won't. While he admitted that a 'happy ending' was mooted in the script at one stage, he felt it was truer to the story to leave it open ended.

Rosie will be available on DVD and On Demand in Ireland from April 5th.

Arklow Seabreeze Music & Arts Festival AGM

It's hard to believe it is that time of the year when organisers are getting ready to prepare for Arklow Seabreeze Music & Arts Festival 2019. That's right, after another successful festival last year the committee are already preparing for the 2019 festival. The dates are Friday 19th - Sunday 21st July, 2019.

The AGM of Arklow Seabreeze Music & Arts Festival will take place on Wednesday 6th February, at 8.30pm in the Bridge Hotel, Arklow. Anyone interested in helping out during the festival or being on committee or indeed have any ideas/suggestions are welcome to come along. "We are always looking for new members and open to new ideas," the committee said.

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I Jennifer O Gorman intend to apply for permission for the construction of a nev dwelling, domestic garage, wastewater treatment unit & polishing filter, new well, new entrance and section of lane onto existing lane and associate works a Sraghmore, Roundwood, Co. Sragnmore, Hounowood, U.S. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council County Council County Council Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, Buildings, Wicklow lown, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning subtority on progress of the authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

We. Mark and Ingrid Barry. seek planning permission for (a) alterations to the existing (a) alterations to the existing roof in order to create attic accommodation and (b) single-storey extensions to the rear and side of the existing dwelling at 291 Charlesland Park, Charlesland, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, A63 YA32.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Application is being made to Wicklow County Council by Wicklow County Council by John Deegan for Planning Permission for a proposed 2 storey dwelling house over basement with a new road entrance, a percolation area and a new effluent treatment system to comply with current EPA requirements and all ancillary site works at Ballisland, Shillelagh, Co Wicklow. Wicklow.

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Wicklow County Council We, Michael & Eveyln Burns seek Retention Permission for construction of 40 sq m of single storey house extension to side and rear (consisting of bedroom, living and dining area with rooflights) at 232 Redford rooflights) at 232 Redford Park, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow Quring its public opening. during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of

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