

5 Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow Tel: 01 - 2869111 www.wicklowtimes.net E-mail: wicklowed@localtimes.ie Tuesday 29th January 2019

#### FERAL DOGS ATTACK SHEEP AND DEER

JUGS

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 to the 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 killed by two dogs identi-

dogs that had gone feral, the Uplands Council stated. The two 'feral' dogs are

also believed to be responsible for the deaths of over 40 sheep within a three-mile radius around Vale Clara and 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. and many young deer remains at large. The

fied as possible hunting 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 the financial and emotional burden that it creates. As recreational use of the Wicklow Uplands increases, the presence of dogs close to farmland

areas and the hills used for sheep farming requires greater awareness of Responsible Dog Control.

In a statement to



E SH

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 l/r are Gabriel Allen Deputy Principal, Kenneth Hanrahan, Anthony Duffy, Kian Wallace, Benny (Bethany) Deans and William Molloy.

Wicklow Times, the also a serious animal wel-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 death "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

fare issue. "The problem is not

Dunne,

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 contin-

ue to highlight the important role that dog owners need to undertake in tackling this issue.

Continued on page 3



6 44

500

 Start Your Own Business courses • Specific courses on: Increasing Sales / Accessing Business Finance/Testing the Market for a new Idea / Social Media/ Trading **Online Seminar/Search Engine Optimisation of your business** website / Introduction to Public Procurement / Introduction to LEAN Workshop / 'Work Smarter in Business using Tech' Seminar

TO BOOK GO TO:

www.localenterprise.ie/Wicklow/Training-Events/Online-Bookings Local Enterprise Office Wicklow, Wicklow County Campus, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow Phone: 0404 30800 Email: enterprise@leo.wicklowcoco.ie



dogs have been feeding Ke Windows LTD

Celebrating becoming the first **Business All-Stars In Windows And Doors** and Family Run Business Of The Year and Corporate Social Responsibility 2018 at The Wexford Business Awards

0 ss All Stars PSA approved Our New Virtual Google 360° Sho



f 🗾 🔊 🔠

#### 2 NEWS

### imes

#### 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, €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

Aghagh Ré Nua Ceannaireacht Nua

**NEW LEADERSHIP** 

PUBLIC MEETING

7pm Mon 4th Feb

The Assembly Hall

Bachelors Walk (BESIDE GARDA STATION)

Wicklow Town

MARY LOU MCDONALD, JOHN BRADY TD

AND MUIREANN DALTON, WICKLOW SINN FÉIN REP

MAIN SPEAKERS



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 Breen said, "We are Porters Rocks which I calling on all our consider to be nothing supporters to make the short of a land grab siteffort to give us an hour uation. It is impossible of their time to highfor people with limited light our Rights of Way mobility, walkers, and the obstacles that have been placed in our

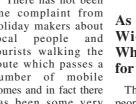
prams etc. to access the area and at this time of year it is a health and safety risk for everyone. "We have been asking

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

ment group." have seen barriers walks in an effort to restore access to the



Arklow active retire-

Residents of the area erected since May 2017 and since Arrow was founded last Summer both groups have

attended the group





Luke Dorgan of Eire Og, Greystones, with his Minor Footballer of the Year Award, and Julie Kirby, at the Garden County GAA All Star Banquet in the Arklow Bay Hotel.

### **Healthy Ireland** 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 3. All welcome



john.brady@oireachtas.ie TeachtaJohnBrady johnbradysf

ON YOL

1st Floor, 27 Main St., Bray, Co. Wicklow : 01 276 2623 18a Upper Main St., Arklow, Co. Wicklo : 0402 41853

### Times **GS WILL BE SHOT!**

Continued from Page 1

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

and again if they're not 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 terrain.

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,

I've seen them lost in all 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 ownership.



NEWS 3

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.

Tickets can be purchased now by going online to www.roundwoodvarietygroup.com

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

Enrol at Ballycoog National School

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 meet Principal Ross Byrne.

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

**DENTAL CARE** IRELAND Your Local Practice

### **Claim Your 2019 PRSI Entitlements** Exam, Scale & Polish only €15

\*For PRSI patients. Terms & conditions apply.

#### **Book An Appointment Now**

#### Greystones

T: (01) 2875133 E: greystones@dentalcareireland.ie Bow Lane. Church Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow

www.dentalcareireland.ie 🛛 🗗 💽 💟



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

will be left un-knocked

in the coming weeks and

months as this dynamic

cuss their concerns."

The Baltinglass and sitting Cllr Pat Doran Community activist and Parliamentary Assistant to Pat Casey TD John Mullen from Tinahely, and retired Guard and from Hollywood were selected unanimously to contest the six seat local electoral district.

strongest teams we have village needs and the cloever selected in this area sure of services to rural nearly all levels in the which is known as West areas along with ongoing Wicklow with the addi- planning and community tion of the South West rural area of Tinahely.

Selection Shillelagh and Carnew. unturned and no door Convention took place in All three bring a wealth on of experience, commit-Wednesday 23rd January, ment and talent and is a very healthy sign of Fianna Fáil team and Fianna Fail's continued their supporters continue growth in the county," declared Fianna Fail TD Pat Casey

"I will work closely with this team to address vention John Mullen barrister Patsy Glennon the many areas of concern to the people of the District, from the dangerous situation with the UCD and Tinahely N81, an action plan to Cumann in Wicklow, I "This is one of the address each town and needs

for the Parliamentary "No stone will be left Party and a National

FRIDAY 29 March | 8pm | €14/12

**MUSIC NETWORK** 

**RESIDENCY CONCERTS** 

TEL: 01-272 4030

Organiser over the years, and now am humbled to be a candidate chosen by my fellow members".

"Pat Doran and the Doran Family have served the people for over 35 years. Pat first to meet local communities and residents to diselected in 1985 has been Speaking at the conan excellent councillor in the tradition of the remarked "I Joined great Paudge Brennan. Fianna Fail in 1992, Pat Doran is a republi-Kevin Barry Cumann can that I have canvassed for and supported and am delighted now to am 26 years card carrybe his running mate. Health has always been ing. I have served at a key area where Cllr Doran worked and in party, as an advisor to Joe Jacob, a researcher Carnew particular Community Care and South Wicklow Hospice are areas where Pat can take much credit."

> '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."

"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

### **Fimes 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.

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 Grevstones 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-

for eight years and her have learnt about the paigns and have secured funding for footpath, road repairs and a tree maintenance fund and I'm part of a committee to help get CCTV for Grevstones 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.

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

A native of Portlaoise. group, Triple A Alliance

Delgany and Newcastle area an even better place in which to live and raise a family. We need better community facilities, transport and roads, as walking routes to school for our children. I hope to see the IDA site developed to provide employ-

ment 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

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 sustainable planning.'

Meanwhile sitting Sinn Féin Councillor Nicola Lawless was last week formally selected to run improvements in public again for the party. transport and roads, as Cllr Lawless, the cur-

well as safe cycling and rent Cathaoirleach of 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 and seek their views. I community groups, cam-

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 Féin candidates in Wicklow for the local elections this year and we are aiming to take all our seats."



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





ril | 8pm | €16/14

# **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 homelessness.

weekly basis.

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 not a consideration of the council. The council are cy to whom emergency also splitting families up in some cases were

accommodation is 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 contin-January and November 2018, there were 594 homeless presentations to Wicklow County Council: this included 338 families

with

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 remainder of the week is families are experiencing. "There is no consisten-

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 uing to grow. Between the council won't provide accommodation.

"I have worked with a "Presenting as homeless number of families who to the council is a difficult end of this policy. One and having tried every 636 children. homeless mum with 3 other option it's a last

The policy of only However when it comes children and who is 19 resort. So the council are literally throwing families weeks pregnant and is emergency accommodaback out onto the street tion has had her accomeach week. It gives no stamodation cut from 7 bility to the vulnerable nights a week to 4 nights. families or the children Two other families were who from one week to another don't know where forced to rotate the use of a B&B. The council they will be, they are conwould only provide 4 tinuously living out of nights in it for one family suitcases or bags.

Sinn Féin Councillor and three for the other. This was rotated on a Dermot O'Brien who is a member of the council "When challenged on Housing Strategic Policy this disgraceful policy the Committee said "It is our council said that they role, our responsibility, encourage the families to our obligation to support the most vulnerable in our go back to other family members for the nights society. A critical element 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 those who are in need that option for many families they are worthy of that for a multitude of reasons. support. The absence of worth has a devastating impact, especially on chilhave been at the receiving thing for anybody to do dren. The absence of worth 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



Pictured: Helen Magee of Hairy Fruit Art in Delgany at Showcase Ireland in the RDS recently.

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 Deputy Brady conclud-intervention? I look for- ed "The homeless policies ward to posing that question at the meeting in early February. In the be immediately changed 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 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 inhumane policies.

Groupthink in the Dáil? Or a new people's movement

**PUBLIC MEETING** Thursday, 7 February 2019 at 7:30pm

The Royal Hotel Bray, Co. Wicklow



Peadar Tóibín TD **Irish Unity Economic Justice** *Your* voice represented

Supported by

**Cllr. Brendan Thornhill Cllr. Oliver O'Brien** 



Maxi Zoo, the specialist store for everything pets love

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

location of their



### 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



Marrakesh Ltd is a family run business specialising in Construction and Demolition Waste Management & Recycling, Site Clearance and Supply of Material from 4" down to Blinding, Recycled Screened Topsoil, Sand, Gravel etc.

#### EPA LICENCED FACILITY • ALL TRUCKS CARRY WASTE PERMITS

#### **Recycled**:

- Screened Topsoil
- Screened no 2 soil
- 4" Down Crushed Concrete
- 4" Clean Crushed Concrete
- 3" Down Crushed Concrete
- 3" Clean Crushed Concrete
- Crushed Concrete Fines
- Crushed Tarmac Fines
- No 2 Stone
- Also available:
- Granite Pebble Sand



### **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 services.

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 which Wicklow belongs,

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 specialist CAMHS service first pilot schemes for

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.

are being offered the The total number of opportunity to avail of children on CAMHS Waiting List was around free online counselling at 2,560 at end November choice. Key reassurance 2018. The HSE has priis that CAMHS cases oritised improving Access to CAMHS and clinically assessed as urgent are seen as a matreducing waiting lists nationally, particularly ter of priority. I will, in those over 12 months. conjunction with the Agreed improvements HSE, work to improve include better out-oflinks and reduce waiting hours and 7/7 day cover, list for both the CAMHS progression of Day service and for Primary Hospital care, improved Care Child Psychology Prevention and Early services. In fact, my col-Intervention services at league Jim Daly TD, Primary Care level, and Minister for Mental the development of great Health and Older People potential around new emental health and digital on-line supports. Minister Harris stated: 'I am very pleased to

met with all nine HSE CHOs on Wednesday last, 23 January, to review progress on CAMHS improvements, confirm that South Co including waiting lists in Wicklow has one of the

### 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 the 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 а Parliamentary Question from the Department of Health which clearly stated that the HSE is still developing its Capital Plan for 2019. In other words, it's

areas will be deprived of funds

"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."

where. Therefore it's 1.7bn to construct the design stage and is makimpossible to say which new Children's hospital will have on projects in Wicklow

"The projected cost guarantee that the  $\in 1.73$  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

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 Marv McDonald said "There are a lot of concerns in Arklow that this long awaited project will be

ing slow but welcome

progress. The Taoiseach

has stated that the

Children's Hospital

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

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 that are causing much remote service like the 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 ability present for this pilot pro-ject. When people are HSE what progress

Speaking on this TD present in front of the 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 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 stan-

### **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 pre-pared 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.

reports they are doing on with the HSE to monitor the project, and I will be the progress of the pilot maintaining close contact project."

2 Purcell Square, Bray,

(behind the Wild Goose pub)

Co. Wicklow

Proudly

Supporting



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 Bay Hotel.

Bray Tile & Bathroom Centre

> Bray Tile & Bathroom Wild Goose Pul Bank of

Tel: 01 276 5277

E: freddiebraytile@gmail.com

**Refurbish your bathroom or en-suite completely** 



Offer includes; bath, panel & taps or shower enclosure: Vanity unit, basin and taps, mirror, toilet, heated towel rail and valves; 20sg. yards of wall tile; 3 sg. yards of floor tiles; all necessary adhesives, grout and trims; Fully supplied and fitted within 4 consecutive working days.

Making Dream bathrooms a Reality www.braytileandbathroomcentre.ie

### Times



8 NEWS

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.



SECTION 10 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 2004 SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT AT ROAD WORKS 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 4. 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 5. 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 7. 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.

### **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

to weekend.

in

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 weekend.having their own trackextension to a much high-It was started way backand facilities.To add toer spec.n1993whenthis the club are giving ahas grown, so too has the 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

himself, although not a the club was in the fortu- each ticket for the weekly was the way to go. Funds it. The club sees this as a top of all this, over the



Pictured at the party celebrating 25 years of Roundwood Lotto were Tom Fee and Emma Wolohan.

raised would be divided way of giving back to the years, the Lotto has pro-Roundwood.

Wicklow Times spoke of Roundwood National with representatives from School, said at the both recipients and they were united in their praise for Terry and the Lotto. Pat<sup>´</sup>Molloy, ly from the fantastic work Chairperson of RDAC of the hard working Lotto said the funding from the Committee. She thanked Lotto helped the club on everyone including Chris 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 participating pupils, those all entries to competiwho buy the tickets and Thanks to the tions. those who meet each Lotto funding, in 2015 Sunday night to check

equally 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 Morris, Deputy Principal devices, for whiteboards and projectors as well as many extra curricular presentation to Terry activities. All in all the Lotto has Kavanagh, that the school has benefitted enormous-

had total sales of  $\in 2,844,425$  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.

### Times **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.

The project works around and

with many organisations Wicklow/Dublin project was established, toys, bed frames and stakeholders, Uplands in 2007 and however, there is

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



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 remember

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

Climate Action and dumping that I saw. In vital that we continue to monitor the situation, or. 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 reduc- the 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 driving amount of progress has 13 tonnes of dumped

the been made since the mattresses, furniture, 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 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 in the 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 the footage This footage resulted

RNI PECT 

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

December 2018, involv- this year. ing large scale illegal dumping, resulted in a with our Covert CCTV Wicklow

receiving litter fines, confident that the local orating with, Wicklow and one case brought authority will proceed County Council, Coillte, before the courts in with court prosecutions and the National Parks "We will continue

and Wildlife Service, and we are determined to catch those involved in illegal dumping and further reduce this environmental scourge.'

REPORT TO AND

affected by dumpers, the criminal prosecution and Operations in 2019 and and large fine. A number of a number of locations obtained clearly identiother cases involving that are continually fied people involved in people caught on covert affected by illegal both littering, and CCTV are currently dumping have already illegal dumping. under investigation by been selected for moni- DUMPERS County toring," Ian went on to **DUMPING LO-CALL** Pure are say. "We will be collab-1850 365 121 Council, and Pure are say. in a number of people



#### **Tallaght Outlet** phone: 01-4940200

**Opening Times** Mon - Sat (10.00am - 5.00pm) Sun & Bank Holidays - Closed Unit B7, South City Business Pk, Tallaght, D24



**Ballybrack Outlet** phone: 01-2720788

#### **Opening Times**

Mon - Sat (10.00am - 5.30pm) Thurs 7.30 pm Sun - Closed (Bank Hols 2.00pm - 5.30pm) Church Road, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin



NEWS 9

#### **10** FEATURE

### imes



If your Christmas was made extra special by a proposal of marriage, now is the time to start planning the big day. But to ensure your day is a success, you must plan your wedding with precision.



### **Summerhill Country House**

Summerhill Country House is a romantic and memorable wedding venue in a dream location, set amongst the stunning backdrop of the Sugarloaf Mountain, offering you a perfect and unforgettable venue for your wedding day. This beautiful country house can host weddings for up to 250 guests and has 84 bedrooms

In Summer the Summerhill Country House is bright and airy with lots of natural light, the gardens and long wooded driveay make a charming entrance to this grand house. For cosy winter weddings the house is illuminated in the warm glow of cadle light and real fires lit throughout the graceful arrival rooms, setting the perfect tone

The relaxing surrounds of this unique country house has a character and charm that can be felt and not described, and offers a truly intimate venue to celebrate your wedding day while you enjoy excellent personal service, fine food and wine. Call 01 2867928 or email weddings@summerhillhousehotel.com.

#### **Glenview Hotel** and Leisure Club -Wedding Spectacular & Wedstival Event

Sunday 3rd February 2019 1pm-5pm

"Join us for our biggest Wedding Fair and Wedstival to date! We promise you that you will be blown away by not only our stunning location but also by the many NEW wonderful options available exclusively to you at the Glenview Hotel.

"The Glenview will be set up to put on a show of wonderful and varied options, which we promise will give you some extra inspiration for your big day. You will also have the chance to meet with Ireland's top suppliers in the wedding industry and we have shows running throughout the day!

Suppliers: Hit Machine Drummers!, East Coast Falconry, K2Alpacas, Tommy, Greene - East Coast FM, Vita Floral, Adventure Catering, Anna G Photography, Amazing Cakes, DMC Events, Maria's Cakes Delight, Sheena, Griffin Photography, Selfie Box Hire, Smile Photobooth, Anne Gregory Designs, Fitzgerald's Suit Hire, Angel & her Band, Carolyn's Sweets, Table Plan Designs, Hollywood Beauty, Wedding Hair Creations, East Coast Video Productions, Spiritual Ceremonies Ireland, Barbara Connolly - Wedding Celebrant, Ruby Designs, Wedding Cars Online.

"Brand new wedding packages for 2019/20 now available! Book your Wedding Date before end of Feb 2019 and receive €500 OFF your Wedding Package! (T&Cs apply). For more information contact Rachel our Wedding Coordinator: Sayido@glenviewhotel.com.

the **zip** 

~ Bridal Specialists ~

No.3 Quinsboro Road, Bray

Tel: (01) 555 0318

injections and laser hair removal.

Co. Wicklow. T: 01 2768858



Joanne Meagher is the Unislim leader in Wicklow Town /Ashford lost 4st with Unislim.

She decided after her engagement to her now husband Billy that it was time to lose some weight and joined her local Unislim class and she has never never looked back. she loves the Unislim way of life so much she became a leader herself.

"When I joined Unislim I was a busy mum to two young boys and working part-time but I found the plan very easy to work into my home life and most importantly I can have what everyone else is having for dinner and with Unislim we don't ban any foods," says Joanne.

"We have a brand new book out called Balance and it's our easiest plan ever the members are loving it and the weight loss is amazing! I have two great classes in Wicklow and Ashford and a very warm welcome is always guaranteed.

′arc





Tel: 01 287 7165 | Email: loans@gcu.ie | Web: www.gcu.ie Visit: Any of our 3 branches

Greystones | Kilcoole | Newtownmountkennedy

Greystones & District Credit Union is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Terms and conditions apply







## SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 FROM 1<sup>PM</sup> - 5<sup>PM</sup>

(01) 286 7928 www.summerhillhousehotel.com weddings@summerhillhousehotel.com



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 WIcklow 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' relates to all of the United

Nations Sustainable harming local and global Cronin, is an eco-friendly Development Goals and marine life and eco-sysreminds us that each and every one of the world's ing about an Irish Aid of plastic bottles, plastic 7.6 billion citizens counts. In a bid to combat the northern highlands of create beautiful and func-13 million tonnes of plastic that makes its way into run by Irish expats our oceans every year, Evanna Lyons and Alexis materials, not only divert-

tems, pupils will be learn-Tanzania. Dunia Designs,

design company that specialises in the upcycling supported project in the bags and other waste to tional indoor and outdoor furniture and construction



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

### 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 we can better tackle this scourge

"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.

### 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.

Donnelly Deputy 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.

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 unit

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 2019

"Speculation was rife that the smoke was coming from the electrical wiring in the Mansion House. It had been heavily used the day before ed the official State com-100 years since the first Éireann. However that was never confirmed. fire fighters made the right decision to err on

when the venue had hostmemorations marking public sitting of Dáil What is certain is that the 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.

organiser of the event, cost of mobile phones, 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 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.

# House prices to rise 4.6% in 2019

The price of the average three-bed semi in County Wicklow is expected to rise by 4.6% in the next 12 months, according to a survey carried out by **Real Estate Alliance (REA).** 

figure

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-

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

September and indicating improved on quarter three in Wicklow Town," said that the market is continu-Matt Forkin of REA ing to steady after an 11.3% overall rise in Forkin in Wicklow Town 2017. and Bray. Growth in the com-

"More property is sell-"There has been solid ing, but there is less mulmuter counties also tiple bidding. The stock slowed to 0.38% in the shortages seen in quarter last three months - an annual rise of 4.18% three and quarter four, 2018, will hopefully ease with the average house now selling for  $\in 249,472$ . with a number of upcoming new developments.

"In Bray, quarter four  $\notin$  10,000 and growth of was sluggish, but there  $\notin$  2,000 in the last three was good demand from The average semi-

detached house nationally es in preferred locations. now costs €236,287, the of the quarter at 1.25%, A negative Brexit may see Q4 REA Average House an annual increase of Barry McDonald

Prices in the county a stagnation or fall in val- Price Survey has found - 5.81%, with an average a rise of 0.6% on the Q3 three-bed semi costing €252,500.The biggest of decisions are slow or €234,284.Overall, the urban rise was seen in when preferred locations average house price Galway City, where across the country rose by selling prices rose by 4.6% in 2018 - a decrease 2.7% in the quarter to on the 5.4% recorded to €282,500 - a yearly increase of 9.7%. The highest annual

imes

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

"In these areas, you This is an annual rise of 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 recorded the biggest rise to build in many places," said REA Spokesperson

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

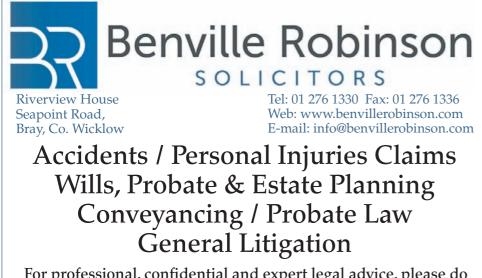
months.

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 success.



For professional, confidential and expert legal advice, please do



not hesitate to Contact Rory, Brian, Eilish or Clare-Ann

Rory P. Benville B.C.L. Brian Robinson B.B.L.S., L.L.M. Eilish Bradshaw B.A., L.L.B, L.L.M. Clare-Ann Temple L.L.B.

In contentious business, a solicitor may not calculate fees or other charges as a percentage or proportion of any award or settlement each winning charity also



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

The Autism Charity AsIAm (Autism Spectrum Information Advice and Meeting Point), founded 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'

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.

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,

#### **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.

Public carparks near Glendalough Visitor Centre will be in operation in 2019 at the following locations:

OPW Visitor Centre	Glendalough	<ol> <li>Pay – Carpark - Saturday/ Sunday, Bank Holidays, Holy Days and Easter Week (02/02/19-28/04/19 inclusive)</li> </ol>
		2. Pay – Carpark – Daily (01/05/19 – 29/09/19 inclusive)
		3. Pay – Carpark - Saturday/ Sunday & Bank Holidays (05/10/19 - 26/01/20 inclusive)
		<ol> <li>The Car park is free on all other days.</li> </ol>
		For further breakdown, see below
Wicklow Co. Council Carpark	<u>Upper Lake,</u> <u>Glendalough</u>	Pay car-parking at all times.

The charge at Glendalough Visitor Centre carpark will be €4 per day, per car. Charges for Buses will be €25 (€15 for Minibuses with less than 20 seating capacity and Camper Vans).

Visitors to the Glendalough Visitor Centre will be refunded this charge on their Admission fee

These arrangements will apply to Cars and Buses as follows:

Sat/Sun, Bank Holidays, Holy Days and Easter Week from 02nd February to 28th April 2019, Daily from (01st May to 29th September 2019) Weekends and Bank Holidays from 05th October to 26th January 2020 inclusive

#### **Buses:**

Sat/Sun, Bank Holidays, Holy Days and Easter Week from 02nd February to 28th April 2019, Daily from (01st May to 29th September 2019) Weekends and Bank Holidays from 05th October to 26th January 2020 inclusive.







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.

amazing services with little extra help with dedicated staff and volun- certain life skills. Help is teers who are there when at hand from a number of you need them. There are a number of can assist you with a

options available to range of different requirepeople looking for a little ments. extra care, whether for the

How we can help you learn:

Person Centred Approach
 Education Supports - Literat
 On-site Psychologist
 Job-Seeking Skills
 Work Placements

inuous Intake

Free life changing courses and supported training

Find out more.

01 282 9643

www.nln.ie

bray@

and volunteers who are there when people in the community need them? local organsations who

Did you know that

Fortunately, Co. elderly, the young, or County Wicklow has a someone find a new Wicklow is full of people who just need a number of different ser- career path, the help is career path, the help is vices with dedicated staff there.

If you or someone you know in your local community is in need of a Whatever the case may helping hand, take a look be, whether it's to do with at the services listed in caring for the more this feature and vulnerable people in a remember, you are not

#### community or helping alone. New Year New You! National Learning Network Volunteers are the cornerstone of our New Year communities. From the parent that New Start becomes a sports coach to the neighbour that checks on an elderly acquaintance, every act of volunteering makes a difference.

Groups in every corner of Wicklow are looking for volunteers so if you have time to spare why not get involved in a local voluntary group. Research has shown that volunteering benefits the volunteer, the voluntary group and your community. No special skills are required to volunteer just a willingness to get involved and to give something back to your community.

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 Wicklow), you can email 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!



H

- A Polish Interpreter in Arklow
- To find out about these and other opportunities, please give us a call on 086 325 8803 or 085 862 1525. Email info@volunteerwicklow.ie or register to volunteer on www.volunteerwicklow.ie



### **National Learning Network Bray**

~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.

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

Seeking Job 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 in Information Processing and progression to Further 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".

Don't forget the Open Mornings take place every Wednesday from 11.00am to 1.00pm in the centre on the Boghall Road, Bray.



**Times** 



### Where connection, strength and caring are important

Kylemore Day Care Centre offers a five day a week support system from 9am - 6pm weekdays helping clients to continue to live independently or with their family or carer at home. The Daycare Centre, located on the leafy Sidmonton Road in Bray just a minutes walk from the beach.

The Centre provides a welcoming, comfortable and safe environment and offers practical and therapeutic support and the opportunity for clients to enjoy a variety of activities, develop and practice old or new skills and find out about the things they can and cannot manage.

Our Mission Statement 'To promote quality of life and Independence through a friendly and professional





Have a dance

Get your strenght back





Make new friends



about cold weather



### Day Spaces available

Contact Liz Manager Phone: 01 286 3255 Monday - Friday

Sidmonton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. email: lizkylemore@gmail.com www.kylemorehouse.ie



### **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.

Fretting', which runs at the last time, he sits in his Tallaght from the 12th to through the rubble of his the 16th of February, career. Chris plays James tour

been a disaster and when

'Strutting and the curtain has fallen for the Civic Theatre in dressing room picking Hitler.'

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 to Mel Brooks classic is a comedy, but for it to

link between Krapp's Last Tape and Springtime for Chris, who can current-

ly be seen in RTE's Strutting and Fretting Resistance, explained what he has been doing to

"Strutting and Fretting 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."

imes

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 was 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 real-

ly 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' 10th February at 8.00pm and will introduce the The work will be Tickets €15, also avail- The work is unusual in work to the audience.

Friday 8 February at 8pm. Tickets: €16/14

their depth, virtuosity and flair.

Coming up at Mermaid...

and an exciting coming together of all the musicians.

Tim Edey (BBC Radio Two's Musician of the year

2012 (BBC R2 FOLK AWARDS) multi-instrumen-

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:

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.

by the choirs on Sunday at the door on the night. 'Invictus: A Passion' is in the Church of the Most a musical retelling of the

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-

that the story is told from

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.



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 Pictured: Triona Marshall

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.



National Hyperbaric Centre, 53-54 Great Strand Street, D1. P: (01) 873 3044, Fax: (01) 873 3969 Emergency: 087 972 9366 Email: hyperinfo@eircom.net www.hyperbaricireland.com

### **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 externely 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 stronger and move better."

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, Eobha, 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.

The 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 ria which can lead to gum endar year, as well as an **Top Dental Health Tips** annual contribution towards a scale and polish

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

maintenance A scale and polish is

another way to describe a paste to help keep teeth dental cleaning, whereby strong and prevent dental your dentist or dental decay

hygienist will remove Reduce frequency of plaque and tartar from sugary snacks and caryour teeth, leaving them bonated drinks

clean and smooth. In \* Spit out excess toothaddition to a good daily paste after brushing but oral health routine at avoid rinsing, so that fluhome, professional cleanoride remains on your teeth ing helps to prevent a build-up of plaque bacte-\* 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 You can help keep your mouth healthy by followmore frequently as ing a number of key advised

Dental Care Ireland \* Brush your teeth twice Greystones provides an annual exam, scale and polish for  $\in 15$ , 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



Rachel Hanlon and Olivia Kinsella from the Blessington LGFA Club are pictured with Padraig Og O'Se and Michael Collins at the launch of the Comortas Peile Paidi O Se 2019 Football Festival which takes place in the Dingle Peninsula from 15th to 17th February.

### **Blessington ladies to line** 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 Kerry.

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 over 30 years and has anniversary Comórtas grown into a major international GAA event with senior, intermediate and amount in our history. We junior competitions as thank our UK GAA well as teams attending friends with five traveling cultural and social events at Comórtas HQ, Páidí Ó Celts who are making the Sé's pub in Ventry, Co. The football festival clubs is crucial in ensur-

will also host nightly free ing we can maintain such music and entertainment which is open to the general public and a their co-operation. Local Saturday Night Players partners Lee Strand Milk Banquet at the Comórtas and Kerry County marquee at Páidi Ó Sé's Council Tourism Unit are pub in Ard a' Bhóthair, backing us also to continue with the Comórtas. Ventry

Comórtas Chairman Pádraig Óg. Ó Sé said, 'We are delighted with the response to our 30th with 17 counties represented, the largest teams and indeed Dubai longest journey of all. The support of local host a high number of teams and we thank them for

which has become a big benefit in terms of local tourism. We are also delighted that EJMenswear.com of Sligo, who are related to the Ó Sé family as well as Lidl Ireland are back to help make this event happen. Michael Collins

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.'



steps:

at night

two minutes

daily, especially last thing

\* Use a timer to make

sure you brush for a full

\* Floss teeth once a day

to remove plaque, prefer-

ably before brushing \* Use a fluoride tooth-

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

### Times Tuesday 29th January 2019 **18** ARTS 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 Ballycoog ICA.

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 won Mullally Trophy for Best Moment in Theatre and The Norah Ferns Trophy for Most 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

### 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.

Fiona Keane and 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 "A 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 D.S. Number" by Michael Frayn and Margaret Condon director of Ashford ICA's "Party Time" Eileen by Brandon.



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

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

The film does not

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

Breathnach to rent are either extor-Mr delighted local film fans tionately priced or 'not by participating in a suitable for families', as question and answer ses-John Paul is told at one viewing. 'But it's a house?' he replies, while sion after the screening. The film documents 36 hours in the life of Rosie understanding quickly and her family - partner John Paul and their four dawns on his face. They are not wanted. It is a children. The Dublin sellers market and with family has been made young childless profeshomeless after the landsionals competing for accommodation, Rosie's lord of the property they lived in for seven years family will not win. decides to sell up. With John Paul working long point the finger at any hours and Rosie spendone cause for the situation the family have been plunged into. These are ing her days trying to find emergency accom-modation 'even for one hardworking honest, lovnight just' as she is heard ing people. Roddy Doyle's screenplay is pleading with hotel staff over and over again, carefully crafted to draw their situation appears the audience in to the hopeless. The few propturmoil of a family simerties that are available ply needing somewhere



Paddy Breathnach

to lav 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.

together, but cannot pro-

are

Rosie, and maybe they won't. While he admitted that a 'happy ending' Interwoven through the was mooted in the script chaotic events of the day heartbreaking at one stage, he felt it moments of tenderness was truer to the story to between Rosie and her leave it open ended. children. She will protect them like a mother lion, will fight to keep them

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

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 under-

vide for their most basic

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

take with Rosie and her family, and the truth of it for the thousands of Rosies out there is that



PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS **AND APPOINTMENTS IS 12 NOON FRIDAY** 

MasterCard

VISA

# THE Credit Union Ltd DREAMCAR

# 6.9% (7.1% APR) 上〇/△ 191 Or Trade Up!

We Lend For All Makes/Models And Years

Apply In Person in: Avoca|Gorey|Carnew| Rathdrum|Roundwood Ferrybank, Arklow

Example: A loan of €10,000 over 5 years has 60 Monthly payments of €197.58. Total Interest Payable €1,854.04. Total amount repayable €11,854.04

### Call Us On 1850 345 925 or Apply Online @ www.alturacu.ie

Warning:

If you do not meet the repayments on your loan, your account will go into arrears. This may limit your ability to access credit in the future.

Altura Credit Union Ltd. is regulated by The Central Bank of Ireland

053 94 88700 (All Branches) info@alturacu.ie www.alturacu.ie

Loans are subject to approval, lending criteria, terms & conditions apply.

Credit l