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SNAKE IN THE GRASS

The Wicklow Mountains have been an unfortunate dumping ground for many things over the years, from household waste to horses. However there was a possible first over the weekend of 25th and 26th May as a large snake was discovered.

The female Burmese Python, measuring almost 10 feet in length, was abandoned and found in the Sally Gap, in the Wicklow Mountains National Park.

Sadly the snake, which was named Sammi by its rescuers, has since died, Wicklow Times has learned.

A National Parks and Wildlife representative secured the snake after being alerted by a local farmer, who made the surprising discovery. The ISPCA then put out an appeal for information.

The python was found to be underweight, dehy-

drated and injured. She was placed in the care of a reptile specialist in Dublin but unfortunately it was unable to pull through.

ISPCA Chief Inspector Conor Dowling said "In addition to the potentially illegal release of a non-native species, there are numerous possible offences under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013. This snake did not make its own way up the Wicklow Mountains and we believe that it was abandoned and left in an environment not suited to an animal of this type."

Speaking to Wicklow

Times, Mr Dowling said the snake was extremely emaciated: "We don't know exactly when it was abandoned but we believe it was in the wild a matter of days rather than weeks. Its diet would usually consist of rabbits and large rats, but it doesn't appear to have eaten anything. It's suggestive that it was being underfed and poorly cared for for months prior to being abandoned."

Mr Dowling added "Animals such as Sammi have very specialised environmental requirements and will suffer slow, lingering deaths in



Emma Lambert and Lisa Whelan are pictured in the Hot Spot in Greystones for the launch of Barry Corcoran's debut novel 'For Those That Do Not Die'. Pic: Joe McQuillan

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normal Irish weather conditions. During the exceptional summer last year, the ISPCA rescued two snakes which were active due to the warm



weather. It raises the question how many animals of this type are out there dying slowly after being discarded by irresponsible owners that no longer want them. The ISPCA would like to see regulation of the breeding, selling and keeping of exotic pets".

The Burmese python is

native to the tropical climes of Southern and Southeast Asia, and is one of the five largest snake species in the world. They have also

been found in the Florida everglades. They are a semi-aquatic snake and are often found near water as well as trees. They tend to prefer low flooded habitats, rainforests and marshes. The largest of the specimens have been known to also feed on pigs, goats, and deer.

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Pictured with health and fitness coach Joe Wicks are Lara Redmond, Sarah McQuillan, Ciara McQuillan, and Isabelle Callinan at St. Patrick's Loreto Primary School in Bray where Joe visited to conduct a workout session with children and adults. Maeve Leahy and Ms Ni Riain applied on behalf of the school to host the event and Marino School also visited on the day Pic: Joe McQuillan

The era of steam train travel returns to County Wicklow

On Sunday June 16th the era of steam train travel returns to County Wicklow with the operation by the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland of a one-day steam train trip 'The Dublin Riviera' from Dublin to Bray and return with two optional Bray-Wicklow steam train trips before the train returns to Dublin.

Power up front will be up former Great Northern Railways (I) steam locomotive No. 85, which will depart from Dublin Connolly at 10.35 a.m., arriving in Bray at 11.25 a.m. after which it will operate two Bray-Wicklow-Bray train trips. Train 1 will depart from Bray at 11.30am, arriving in Wicklow at 12.10pm, where after a short layover to take on water and to run round the train, will depart Wicklow at 12.35pm arriving back in Bray at 1.10pm.

Train 2 will depart Bray at 1.50pm, arriving in Wicklow at 2.25pm, and after a layover there will depart at 3.20pm, arriving back in Bray 3.50pm, departing from Bray to Dublin at 3.55pm for Dublin Connolly.

Tickets for the Dublin-Bray-Dublin trip are €14 Adult/€8 Child and for each of the Bray-Wicklow-Bray trips are €14 Adult/€8 Child. Tickets can be booked on line via www.steamtrainsireland.com.

Tickets for the Bray-Wicklow-Bray trips can also be purchased over the counter from the Tourism Centre, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray.

What's Happening...

Bringing Broadway Home

Boulevard Productions presents Bringing Broadway Home, an evening of musical theatre, at the Whale Theatre in Greystones on Saturday 6th July.

Featuring songs from your favourite musicals, such as My Fair Lady, Oklahoma and Carousel with a touch of modern Broadway mixed in. Staring Róisín Sullivan, Mark O'Looney, Naoise Stuart-Kelly and star of Angela's Ashes - The Musical, Eoin Cannon. Accompanied by David Wray.

Show starts at 8pm (Doors 7pm). Tickets €20/€18. See www.whaletheatre.ie or call the booking office on 01 2010550

Buffalo Soul

Buffalo Soul, the freshest reggae band in town are coming to the Hot Spot Music Club in Greystones on Friday June 14th to pay tribute to the legendary Bob Marley, the most influential Jamaican musician of all time, and his timeless music.

Buffalo Soul is a collective of musicians from all over the world based in Dublin. These global musicians include: Plazi Halao: Vocals, Guitar; Andres S. Macnamara: Keyboard; Vlad Andranache: Sax; Alberto de La Cruz: Percussion; Bruno Botica: Drums and Isra: Bass. Advance tickets €10 or pay €12 on the door. Doors open 8.00pm on Friday July 14th and show starts at 9pm.

Glendalough Car Boot Sales & Country Market

This has now moved to the second Sunday of the month. Encouraging local and non-local producers of plants, vegetables, crafts etc. The next event will be on Sunday, 9th of June, open from 10am to 4pm. Bargains on practically anything from household items to garden additions, and even vintage or antique treasures. Vans must be booked in. Please pre-book indoor spaces early. Contact the Brockagh Centre on 0404-45600, email brockaghcarboot@gmail.com or brockaghoffice@gmail.com if you wish to book an indoor space or if you prefer to sell outside just show up at 8am on the morning.

ICA Delgany Guild

The next meeting of Irish Countrywomen's Association (Delgany Guild) will be on Monday June 10th at 8pm, St Patricks Church & Parish Centre, Church Road, Greystones. Guest Speaker Spot: Tiglin ('life beyond addiction'). Also, do visit Greystones and support the ICA June 2019 Yarnbombing initiative - all donations to Temple Street Foundation (Children's Mental Health - St Francis Clinic).

School sleep out raises almost €3,000 to fight homelessness

Twenty-nine 4th, 5th and 6th Class students from Tynock National School on the Carlow/Wicklow border recently had the opportunity to help fight homelessness by taking part in Focus Ireland's School Sleep Out in Solidarity, perhaps the first primary school in Ireland to complete the sleep out.

The children slept outside their school in sleeping bags from 7pm to 7am.

Each student was given a Sponsorship Card to raise funds for the cause. All funds raised will support families and young people at risk of homelessness or who have already lost their home. The children raised close to three thousand euro for the Focus Ireland Charity.

"As their class teacher, I was completely overwhelmed by the support and generosity we received in the days leading up to, the night of, and the days following the event," said Sharon Shelly.

"For such a small rural school, the response to the event was incredible. Fellow teachers of Tynock

School and parents arrived in a constant flow throughout the night to help; from simply stopping to take a moment and check in with and allow the children time to reflect and share their experience to making endless cups of tea and hot chocolate to warm the rough sleepers. Some members of staff and parents slept outside with us too!

"We also had a local takeaway sponsor food to the rough sleepers on the night! Val's Takeaway of Hackettstown heard about the kids doing the Sleep Out and sent up pizzas, chips and nuggets to them free of charge! We've had so much support for such a small country school, and small community, it's really been an amazing experience for all

involved. The support has given the kid's a huge boost, and there is still a buzz in my classroom following the event.

"I have to say my class are a group of 29 motivated, determined and hardworking chil-

dren, with huge hearts and an eagerness to help others.

"It was not a particularly easy fundraiser, it

was challenging and especially for children that age.

"We hope that if other Primary School's across Ireland see that we can do it, they will be encouraged to challenge homelessness too."



Pupils from Tynock National School sleeping out to help fight homelessness.

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'SAVE OUR POST OFFICE'

Many people are extremely concerned at the delay in reopening the local post office in Ballywaltrim" says Independent councillor Joe Behan.

"The Ballywaltrim Post Office was one of the busiest in the North Wicklow area and the credit for that goes to the late Anne McCarthy (RIP). Anne was an extremely popular and diligent Postmaster and she and her wonderful staff provided an excellent service for many years," said Cllr Behan.

"When Anne sadly passed away, the contract for the Ballywaltrim Post Office was advertised and we all expected a new post office to be open by now. Unfortunately, this



Cllr Joe Behan

has not yet happened and I have been told last week by An Post that the contract has been re-

advertised with a new closing date of the end of May.

"I have been assured by An Post that there is no plan to close the post office permanently. I am concerned that the longer the delay in reopening the post office, the greater the chance that it will remain closed permanently. I am organising a campaign to Save Our Post Office by indicating to An Post the massive support there is in the area for re-opening it. I hope to get the support of all the people who have

relied on the post office in the past and those who will use it in the future.

"I have petition sheets available to sign and I ask that people contact me to get some sheets to be filled in by family, friends and neighbours. This will show An Post that we want to have our post office reopened as soon as possible."

If you are interested in helping, please contact Cllr. Joe Behan on 086 8375602 or email: joebehan@outlook.ie

Appeal against Greystones housing development

Third party appeals have been lodged with An Bord Pleanala regarding a development of 51 housing units at Fairfield Park, New Road, in Greystones.

The application for the development at the former mobile home site was made to Wicklow County Council last August by William Fenelon.

Those appealing to An Bord Pleana have cited a number of concerns, including the fate of a number of mature trees along the boundary lines, and potential heavy traffic. Concerns have also been raised by nearby residents about the new houses having windows which directly overlook their properties and gardens, and they say that the boundary line is too close to their properties.

The development would consist of a mix of two-bedroom terraced bungalows, three-storey 4 bed semi detached dwellings, with balconies to the rear, and two-storey 3 bed semi detached dwellings, two-storey 3 bed terraced dwellings, two-storey 4 bed detached dwellings, two separate vehicular and pedestrian accesses, one from New Road serving 8 units and another from Mount Haven estate serving the remaining 43 units, all together with associated works including drainage, landscaping, private and public open space areas.

The case is due to be decided in September.

New Glendalough bus service launched

Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow officially launched the new 183 Wicklow to Glendalough bus service last Friday in Laragh, with Minister Simon Harris TD.

This new service provides a valuable public transport service between Glendalough and Wicklow town.

The service operates seven days a week return, with late night evening services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, stopping at Glendalough, Laragh, Annamoe, Roundwood, Ashford, Rathnew and Wicklow Town as well as daily train connections to Rosslare and Dublin.

This rural transport government funded service is a mainstream public transport service available to everyone. By integrating this service with other public transport services, it will enable rural communities in Wicklow to benefit from quality public transport as well as making the best use of transport resources nationally.

As well as providing a local transport service, this new route will also greatly enhance visitors' ability to access a range of tourism attractions in Co. Wicklow thus enhancing the tourist experience generally.

Speaking at the launch Minister Harris said, "It is great to see the expansion of the Rural Transport Programme in this region and in Co. Wicklow particularly. I am keenly aware that the primary objective of the Rural Transport Programme is to provide a quality nationwide community based public transport system in rural Ireland which responds to local needs and today we see an important step in that direction for Wicklow."



Two Wicklow organisations, the Centre for Creative Practices and Greystones Lawn Bowling Club (pictured), have beaten off stiff competition to be named amongst the thirty-six community groups, sports clubs and organisations from all over Ireland that were announced as regional winners and finalists in the National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2019. The Centre for Creative Practices will be in the Arts & Culture category while Greystones Lawn Bowling Club will be in the sports category for the awards grand final.



Clark and Brooke Fitzpatrick from Bray at the special Family Day in Bray Retail Park, which launched a sensory-friendly shopping event to make store visits easier for people with autism and other sensory difficulties. Pic: Barbara Flynn

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ALL TYPES OF BLINDS SUPPLIED & FITTED



Mary Hackett, Renee Reece, Anne O'Brien, Val McGee, Joan Dowling and Brigid O'Grady are pictured at the Ballycoogue ICA fundraiser at Ballycoogue Community Hall

'Increased Garda patrols needed at Ballywaltrim Playground'

Independent councillor Rory O'Connor wants to see increased Garda foot patrols at Ballywaltrim playground to deter anti-social behaviour on weekends and at night.

The playground, originally built in 2015, has seen a rise of anti-social behaviour and intimidation in recent years. The issue received prominence last Halloween, when Bray fire brigade responded to a number of call-outs involving the use of fireworks in the playground and surrounding areas.

Cllr O'Connor said: "A number of locals have expressed to me their concerns about the playground acting as a focal point for anti-social behaviour. Even loitering can be very intimidating for parents who are there with young children at the playground. Parents have a right to access playgrounds in full confidence that they are safe and clean.

"Anti-social behaviour isn't a single strand issue, and policing isn't a straight forward solution. It boils down to developing a more conducive strategy to tackle youth disengagement that involves kids, parents and youth services. If elected I think a younger voice would play an important role in building a new approach to youth services."



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FIVE MEDALS FOR WICKLOW AT BLOOM OPENING DAY

Wicklow was well-represented at this year's Bloom festival in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, with three show gardens and two Botanical & Floral art entries awarded medals on the opening day.

The show garden Moving Forward - Building My Best Possible Life - designed by Rúaidhrí Bashford from Wicklow for Cheshire Ireland was awarded a gold medal. The small concept garden aims to inspire people to consider the importance of living in a home of one's own, whether that is in a residential setting or in a clustered setting.

Cheshire Ireland supports adults with physical and neurological conditions and its ethos is to allow people to live their best possible lives on their own terms.

Robert Moore, a garden designer from Kilmacanogue was also awarded a gold medal. He has designed 'Memories are made of this - Dementia: Understand Together Garden' for the HSE.

The medium garden creates a space where people living with dementia can reminisce in a welcoming and supportive way. The memory shed, used in many gardens for storage, becomes a relaxing place that allows visitors to access memories and share them in a comfortable setting.

Tunde Perry, a garden designer based in Calary, received a Silver-Gilt medal for the Marie Keating Foundation 'Breath of Life' Garden. This garden tells the story of lung cancer, Ireland's biggest cancer killer, with 2,600 cases diagnosed each year.

However, with increased awareness of symptoms and innovative new treatments, the garden also reflects that there is much to be hopeful about.

In the Botanical and Floral Art section, "Tufted Vetch - Vicia cracca" by Lynn Stringer, Wicklow, was awarded a silver medal for her Botanical entry.

The entry 'Asplenium Scolopendrium, Hart's-Tongue fern' by Niamh Harding-Miller from Wicklow was awarded a bronze medal in the Botanical category.

This year's event, which finished on Monday 3rd June, reflects the groundswell of national support towards living more sustainably in order to address the issue of climate change. From show gardens highlighting water conservation, the damage of plastics pollution in our oceans and the importance of pollinator and bee-friendly plants; to the community postcard gardens which encourage attendees to reduce plastic waste, recycle and grow their own food; and the Bord Bia Food Village featuring impressive horticultural displays, talks on the impact of climate change on the food industry and a range of

new food and drink product launches with a green twist.

Andrew Doyle TD, Minister of State for Food Forestry and Horticulture attended Bloom over the June bank holiday weekend and said "Every year Bloom gets bigger and better. I am delighted that over 15 Wicklow businesses and food producers have showcased their products in Bloom this year. It is wonderful to see issues such as sustainability, biodiversity, and water conservation, mental and physical health being addressed in an accessible way through floral displays, talks and family-friendly exhibits. The huge popularity of the Bloom event, created by Bord Bia, reinforces its role as a key endorsement for Irish horticulture and food as well as providing a richly diverse and inspiring garden festival."



Kilmacanogue garden designer Robert Moore and broadcaster Ciara Kelly at Bloom last week. Robert was awarded a gold medal for his 'Dementia - Understand Together' garden.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY GOES TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Wicklow County Council has produced a draft Climate Adaptation Strategy which addresses how Wicklow will need to respond to a changing climate and its impacts.

The Strategic Plan has a focus on measures that will build resilience in the operations of Wicklow County Council across all its services to ensure we can react better to changing climate and extreme weather events.

Records shows that weather events in County Wicklow in recent decades have already had significant disruptive impacts on communities and public services, often entailing mobilisation of significant human and financial resources.

Climate Ireland and Met Eireann have documented a changing pattern in climate for Ireland in recent decades. These changes are in line with predictions and point clearly to a future with increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events.

The Climate Change Strategy identifies current vulnerabilities for the county; how risks, and in a small number of case opportunities, will increase over time and where we need to focus adaptation measures to respond.

The Strategy addresses six key themes which are: Local government and business operations; Community health and wellbeing; Infrastructure and built environment; Land use and development; Drainage and flood management; Natural resources and cultural infrastructure.

It will impact on all services of Wicklow County Council ensuring that Climate Change becomes a key priority that shapes how we deliver services for the people of the county. It ensures that all our services and communities are more resilient to the challenges we will face in the coming years and decades.

The Strategy was developed working closely with the newly established Climate Action Regional Office based in Kildare who provided advice, support and training. Every local authority in

Ireland is currently producing individual local strategies. Other public sectors are doing the same and Wicklow County Council will work with the different sectors as appropriate in the implementation of adaptation measures. Public views are now being sought on the Strategy from and any one or organisation can make a submission. The Strategy can be viewed in County Buildings, Wicklow; the Municipal District Offices in Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Blessington and in the libraries at Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Blessington. It is also available for viewing online on www.wicklow.ie. Submissions can be made to TOBrien@wicklow-coco.ie between the 7th of June and 5th of July inclusive.

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12-year-old Naia O'Callaghan Roya, from S.N. Phairraig Naoife, Avoca, was a finalist in the 2019 Eason Spelling Bee Leinster Final held in Eason's on O'Connell Street in Dublin. Pic: Andres Poveda

Nursing home residents and staff in Co Wicklow preparing to celebrate

Co Wicklow nursing homes are preparing to celebrate Nursing Homes Week 2019. Residents, their family and friends, staff and wider communities will participate in the annual week of celebrations that will run Monday 10th to Sunday 16th June 2019. Nursing homes across the country are hosting events to celebrate the positivity of nursing home care.

Celebrations will include family days, barbeques, parties, live music, dance, games, arts activities and a host of other events. Art is a central theme in the Nursing Homes Week 2019 celebrations. In Residence is an initiative that will run in tandem with the week. It will see nursing homes hosting very special exhibitions of artworks created by residents.

Tadhg Daly, NHI CEO states: "Our nursing homes are homes to extraordinary people in our communities. Nursing Homes Week provides opportunity to celebrate the remarkable people who live within them and the people who dedicate themselves to providing them with excellent care."

"We should acclaim residents in our nursing homes who have and continue to make tremendous contributions to society. These people have tremendous knowledge and wisdom for us to learn from. They inspire those around them and bring tremendous happiness and warmth to peoples' lives. Staff in our nursing homes provide these people with fantastic care, support and assurance, enhancing the lives of these people entrusted in their care."

"This year we are delighted to celebrate the integral role that art fulfils within nursing homes in providing residents with therapeutic care and joyous activity. In Residence will see nursing homes across the country hosting art exhibitions of resident artworks during the week. This will bring together truly remarkable and very special creations for visitors to the nursing homes in communities across Ireland to observe and admire."

Nursing Homes Ireland represents over 300 private and voluntary nursing homes in communities across Ireland.

Walking group in the Brockagh

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Kieran Christie, ASTI General Secretary, Bray teacher Gearóid Ó Ciaráin, and Breda Lynch, ASTI President, are pictured at the ASTI awards. Gearóid, former principal of Colaiste Raithin, was presented with an ASTI Honorary Life Membership award.

Local teachers win ASTI awards

Three teachers from around Co. Wicklow have been awarded by the ASTI (Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland) at the organisation's annual awards ceremony in Dublin on May 24th.

Former principal of Coláiste Ráithín Gearóid Ó Ciaráin received a 2019 ASTI Honorary Life Membership Award in recognition of his exceptional service to the union. An ASTI activist throughout his career, Gearóid made an extraordinary contribution to the

ASTI Bray Branch serving as Branch Secretary, Equality Officer and Chair over a 23 year period. In addition to this, his loyalty to the ASTI led to Gearóid taking up a number of important positions at national level. He served on the ASTI Central Executive Council and as Trustee of



Nora Ni Chonghaile, former teacher at Colaiste Raithin, was given a Thomas McDonagh medal



Former Colaiste Chill mhanain teacher Mary Kilgallen received an award for her service to the ASTI.

Tinahealy Men's Shed represent Wicklow at All Ireland Shed Series Final

The fourth annual Shed Series, the biggest Men's Sheds crafts exhibition in the world, took place at Naas Racecourse on Wednesday May 22nd. The Topline Shed Series saw Men's Sheds from throughout Ireland compete for a top prize, awarded to the winning entry by a panel of judges headed by nine-time Irish Champion jockey Pat Smullen.

Local Tinahealy Men's Shed were finalists on the day and presented a collection of photography representing the shed and their community as well as work they have carried out locally. It included a beautiful tribute to the late Billy Osbourne of Topline Corrells which was incorporated into a flower box.

The images culminated in a presentation of the finished garden works by the shed. The members of Tinahealy Men's Shed were effusive in their praise for Topline Corrells who have supported them in their endeavours.

Kilbeggan Men's Shed scooped first place in the final, and Smullen was hugely impressed by the standard of competition. "I've known about and supported men's sheds for years, but I never realised the standard of skills and craftsmanship was so high. I'm just stunned by what I've seen today, and I'm delighted Topline and the Irish Men's Sheds Association have given these lads such a great day out, because they deserve it".

The Shed Series, run jointly by Topline and the Irish Men's Sheds Association, attracted almost 150 submissions from all corners of the island. These were whittled down to the 23 sheds which took part in the final.

Entrants were invited to reflect upon the heritage and history of their community and their local Topline store's place within it. This year's theme attracted a broad range of innovative, humorous and artistic entries, which gave the judges some tough decisions.

Fun Run for Arklow Cancer Support

AIB staff in Arklow are to hold the second annual 5K for €5k fun run in aid of Arklow Cancer Support on Sunday 30th June at 10am.

Last year, over 250 people took part and helped AIB staff raise over €7,000 which went towards supporting the vital work that Arklow Cancer Support does on a daily basis. Anyone looking to run or walk the race can sign up in the AIB Arklow branch, online at www.popupraces.ie or in person on the day.

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary in the town, Arklow Cancer Support is a voluntary organisation that relies on fundraising and donations from the general public. They provide the local community with a wide range of core services including specialised therapies, complementary therapies, volunteer driving and counselling, as well as essential information services and classes.

Speaking about the 5k event, Claire Bushe from AIB Arklow said "The Arklow Cancer Support Group provides vital services to the local community on a purely voluntary basis. We are challenging ourselves again this year to raise €5,000 and would love for everyone to get involved so we can reach this target and possibly beat it. We would like to thank the local Gardaí and Arklow Town Council for their support and look forward to welcoming walkers, runners, volunteers and supporters on the day!"

Commenting on the importance of these fundraising events to the charity, Mary O'Brien from Arklow Cancer Support Group said: "As a voluntary organisation we rely completely on the generosity and fantastic support we receive from the local community to keep providing our services. I would like to thank AIB Arklow for their support and enthusiasm in organising the second Annual 5k for €5k run and walk and look forward to seeing our community come out on the 30th June."

the ASTI. During this time Gearóid remained deeply committed to his school Coláiste Ráithín and was heavily involved in campaigning for a new school building, a goal which was finally realised in 2018.

Commenting on Gearóid Ó Ciaráin's contribution to the ASTI, President of the ASTI Breda Lynch said: "Honorary Life Membership is the most prestigious award that can be bestowed on an ASTI member. It is given in recognition of singular and exceptional service to the ASTI involving substantial and commendable personal input. Gearóid's commitment to the ASTI stems from a deep desire for fairness, equality, respect and dignity for all."

Gearóid Ó Ciaráin was principal of Coláiste Ráithín from 1991 to 2018.

Also at the awards, Nora Ni Chonghaile, a former teacher at Coláiste

Raithín, Bray, and a member of the Bray Branch of the ASTI, received a Thomas MacDonagh medal from ASTI President Breda Lynch in honour of her service to the ASTI.

This medal recognises extraordinary service to the union by members. It is named after the historical figure Thomas MacDonagh who was a founder member of the ASTI.

Mary Kilgallen, a former teacher at Coláiste Chill Mhantain, has received an award for service to the ASTI. The PJ Kennedy Award is presented to ASTI members who have given valuable service to the union at branch level. As a member of ASTI Wicklow Branch, Mary worked with teachers and schools in her area to ensure the voice of the teacher was heard at local and national level, both within the ASTI and in the wider world of education.

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Tenders invited for Kilmacanogue N11 Road safety scheme

Sinn Féin TD John Brady and Councillor Dermot 'Daisy' O'Brien have welcomed news that tenders have been invited for the Kilmacanogue N11 safety scheme. The tender invitation has been published for the Parallel service Road on E-Tenders and the deadline for responses is June 26th.

Welcoming the news Deputy Brady said "After a number of delays I'm delighted that the tender documents are finally published. The tender is for the construction of a segregated service road on the southbound carriageway of the N11 at Kilmacanogue between Junction 7 (Bray South) and Junction 8 (Kilmacanogue). The Works will include carriageway widening into

the central reserve by up to 3m over a distance of 1.7km, provision of two sign gantries, alterations to existing services, replacement of safety barrier and associated traffic management.

"This scheme when completed will greatly improve road safety in Kilmacanogue; will stop traffic exiting the petrol station directly into fast moving traffic. This would have involved

placing a barrier between the service road and the N11 itself. This would force all traffic coming out of the petrol station up the slip road for Kilmacanogue before re-joining the N11 on the opposite side of the bridge."

Dermot 'Daisy' O'Brien concluded "It is hoped that once the contract is awarded work would commence by midsummer. It's anticipated that

work will take between 6-9 months to complete. As no provision has been included in this scheme for pedestrians or cyclists there are serious concerns for their safety. The council has committed to constructing a green way linking the Southerncross Rd to Kilmacanogue. These plans must progress swiftly to ensure that the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is safeguarded."



Pictured: Lesley Anne Doyle, Kiera O'Brien and Dearbhail O'Sullivan are pictured in the Hot Spot in Greystones for the launch of Barry Corcoran's debut novel 'For Those That Do Not Die'.
Pic: Joe McQuillan

Newcastle Colour Run

The Newcastle & Newtown Parish Youth Group have organised a Family Fun Colour Run in Newcastle Village on Saturday 15th June to raise funds for both the Parish and also the Community Centre in Newcastle.

The 1k/2k loop with obstacles promises to be a great fun family day out. There will also be a BBQ, beverages, entertainment, and a photobooth. Register/collect wristband from 11:45am. Warmup at 12:15pm. Run starts at 12:30pm. Book tickets on www.eventbrite.ie or call into the Parish office. All children must be supervised.

The cost is €10 adult, €8 child, and €30 for a family of four. Queries: Niamh 087 805.3000 Tina 086 606 9324 Orla 086 041 1932. See www.newcastleparish.org for more race info / guidelines.

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Over 300 groups benefit from Council community grants

Community grants totaling over €142,000 have been allocated by Wicklow County Council to groups throughout the county. In total, 319 grants were awarded: 91 in Baltinglass Municipal District; 89 in Arklow MD; 65 in Wicklow MD; 43 in Bray MD and 31 in Greystones Municipal District.

The grants are awarded as part of the Council's commitment to supporting local community development with funds being provided to groups and organisations undertaking community projects in their area.

The Community Awards cover a wide range of activities to ensure that all forms of voluntary effort in the county are recognised. These include general community activities like

scouting associations, first responders, women's and men's groups, active retirement, and those running community centres.

Then there are those groups who focus specifically on people most at risk of being marginalised in society such as anti-racism initiatives and vulnerable young people. Sporting and recreation activities are also included.

The grants range from €200 to a maximum of

€2,000 and are provided to support small projects and group running costs.

An additional €35,000 in grants has been awarded to 11 groups under the Community Pride category. These range from €2,500 to €5,000 and they are awarded to groups undertaking a particular project that makes a significant difference to their community.

The Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Pat Vance,

offered his congratulations to all the successful grant recipients and praised the outstanding community effort which is evidenced across the county.

Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council, acknowledged the huge voluntary effort of the hundreds of groups doing tremendous work throughout the county, which doesn't go unnoticed by the Council.

Success for Bray school at regional final of the annual Our World Irish Aid Awards

Primary school pupils from St. Patrick's Loreto Primary School, Bray are celebrating being named Best Regional Newcomer for its 'Team Work Makes a Dream World' project at the Dublin Regional Final of the prestigious 2019 Our World Irish Aid Awards, which is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's flagship global citizenship programme for primary schools.

The school attended the event at the Dublin Clocktower which saw 15 primary schools from the region compete for three of 12 places at the national final, Best Regional Newcomer, and Special Distinction Awards.

Congratulating the teachers and pupils at St. Patrick's Loreto Primary School, Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Ciarán Cannon T.D. said that this year's Award entries had shown exceptional creativity and understanding of the Awards' theme 'Leave No One Behind'.

"I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the teachers and pupils at St. Patrick's Loreto Primary School on their success at today's regional final.

"As the Minister of State responsible for International Development, I am extremely encouraged by the level of engagement in the Our World Irish Aid Awards and by the willingness of our young people to play an active part in the international effort to make sure that each and every one of the world's 7.6 billion citizens counts equally. The Our World Irish Aid Awards, bring Irish Aid's work to build better futures for some of the world's poorest communities directly into the classroom, challenging the next generation to ensure that it is made an ongoing priority.

"We all have a role to play in Ireland's contribution towards the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development, no matter how young or old we are. Alongside 192 other countries, the part we play in achieving these goals will have a positive impact on the life of every citizen on this planet, as we all count equally. However, the biggest life-changing impact will be seen amongst the most vulnerable and especially those who live in developing countries."

Now in their 14th year, the Our World Irish Aid Awards help primary school pupils learn about the lives of children and their families in developing countries, and how Ireland and 192 other countries are working together to create a safer and fairer world and a better future for all the world's children through the U.N. Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

Each entry was assessed on its creativity, understanding of the theme and its impact. All 15 schools present at today's regional final were presented with an 'Our World Irish Aid Award' plaque. The schools that go on to compete in the national final will contend not just for the overall Our World Irish Aid Awards trophy, but also the titles of Teacher of the Year and Best Newcomer School.



St. Brigid's National School, Greystones was the winning Girls School at the Delgany Schools Cup. Pictured (Back row left to right) are Ann Nulty (Lady Captain, Delgany Golf Club), Jason Bradshaw (Founder of the event); and (front row left to right) Chloe Lewis, Beth Murray, Shauna Seifreid and Stella Doyle.

Delgany Schools Cup celebrates its 11th Year

The eleventh Wicklow Primary Schools Cup final was organised and hosted by Delgany Golf Club recently, featuring 16 Primary School teams from within the Wicklow area.

St. Brigid's National School, Greystones was the Winning Girls School of the Delgany Schools Cup. St. Gerard's School, Bray was the winning Boys School.

The initiative to encourage school children up to 12 years of age to play golf was developed and promoted by Jason Bradshaw and Delgany Golf Club since 2009. Local Wicklow Primary Schools have had weekly coaching and practice sessions which have been initiated by teachers and parents involving circa 500 school children from the ages of 8 to 12 years of age. The finals involved 54 boys and girls from fourth, fifth and sixth classes.

The Captain of Delgany Golf Club, Dermot McCarthy and Lady Captain Ann Nulty stated that the Club was proud to be associated once again with this event and congratulated all the teachers, parents and the young golfers for their tremendous performance during the year and on the day.

The event involved children from Wicklow schools taking part in a team golf competition and was supported by the professional at Delgany Golf Club, Gavin Kavanagh who provided the school children with a golf exhibition after the team event.

Jason Bradshaw founder of the event eleven years ago, said he was very pleased to see this grass roots golf programme continuing to grow in popularity so well in the Wicklow area and congratulated all the schoolchildren who competed.

Official opening of Miner's Way Glendasan

A new 20km marked trail from valley Glendasan near Turlough Hill to Baravore mine site in Glenmalur is being officially opened on Friday 7th June. Robert Carter, himself a former miner in Glendalough will be present to launch the event, together with Pat Casey TD and Minister Andrew Doyle.

Local poet Jane Clarke has written a poem especially to celebrate the mining story. The event begins in Glendasan at 1pm and the main ceremony is in Glenmalur at 2.30pm on Friday June 7th. All members of the local communities and especially families who had someone who worked in the mines are invited to attend both events.

Laragh Summer Festival for older people

The Brockagh Centre in Laragh will host this year's Summer Festival for older people on the 25th of June. Everyone is welcome, if you are interested in attending save the date in your diary. More details to follow at www.brockaghresourcecentre.ie/events or you can phone a staff member on 0404 45600 for more details.



St. Gerard's School, Bray, was the winning Boys School at the Delgany Schools Cup. Pictured left to right are Aonghus Dungan, James Coffey, Matthew Murray, and Darragh Tucker, with Gavin Kavanagh (Head PGA Professional, Delgany Golf Club).

A practical pathway to accountancy for school-leavers

Accounting Technicians Ireland's (ATI) apprenticeship programme, expanding nationwide, leads to a QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Accounting. The programme is proving to be a popular option for Leaving Cert students, and mature students looking to change their career focus.

The Accounting Technician Apprenticeship is a practical, fully funded programme that pays a minimum of €19,000 as you work to achieve your qualification over two years.

Apprentices work four days a week with an employer in industry, practice or the public sector, and study one day a week with a local college. It is delivered by ATI via a network of partner colleges in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Monaghan, Waterford and Wicklow.

This year, there are 160 places available on the programme, with the next intake commencing their apprenticeships in September 2019.

Mazars, a leading professional services firm, was one of the first firms to come on board as a participating employer. "The apprenticeship is a logical fit for Mazars as Accounting Technicians are an essential part of our team," says Jennifer Kelly, Manager, Financial Management and Outsourcing Services.

"The combination of classroom learning and practical workplace training ensures that the apprentice will be equipped with all the necessary skills to progress as far as they want to within our team," says Ms Kelly.

While the application process for the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship is competitive, and places are awarded subject to attaining an offer from an employer, Leaving Cert students can also apply to earn the Diploma for Accounting Technicians through their college route.

This professional qualification leads to fantastic job opportunities and membership of Accounting Technicians Ireland, while graduates can progress to study with Chartered Accountants Ireland or other professional accountancy bodies in just two years.

Visit the website by logging into AccountingTechnicianApprenticeship.ie (apprenticeship) or NumbersInDna.ie (college route) to register your interest.



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- The practical nature of the programme, the salary and the fully-funded fees make the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship particularly appealing to School Leavers who prefer learning by experience to full-time college education.
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ALL IRELAND WIN FOR KILCOOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kilcoole Primary School's 4th Class pupils recently took to the stage with President Michael D Higgins Higgins in UCD's O'Reilly Hall to accept their award for the class entry in the Irish Young Philosopher Awards 2019.

Ms. Ó Nualláin's 4th Class's audio visual entry entitled 'What is being good?' saw the children delve into ethics and question the motivations, levels and context of 'being good'. The students developed their idea for the project during a 'Philosophy Friday' discussion in which they questioned what being good really

meant.

Following on from class discussions each student wrote a short story depicting different situations reflecting questions posed in the discussion. These stories were then shared with the class and elements of each were subsequently blended into one story about a little donkey on a quest to understand what

being good means. This story was then voice recorded by the students and combined with their illustrations to create the award-winning project.

Four of the 4th class students along with their teacher traveled to UCD to participate in the final stages of the competition which involved three separate student interviews with judges where

the students elaborated on their ideas.

Upon arrival of the President of Ireland to UCD in the afternoon the awards ceremony commenced. The tension increased as runners up in each category were called out followed by the category National Winners. Great excitement greeted the announcement of the

National Winners of the Third and Fourth Class Category. Kilcoole Primary School's 4th Class.

The students took to the stage to graciously accept their award on behalf of their classmates. The award was met with great scenes of triumph and joy as the victorious team unveiled the trophy to their class teammates the following morning. When asked what they thought, the students said: "I love philosophy because there's no right and wrong answers." - "I like it because it's all about questioning and I have so many questions!"

Their teacher Ms. Ó Nualláin said "Philosophy affords the children an equal forum to discuss and respect each other's opinions and ideas without the need for definitive answers. It uniquely blends critical and creative thinking and the children love it!"

"Philosophy gives children and young people a huge set of skills that they wouldn't find anywhere else," said Danielle Petherbridge, UCD School of Philosophy, Irish Young Philosopher Awards 2019 Organiser.



4th class pupils from Kilcoole Primary School were winners in the Irish Young Philosopher Awards

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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given that Wicklow County Council has prepared a draft Local Authority Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in accordance with the provisions of The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 and the National Adaptation Framework (NAF), 2018.

Climate change is recognised as a global challenge with policy responses required in terms of both mitigating the causes of climate change and in adapting to the inevitable consequences of our changing climate. The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy represents a proactive step by Wicklow County Council in the process of adaptation planning to build resilience and respond effectively to the threats posed by climate change.

Purpose of the Strategy:

The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy takes on the role as the primary instrument at local level to:

- ensure a proper comprehension of the key risks and vulnerabilities of climate change
- bring forward the implementation of climate resilient actions in a planned and proactive manner and,
- ensure that climate adaptation considerations are mainstreamed into all plans and policies and integrated into all operations and functions of Wicklow County Council.

Environmental Reports:

Accompanying the draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy is:

- A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report in accordance with the SEA Directive (DIR 2001/42/EC) and pursuant to European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (SI 435 of 2004 as amended by SI 200 of 2011) and,
- An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC).

Display Details:

A copy of the draft strategy, SEA and AA screening reports may be viewed on the Councils' website: <http://www.wicklow.ie/> or inspected during the period (4 weeks) from Friday 7th June 2019 to Friday 5th July 2019 (both dates inclusive) at the following locations during normal business hours:

- County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town
- Municipal District Offices in Bray, Greystones, Arklow and Blessington
- Libraries in Arklow, Bray, Greystones and Blessington

The adaptation strategy, SEA screening report and AA screening report may also be accessed on the Government Public Consultations Portal at <https://gov.ie/consultations>

Making a Submission:

Submissions or observations may be made:

- by e-mail to TOBrien@wicklowcoco.ie or
- in writing to Theresa O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer, Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town

Submissions or observations should state your name, address and where relevant the organisation/body etc. represented. Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. post/hard copy or email.

Any written submissions or observations received within the timeframe will be taken into consideration before the making of the strategy. You are invited to make written submissions/observations in respect of the draft strategy and the accompanying SEA and AA screening reports.

Data Protection:

Please note that all submissions may be available for public viewing during the period of making the strategy. Wicklow County Council will treat all personal data as confidential and will retain data for no longer than is necessary for the purpose of this Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and in accordance with the Council's Retention Policy and relevant Data Protection legislation.

Signed: Sean Quirke
Director of Services, Planning, Development and Environment

Date: 3rd June 2019

Shankill Classical Music Club

The last meeting of the 2018-9 season will be on Wed 5th June in the usual venue of 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.

Wicklow Lions Club golf classic

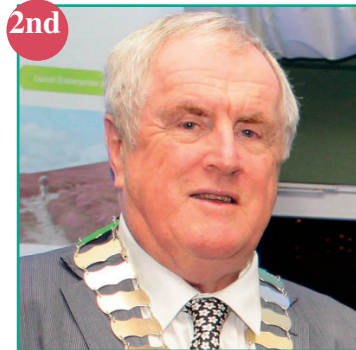
It's all systems go for the annual Wicklow and District Lions Golf Classic. The members are hoping for huge support with just a few places remaining. The event will be held on June 7th in Blainroe Golf Club.

ELECTION RESULTS

ARKLOW



1st
Pat Kennedy topped the poll in Arklow and in Co. Wicklow with a vote of 2,471



2nd
Pat Fitzgerald exceeded the quota with a vote of 1,854

Arklow managed the dual distinction of making just one change to its municipal district council while providing one of the biggest shocks of the election. Fianna Fail were the big winners here, taking just over 50% of the vote and re-electing sitting councillors Pat Kennedy, Pat Fitzgerald and Tommy Annesley. Kennedy topped the poll with 2,471 votes, the largest vote in the entire county. Pat Fitzgerald came in

over quota with 1,854 while Tommy Annesley was elected without reaching quota.

Independent Pat Hoey was the first to be eliminated followed by former Sinn Féin Councillor Mary McDonald. Next up was Sinn Féin's John Kelly followed by Fine Gael's Chantal Kangowa.

First time candidate Independent Pier Leonard made Arklow sit up and take notice when she secured over a thousand first preference votes and was elected after reaching quota on the seventh count. Miriam Murphy was brought in on this count too and Fine Gael's Sylvester Bourke was elected without reaching quota.

Independent Tommy Breen came close was eliminated in the last round with a final total of 1,012 votes.

Final result for Arklow - Pat Kennedy (FF), Pat Fitzgerald (FF), Miriam Murphy (Ind), Pier Leonard (Ind), Sylvester Bourke (FD), Tommy Annesley (FF)

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BALTINGLASS



1st
Edward Timmins topped the poll in Baltinglass with a vote of 1,875



2nd
Gerry O'Neill exceeded the quota with a vote of 1,822.

Baltinglass proved to be an electoral area of high achievers. With sitting councillors Tommy Cullen, Jim Ruttle, and Pat Doran not running, it has also emerged as the most changed Municipal District Council apart from Bray.

Baltinglass was a success story for both Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, as they increased their representation in West Wicklow, leaving Gerry O'Neill (Ind) as the only councillor in the District not belonging to Fine Gael or Fianna Fail.

More than in any other Electoral Area, the first count in Baltinglass effectively settled the matter and showed how it would play out, with the eventual winners pulling far away from the chasing pack.

Two councillors, Edward Timmins (FG) and Gerry O'Neill (Ind), were elected on the first count, exceeding the quota by 354 votes and 301 votes.

For Patsy Glennon (FF), Vincent Blake (FG),

and Avril Cronin (FG), it was clear after the first count that it was a matter of when rather than if they would get over the line.

Compared to the other electoral areas, there was less drama in West Wicklow where four out of the six seats were filled by the second count. The only shadow of doubt was whether John Mullen (FF) could be caught by Social

Democrats candidate David McGinn or Sinn Féin's Aidan Kinsella. He couldn't: despite McGinn and Kinsella being boosted by large transfers from O'Neill and Loraine O'Brien (Ind).

Glennon came within 16 votes of being elected on the first count, while Blake found himself just 40 votes shy of the magic number. They were both elected on the second

count. Cronin made it over the line at the fifth count, while Mullen was eventually elected at the sixth count without reaching the quota.

Final result for Baltinglass - Edward Timmins (FG), Gerry O'Neill (Ind), Avril Cronin (FG), Vincent Blake (FG), Patsy Glennon (FF), John Mullen (FF)

BRAY EAST



1st
Steven Matthews was the poll topper in Bray East with a vote of 1,587



2nd
Grace McManus was elected for Sinn Féin with a 1st count of 975.

From the outset, Bray East was being called the Group of Death. With sitting councillors, a former TD and candidates from all the main parties as well as a handful of independents in the mix, it was difficult to call who would take the four seats available in the newly created ward. Bray East takes in the town centre, vevay and beach areas, as well as the Dargle and Fassaroe.

It became clear once the tally figures started coming through on Saturday morning that Green Party Councillor Steven Matthews was going to top the poll, and at 3am on Sunday morning he took the first seat, with an impressive 1578 votes, well over the quota of 1,265 and over double his first preference vote in 2014.

The following morning the lowest polling candidates were excluded one by one, first up Independent Barry Murphy, then Social Democrat Eamonn Moran followed by sitting councillor Brendan Thornhill who was elected as an Independent in 2014 but joined Peadar Toibin's Aontu party this year. Next to go was Fine Gael's Edward Whelan. People Before Profit's Sharon Briggs was next to go, this her second unsuccessful attempt to get elected. Finally, at around 7pm Sinn Féin's Grace McManus was elected into the second seat for Bray East to delighted cheers from her large crowd of supporters.

Fianna Fail's Chris Walsh was eliminated next, one of the shocks of the weekend, as he had been widely expected to take a seat. Once his votes were distributed, Fine Gael's Aoife Flynn Kennedy took the third seat and Labour's Anne Ferris and Independent Malachai Duddy were tied in a dead heat, with 1,006 votes each. A recount was called and the count went into a third day.

Monday was spent with teams from the Duddy and Ferris camps, including legal representation, painstakingly watching every one of the 6,321 votes being recounted, and checking for discrepancies. The process went into Tuesday when it was announced that one additional ballot paper had been located - a first preference vote for Steven Matthews. The vote was followed until it found a preference for Ferris and she was elected to the fourth seat, 1,007 votes to Duddy's 1,006. Duddy then requested a second recount but this was refused.

Final result for Bray East - Steven Matthews (Green Party), Grace McManus (SF), Aoife Flynn Kennedy (FG), Anne Ferris (Lab).

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ELECTION RESULTS

BRAY WEST



1st
Joe Behan was the poll topper in Bray West with a vote of 1,880



2nd
Melanie Corrigan exceeded the quota with a first count of 1,443

Bray West was traditionally dominated by Christopher Fox so when he announced earlier this year that he would not be standing in the local election, it opened the field to new candidates.

This Bray ward takes in Kilmacanogue and Enniskerry as well as the Southern Cross and Ballywaltrim areas of Bray. It was presumed that Independent Joe Behan and Sinn Fein's Dermot O'Brien would take the first two seats and while Behan topped the poll with 1,880 votes, going 500 over quota, O'Brien had to wait until the seventh and final count to be elected, without reaching quota.

Fine Gael's Melanie Corrigan, a first-time candidate, came in over quota and was elected on the first count.

People Before Profit's June Maher was first to be eliminated, followed by Aontu's Oliver O'Brien, a former Sinn Fein councillor. Fianna Fail's Saran Fogarty followed. It was widely thought that Fogarty, Labour's Ian McGahon and Independent Rory O'Connor would fight it out for the last seat. However Fine Gael's David Miller hung on in there until the seventh count when his elimination saw Dermot O'Brien and Rory O'Connor elected without reaching quota.

Final result for Bray West - Joe Behan (Ind), Melanie Corrigan (FG), Dermot O'Brien (SF), Rory O'Connor (Ind)

GREYSTONES



1st
Jennifer Whitmore, poll topper for the 2nd time with a first count of 1,920



2nd
Tom Fortune, 2nd home with a vote of 1,395

There was much speculation about Greystones in the build-up to the election with 5 of the 6 sitting councillors seeking re-election (Grainne McLoughlin did not run) as well as a strong field of first-time candidates which included the Green Wave momentum of Lourda Scott.

The turnout in Greystones was significantly higher than in 2014, as the electorate has increased by nearly 2,000 people in the intervening years. This year, the valid poll was 9,807 compared to 8,485 in 2014.

In the end, it was Jennifer Whitmore who comfortably topped the poll again, the only candidate in Greystones to exceed the quota on the first count (1,920 votes, surpassing the quota by 518). However, her victory was slightly less electrifying than five years ago when she received 2,328 votes.

Eating into Whitmore's vote this time was the popularity of first-time candidates Lourda Scott (GP), Mags Crean (Ind) and Alice O'Donnell (FG). Between them they also absorbed more than 300 of Whitmore's surplus votes, with Scott

alone taking 124 of these.

In the 2014 local election in Greystones only two candidates, Jennifer Whitmore and Tom Fortune, got more than a thousand first-preference votes, while just 4 out of the other 12 candidates received more than 500 first-preference votes.

This time there was more parity with new candidates Scott and O'Donnell also taking in more than 1,000 first-preference votes each, and Crean receiving 803 votes. Sitting councillors Tom Fortune, Derek Mitchell, and Gerry Walsh, meanwhile, all received more first-preference votes than they did in 2014, with a massive increase for Walsh in particular as his vote was almost double what it was in 2014.

Fortune was elected on the second count, however a shortage of transfers coming the way of Mitchell and Walsh meant that they weren't elected until the eighth count when they were elected without reaching the quota. Crean was also elected on this count.

Greystones, after electing Nicola Lawless as its first ever Sinn Fein councillor in 2014, is now without Sinn Fein repre-

sentation again as alternative to Fine Gael and Fianna Fail took votes away from Lawless. With Scott running for the Green Party, Anne Waithira Burke running for Labour, and Crean running as an Independent, the options open to voters seeking an

alternative to Fine Gael and Fianna Fail took votes away from Lawless. Scott's election meanwhile means that Steven Matthews is no longer the only Green Party councillor in Wicklow.

Final result for Greystones - Jennifer Whitmore (SD), Tom Fortune (Ind), Lourda Scott (Green Party), Gerry Walsh (FF), Mags Crean (Ind), Derek Mitchell (FG).

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
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NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Wicklow County Council will convene on **Friday the 7th of June, 2019 at County Buildings, Wicklow, commencing 2.00 p.m.** at which the first business of the newly elected Council will be the election of the Cathaoirleach. The meeting is the first meeting of the newly elected Council following the local elections held on Friday the 24th of May, 2019 and will be chaired by the Cathaoirleach, directly elected on that day.

Local authorities by virtue of their democratic mandate make appointments to a range of bodies. Wicklow County Council makes appointments to the following bodies / committees among others:-

- The Regional Health Forum (Dublin-Mid Leinster)
- Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board
- The board of Wicklow Rural Partnership
- The board of Bray Area Partnership
- The board of Wicklow Enterprise Park
- The board of Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre
- Strategic Policy Committees
- Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee
- Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee
- Local Community Development Committee
- Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)
- Wicklow County Tourism Ltd.

At this annual meeting the Council will consider the making of appointments (councillor and non-councillor where appropriate) to these bodies/committees. It should be noted however that appointments to some, under the relevant statutory or other provisions applicable or at the Council's discretion, may fall to be considered and made at a later date to the annual meeting.

Lorraine Gallagher,
Senior Executive officer | Meetings Administrator

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ELECTION RESULTS

WICKLOW - EAST

The two big winners in the Wicklow Local Electoral Area were councillors Shay Cullen (FG) and John Snell who ran this time as an Independent after leaving Sinn Féin.

They were both elected

on the first count, exceeding the quota by 773 votes and 462 votes respectively.

Cullen received a massive 2,287 first preference votes, the second highest in the county next to Pat Kennedy from Arklow.

Other sitting councillors from Wicklow Municipal District - Mary Kavanagh (Ind), Irene Winters (FG), and Gail Dunne (FF) - were also re-elected.

The main question hanging over the Wicklow LEA was who would fill

1st



Shay Cullen topped the poll with a massive first count of 2,287

2nd



John Snell exceeded the quota with a first count of 1,976

the seat of Daire Nolan, with the Independent councillor from Newtown announcing that he would not be seeking re-election.

It was expected that the fight for Nolan's seat would be between first-time candidates Anne Gregory of Fianna Fail, Labour's Paul O'Brien, and Sinn Féin's Muireann Dalton.

In the end, Dalton did not get enough votes to be in serious contention, however there was added excitement as sitting councillor Mary Kavanagh found herself being drawn into the fight.

For a while it seemed possible that O'Brien and Gregory could both be elected at the expense of Kavanagh, however a photo finish at the 7th count saw Gregory miss out by an agonising 24 votes.

Despite Gregory getting more first preference votes than Kavanagh, the sitting councillor was more transfer-friendly and eventually overtook Gregory at the fifth count following the distribution of Independent candidate Jimmy O'Shaughnessy's votes after his elimination.

Both Kavanagh and O'Brien were elected

without reaching the quota. The election of O'Brien is another indication of the shoots of recovery for the Labour Party in Wicklow, along with Anne Ferris taking a seat in Bray East and Ian McGahon coming very close to taking a seat in Bray West.

Final result for Wicklow - Shay Cullen (FG), John Snell (Ind), Gail Dunne (FF), Irene Winters (FG), Paul O'Brien (LAB), Mary Kavanagh (Ind)

Ireland's fastest growing village left without a councillor

'LOCAL LADIES LET DOWN WITH A WALLOP'

The village of Newtownmountkennedy has been left without local representation as two local candidates, Fianna Fail's Anne Gregory and Sinn Féin's Muireann Dalton both failed to win a seat in the Wicklow Electoral Area.

Independent councillor Daire Nolan was a Newtown-based councillor in the previous council (2014-2019) but decided not to seek re-election.

Dalton received 669 first preference votes while Gregory received 815, both far short of the quota of 1,514.

Nolan described the result as a terrible one for the Newtown/Kilpedder area.

"Two great local ladies, who ran hugely impressive and dynamic campaigns, were really let down with a wallop. In 2014, Newtown reached 70% or so in some booths. This year, some booths didn't even reach 50%."

"It's a huge disrespect to them and their families at the turnout. I was shocked when I contacted the polling stations on the day and heard how poor the turnout was. And this was reflected in the result, that now sees us criminally under-represented on the County

Council. For a town of 3,000 people, to not to have a councillor from the town is appalling.

"We are now destined to lose out on getting projects done, to not get funding that we would have gotten otherwise and to become the forgotten town, as we were from 2004-2014 when we also had no county councillor."

"When the time comes for funding to be distributed for the next five years, and when Newtown/Kilpedder's bowl is left empty, it can be pointed to this election as the reason

why. With nobody there to fight for discretionary funding for the town, it will simply not come. It will go to the areas where there is a representative, who is fighting for that area."

"It is my fervent hope that those candidates who canvassed heavily in Newtown and Kilpedder will step up to the plate. This is the fastest growing town in Europe. It is crying out for facilities and amenities. Those now elected have to fulfil their promises to the voters in Newtown and Kilpedder."

Cllr. Derek Mitchell



Thank you to all who voted for me and helped me, I look forward to 5 years of getting things done



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INDEPENDENT Cllr Tom Fortune

A big Thanks to everyone for the courtesy extended to me throughout my campaign. I am over whelmed with the support. I enjoyed meeting you all and the many conversations we had on all kinds of issues. I had a great team, my family Ann, Joanna, Kerrie, Bob, Aine, Emma, Joe, Anne, Aimee, Laura, George. John, Chris, Diarmuid, Angela, Ger, PJ, who have been marvellous, my neice's Aoife, Niamh, Elaine, Nicola, Cira & Ray, Paul Kelly, John Kelly, Declan Green, Paul McKenna, Pappy Frawley, Caitriona Whiston, Stephen Stokes, Fiachra Etchingham, May Timmons, Loraine O'Toole and Patrica Blake.



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ELECTION RESULTS

A GAME OF TWO HALVES FOR FIANNA FáIL

It was 'the best of times and the worst of times' for Fianna Fáil in the local elections.

In the south of the county, in the Arklow area the party had a stunning success capturing 52% of the vote and returned 3 councillors with Pat Kennedy not only topping the poll but also achieving the highest vote in the county.

In the Baltinglass area the party captured two seats with new candidates Patsy Glennon and John Mullen.

In the Wicklow area sitting councillor Gail Dunne was comfortably returned with an increased vote, and first-time candidate Anne Gregory very nearly captured a second seat but was pipped at the post by Independent councillor Mary Kavanagh.

That was the good news, in the north of the county the party didn't fare so well with the exception of sitting councillor Gerry Walsh in Greystones who dramatically increased his vote to be comfortably elected. However, many pointed out that Gerry had a sizeable personal vote and had assembled an enthusiastic campaign team. The other Fianna Fáil candidate, Elaine Willis, who works in Stephen Donnelly's constituency office never gained traction with the voters despite a huge effort by Donnelly to promote her.

It was much the same in Bray where the strategy was to run a single candidate in each ward despite the warnings of long time Fianna Fáil stalwarts who warned against it. They maintained that two candidates should be run and that a seat in each ward would be guaranteed.

Two prominent party members resigned over the strategy and ran as independents. In the Bray West ward, Rory O' Connor (a great grandson of Sean Lemas) who was denied a place on the Fianna Fáil ticket took a seat. In the East ward Malachi Duddy, chairman of the Wicklow Fianna Fáil organisation also ran as an independent and lost out to a seat by a single vote in a recount, having tied with Labour's Anne Ferris.

Neither Fianna Fáil candidate secured a seat despite vigorous campaigns and exhaustive canvassing by Deputy Stephen Donnelly.



Independent Peir Leonard and Social Democrat Jennifer Whitmore celebrate the election results at the Count Centre, in the Shoreline Leisure Centre in Greystones



Independent Tom Fortune waits for the results of the Greystones Municipal District at the Shoreline Leisure Centre in Greystones

'OUR SLEEVES ARE ROLLED UP'

Deputy John Brady of Sinn Féin, is disappointed with the party's results in the local elections but says 'it's no different from anywhere else in the country'.

"We knew it would be difficult to repeat the results of 2014 but nobody thought it would be as bad as this, with 78 seats lost nationally. In Greystones we lost a great councillor in Nicola Lawless, but she will still be involved in her community.

"I firmly believe we have the best policies, but maybe we are not communicating them as well as we should. We lost some fantastic councillors and we as a party took a bruising, but we are back working in the community representing the people.

"As a TD I clearly realise that I only have a loan of a Dáil seat from the people of Wicklow and I have to re-win every vote that I got at the last general election. I will continue to work as hard as ever, I and the local party have our sleeves rolled up and are getting on with our work."



Melanie Corrigan celebrates being elected in Bray West



Green Party's Steven Matthews is elected to Bray East on the first count much to the delight of his wife Erika Doyle at the local election count centre in Greystones.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
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RESULT OF POLL

A poll for the election of members for the following local electoral areas was taken on 24th of May 2019.

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|--------------|---------------|
| • Arklow | • Baltinglass |
| • Bray East | • Bray West |
| • Greystones | • Wicklow |

The names and descriptions of the candidates elected etc. are available for inspection on the Wicklow County Council website www.wicklow.ie

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WICKLOW PEOPLE 'RUN FOR A LIFE'



At Run for a Life 2019 were Ray D'arcy and Aughrim resident Julie Sutcliffe (nee Mulligan), and her children Andy and Jane and sister Susan Mulligan

A number of Wicklow people took part in the Irish Kidney Association's family fun run event 'Run for a Life' along with Ray D'Arcy in Corkagh Park on Saturday 25th May.

Close to 500 hundred people in total donned their running shoes to take part in the event in support of the charity's work to promote the importance of organ donation and transplantation.

Volunteering as a marshal at the fun run was dialysis patient Susan Mulligan, from Castlereagh, Roscommon, and several members of her family have kidney disease (PKD) including her father who underwent a kidney transplant. Susan's sister Julie Sutcliffe who lives in Aughrim, is expected to commence dialysis in the coming months and she took part in the fun run with her children Andy and Jane.

Liver transplant recipient Philip Kavanagh, a veteran member of Transplant Team Ireland from

Arklow also took part in the event. Later this summer Philip, an avid golfer, will participate in the World Transplant Games which will be held in Newcastle.

David and his son Darragh from Blessington, and David's brother Aaron also took part in the fun run.

An eleven year old girl, Keela Smith, celebrated the 10th anniversary weekend of her life - heart transplant by taking part in the event also.

Run for a Life Race Organiser, Colin White explained, "Our annual Run for a Life is a great day out for all of the family. It is fantastic that the weather was favorable throughout this year's event and that nearly 500 people including transplant recipients and their families and friends

from all over the country turned up to support it. It's also encouraging to see several Athletics Clubs including Tallaght AC, Dunboyne AC, Newbridge, Balbriggan, Aughrim, Ferbane, Lucan Harriers, Raheny Shamrocks and many other running clubs and local companies represented by the likes of the large contingent of staff from KLAS Telecom. We are also grateful to all our volunteers including members of South Dublin County Council Volunteers Corps. The Irish Kidney Association sees this charity fundraiser as a positive way to promote organ donor awareness. The loyal support for this event is wonderful with many making it a feature on their annual calendar."



At Run for a Life 2019 were David Broderick from Blessington and his son Daragh, with Aaron Broderick and Evan O'Shea from Clondalkin.

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Bray Air Display announces line-up for 2019 show

Organisers of the 14th annual Bray Air Display have announced the line-up for this year's show on July 27th and 28th. Some of the best display teams and individual acts from around the world will showcase their aerobatic skills and perform to thousands of spectators at the free weekend.



The Blades, a team comprised of former Red Arrow pilots, including Kirsty Murphy - the first and only female former Red Arrow pilot who flies alongside her husband Ben - will be part of the Bray Air Display 2019 lineup



Chipmunk and Stearman aircraft from the Irish Historic Flight Foundation will bring some old world glamour to the Bray Air Display this summer.

Highlight acts will include: A display by a fully electric Cri cri aircraft that will take off from on top of a Broussard MH1521 aircraft while mid-flight; Aerobatic superstars The Blades, a team comprised of former Red Arrow pilots, including Kirsty Murphy - the first and only female former Red Arrow pilot who flies alongside her husband Ben; The Royal Jordanian Falcons aerobatic team all the way from the West Asian Kingdom; Daredevil displays by Ireland's Flying Dentist, Eddie Goggins and the UK's

Richard Goodwin; A drone package delivery display - from a vessel moored at sea to the shoreline.

Sé Pardy, Director, Bray Air Display, said "Spectators can look forward to a thrilling line-up of the very best home-grown Irish aviation talent as well as some of the most skilled pilots from across the UK, Europe and further afield.

"Making the Bray Air Display happen every year is very much a team effort that takes months of hard-work, dedication and commitment. Our sincere gratitude to everyone

involved. As a team we can't wait to see you back in Bray this July for this fantastic free weekend which the whole family can enjoy."

Bray Air Display organisers are working in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, Wicklow County Council and respective agencies to implement a comprehensive traffic management plan for the duration of the event. Spectators are encouraged to plan their visit in advance, take public transport and arrive early.

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Pets for the most part are members of the family. As a pet owner you will want to keep your pet healthy and happy. From the moment your pet comes to live with you their welfare should be a priority. Prepare your home and garden to be animal friendly and make sure you have all the feeding items and accessories you need. Pet stores are well stocked and staff can offer advice on exactly what you will need to create a comfortable home environment for your animal.

Your pet should be up to date on its vaccinations and boosters. It is also important that they are protected from such outside irritants as fleas, ticks, ringworm etc. A yearly examination from a vet is a must as this can act as a preventative measure for any possible problems.

Don't forget dental care too, just like humans, animals need regular attention to their teeth.

Think about obtaining pet insurance. An unexpected issue can be costly, and insurance will help you deal with medical expenses.

A physical routine is important for animals. Larger pets must be walked every day, an important consideration before buying a pet. Toys can be useful to help animals move around and have fun during the day.

There are dog walkers who will walk your pet for a fee if you are busy, many of these will advertise locally.

The type of food you give your pet will affect their health. Vets and pet store staff will be able to advise you on the best options and what to avoid. Remember, many human foods are harmful to pets, it's best to check first.

Animal grooming cen-

tres have become much more popular in recent years and it is now much easier to source somebody to take care of general upkeep.

Although regarded as a member of the family, not all holidays will be pet friendly. There are a number of kennels and catteries around the county that can provide care for your pet while you are away.

Hot tips for keeping pets safe and cool in summer

Dog owners are being urged to take heed of some helpful advice to keep their pets safe during the summer months when day time temperatures traditionally soar to their highest level.

"June, July and August are amongst the warmest months of the year and pet parents should be aware of the steps they can take to protect the health and life of their pet during these months," said Emma Fanning, Training and Livestock Manager/Brand Ambassador at Maxi Zoo Ireland.

"Dogs regulate their body temperature by panting and this increases their fluid requirement in summer. It is vital to ensure that your pet has access to fresh water at all times, that they are not exerted when temperatures are high and that they have shaded areas in which to rest," she added.

"Walks are best taken during the early morning and late evening hours when temperatures are much cooler. The temperature of asphalt can be up to twice the air temperature so it is important to avoid outdoor activities during midday and for pets to stay in the shade," she continued.

Maxi Zoo's top tip for pet parents to determine whether or not footpaths are too hot for a walk is to press the back of their hand on the footpath. If their skin starts to hurt, then the surface is too hot for their pet to take a

walk. Jogging and cycling with dogs is best forgotten on sunny days.

"One of the greatest sins is to leave your dog in the car during warm weather. Temperatures in the car can be vastly different to outside temperatures, increasing by 7 degrees Celsius in just 10 minutes, by 16 degrees Celsius in 30 minutes and by 26 degrees Celsius in 60 minutes, creating a serious risk of death," said Emma.

"Unnecessarily long car journeys should be avoided and dogs should never be left in cars alone. Provide air by fitting a window grill and bear in mind that just leaving the window open a little is not enough," cautioned Emma.

"Pet parents should avoid tethering their pet outside if they need to leave home, even for a short period and they should also keep their pets out of conservatories and glassed areas if they are staying indoors," she added.

One of the best things pet owners can do to protect their pet and to keep them cool on summer days is to provide them with a cooling mat or cushion. Customers can save €5 off the cost of the AniOne cooling mats and cushions stocked at Maxi Zoo from 1st - 10th of June. These products feature a pressure activated gel and can be wiped clean.

The 80x20cm sized AniOne Dog Pool can also be bought for just €30 from 1st to 10th June and this product is a great investment and fun way to help pets to cool down on hot days. Dogs can also be doused with cold water, providing it is not too cold. Ice cubes made from water, yoghurt and fruit juice are also a delicious way to help them to keep their body temperature in check.



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David O'Doherty will perform at the Mermaid in Bray on June 21st

Coming up at the Mermaid Theatre, Bray...

The Writing Life: Liz Nugent

In the latest of our unmissable series of discussions about literature and life, our guest Liz Nugent talks to writer Philip St John.

Liz Nugent is a writer of award-winning psychological suspense novels *Unraveling Oliver* (2014), *Lying in Wait* (2016) and *Skin Deep* (2018). All three books topped the Irish bestsellers list and have won multiple Irish Book Awards. They have also been optioned for screen adaptations. Liz's books have been translated into 14 languages. In Oct 2017, Liz won the Irish Woman of the Year Award for Literature. Liz has also written extensively for radio and television.

Thursday 20 June | 8pm | Tickets: €12/10

David O'Doherty - You Have To Laugh

Unhook your mindbras. David O'Doherty is back in Mermaid with a brand-new show made up of talking and songs played on a crappy keyboard from 1986.

As seen on BBC2's *Live At The Apollo* and Channel 4's *8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown*.

Friday 21 June | 8pm | Tickets: €18/16

Verdant Productions present: Brothers of The Brush by Jimmy Murphy

It's exactly twenty five years since the original production of *Brothers of the Brush* appeared in Dublin. A new production of this classic, tells the story of three house painters, making a meagre living, overseen by an arrogant and shifty boss who is running a small business. Underneath the humour and playfulness of the relationships, a tough world is emerging, where workers are losing faith in old ways. Set just at the dawn of the "Celtic Tiger", it is now interesting to note that Heno and Lar have returned from London as work is now readily available in Dublin as the onset of apartment building kicks off in the city. The need to survive has become far greater than anything else in their lives and the manipulation of each is now the new order of the day where fragile loyalties are tested and taken to the limit. *Brothers of the Brush* is both entertaining and thought provoking.

Saturday 22 June | 8pm | Tickets: €18/16

Freddie White at the Courthouse

Freddie White brings new songs and classics from his forty- year career as a key player in Irish folk and rock music to the Courthouse Arts Centre, Tinahely on Saturday, June 22nd at 8.30pm. Tickets online at www.courthousearts.ie or call 0402-38529.

Travelling and making music, in 2004, Freddie White returned to Ireland after many years living in the USA and released an all-new studio album entitled *Four Days in May*. Recorded in Dublin with some of Ireland's finest musicians over a four-day period, it showcases Freddie's song writing prowess and unerring choice of songs worthy of remarkable reinterpretation.

His keen ear for quality songs, undisputed talent for interpretation and exemplary song writing skills, stand out in his most intimate offering. Freddie's album, *'Here With You'* released in April 2012 introduced Trish Hickey and is a collection of songs from some of their favourite writers.

The next album was recorded in Ireland and Australia entitled *"PRODIGAL SONGS"* and is a collection of songs about the power of love, the power of music, an observation on the history of Ireland over the last 100 years... and one song about a certain dog, and with a healthy inclusion of some rare covers.

Freddie moved to Sydney, Australia in March 2011 but continued to tour Ireland and the UK regularly. Since then he resided in New York City for some time and has now returned to Ireland. He released his latest album *'One Heart Beating'* in 2018. Tickets are €20.



UK Folk Musicians to play the Hotspot

Two leading interpreters of English folk traditions - folk guitarist/singer Martin Carthy and squeezebox virtuoso/singer John Kirkpatrick - are coming to the Hot Spot Music Club in Greystones on Sunday June 16th.

The pair are long-time collaborators in a variety of seminal musical projects: from John's iconic 1976 Morris tunes album *Plain Capers* through *Steeleye Span to Brass Monkey*. Martin Carthy received the - Lifetime Achievement Award - BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2014. Their enduring enjoyment of playing with each other shines through in their performances - warm, natural and charismatic. Pure trad. pedigree!

For more than 50 years Martin Carthy has been one of folk music's greatest innovators, one of its best loved, most enthusiastic and, at times, most quietly controversial of figures. His skill, stage presence and natural charm have won him



Folk musicians Martin Carthy and John Kirkpatrick

many admirers, not only from within the folk scene, but also far beyond it. Trailblazing musical partnerships with, amongst others, *Steeleye Span*, *Dave Swarbrick* and his award-

winning wife (Norma Waterson) and daughter Eliza Carthy have resulted in more than 40 albums, but Martin has only recorded 10 solo albums, of which the much anticipated *Waiting*

for *Angels* (Topic TSCD527) was the latest. Whether in the folk clubs (which he continues to champion), on the concert stage or making TV appearances (he was the subject of the acclaimed

'Originals' music documentary strand on BBC 2) - there are few roles that Martin Carthy hasn't played.

He's a ballad singer, a ground-breaking acoustic and electric-guitarist and an authoritative interpreter of newly composed material. He always prefers to follow an insatiable musical curiosity rather than cash in on his unrivalled position. Perhaps, most significant of all, are his settings of traditional songs with guitar, which have influenced a generation of artists, including Bob Dylan and Paul Simon, on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Metatron's Cube - an exhibition by Mary Conroy

Signal Arts Centre presents 'Metatron's Cube', an Exhibition by Mary Conroy, which runs from Monday 22nd July to Sunday 4th August. This body of work is a part of Conroy's continuing investigation into the Biophilia hypothesis which suggests that we humans have an innate connection to life and all living things.

During a residency at the Heinrich Böll Cottage, Achill Island, the artist began to closely examine organic structures found within the local environment when she observed similar shapes and patterns in a variety of local flora and fauna.

Parallel to this, during her research, Conroy came across the concepts of sacred geometry. In sacred geometry, Archangel Metatron, the angel of life, oversees the flow of energy in a mystical cube known as Metatron's Cube. This structure contains all of the geometric shapes in 'God's' creation and represents the patterns that make up everything 'God' has made.

Through observation and drawing Conroy began to deconstruct the organic structures that she found and distill them into simple geometric shapes. Hexagons, pentagon's and circles, along with the platonic solids became impossible to avoid. By using elements of sacred geometry, in tandem with familiar mathematical principles, it became possible for the artist to see the structural connections between elements in the natural environment. This visual investigation leads her to believe that there is undoubtedly a familiar and universal underlying structure within the natural world, that connects us to each other and every other living thing.



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I, Tom O'Neill, seek full planning permission for a classic car storage garage and a studio to the rear of my existing dwelling at "Andana", Tomriland, Roundwood, County Wicklow, A98 TN80. All the above together with ancillary works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Board of Management seeks permission for erection of exterior 2.5m high platform lift and a series of ramps to connect Building D and the upper levels of Building C and to the platform lift. The platform lift is in a metal rail enclosure. Works are to provide wheelchair access for disabled child and improve universal access to the school. Also provision of 2 portakabins for use as classrooms to replace existing portakabin. at Scoil na Coroinne Mhuire, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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S K Design (0402 94680) seeks Retention Permission and Planning Permission on behalf of Alan Smith for 1. Retention for as constructed dwelling including basement. 2. Retention for part of an as constructed garage. 3. Permission to demolish part of existing garage and permission to convert remainder to bedroom and connect same to main dwelling. 4. Permission to convert portion of existing dwelling to a garage. 5. Permission to replace existing effluent disposal system with a system to comply with current EPA requirements at Cornagower East, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Conor Hillard intend to apply for permission for new 28.1 sqm single storey extension to the side of existing dwelling, and associate works at Kilcandra, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

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John and Sarah Taylor seek Permission for demolition of 2.9 sq m semi-detached shed and subsequent construction of 38.5 sq m single storey extension attached to side and rear of existing semi-detached 63.5 sq m single storey semi-detached house, 4.0 sq m dormer staircase extension at rear by raising part of back wall and roof by 1.0m (resulting in raising part of ridge by 375mm), 25.4 sq m attic conversion (with Velux rooflights to rear) and associated site works including provision of vehicular access to front garden at 2 Lower Grattan Park, Greystones, Co Wicklow, A63 KN81. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. Agent: Stephen Newell Architects - www.sna.ie

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Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: eugene@alphaplandesign.com) Seeks planning permission for demolition of existing side and rear extensions to dwelling, proposed new two storey side and rear extension to dwelling, new bay window to front of dwelling, conversion of remaining outbuilding to domestic garage and associated works at 14 Ballygannon, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow for S. Kavanagh. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: eugene@alphaplandesign.com) Seeks planning permission for demolition of existing greenhouse, proposed dwelling, waste water treatment system to EPA standards, garage, revised entrance, driveway and associated works at Templelyon Lower, Redcross, Co. Wicklow for K. and Z. Hurrell. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Katherine Gilbert & Gareth Cullen intend to apply for Permission for development at 55A Herbert Park Bray Co Wicklow A98 W5H6. The development will consist of the construction of a single storey extension to the side of the existing property incorporating rooflights, as well as a single storey bay window and porch structure at the front of the dwelling; together with associated site works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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