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LION'S MANE WARNING

Lifeguards are flying red warning flags on north Wicklow beaches due to the imminent danger from Lion's Mane jellyfish which have been spotted off the south Dublin coast at Sandycove. The warning signs have been put up and swimmers are advised to proceed with caution.

The Lion's Mane gets its name from its long tentacles and their orange-brown colour and is the largest jellyfish to be found in Irish waters.

Irish Water Safety give the following information on how to treat a jellyfish sting: 'Do not panic; If you are in the water get out, and thoroughly rinse the affected area with sea water immediately. Ensure you don't get stung yourself when aiding others; Remove any attached tentacles with a gloved hand, stick, or towel (none of these available use your fingertips); Do

not rub the affected area (this may result in further venom release); Rinse the affected area copiously with sea-water (do not use fresh water, vinegar, alcohol or urine); Apply a 'dry cold pack' to the area (i.e. place a cold pack or ice inside a plastic bag and then wrap this package in a t-shirt or other piece of cloth); Use HOT WATER for Portuguese Man o' War stings at approximately 45 degrees for 20 minutes; Seek medical attention if there is anything other than minor discomfort. If the patient is suffering

from swelling, breathing difficulties, palpitation or chest tightness then transfer them to the nearest emergency department urgently.

It warned that the jelly fish can still deliver a sting after it has washed up on the beach and so caution should be taken both in and out of the water. If stung and you suffer any serious symptoms including nausea, vomiting or respiratory distress you should seek medical attention immediately. The HSE said a sting from a Lion's Mane jellyfish can cause nau-



Typical Irish weather. Photographer Anna O'Rourke snapped this photo on Sunday, 8th June, of a little girl standing in her summer sandals in the hailstones in Greystones after an unusual thunderstorm came out of the blue.

sea, sweating, cramps, headaches among other symptoms.

Warm tropical waters are the most likely place to find jellyfish but there are several known to frequent Irish waters.

Lion's Mane jelly fish are usually found further

north, in the Arctic and northern Atlantic oceans, but the recent colder sea water further south have become sufficiently cold to attract them. It is also thought that flourishing plankton - a key food source for jellyfish - have lured the creatures.



A Lion's Mane jellyfish



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What's Happening...

Mini Gala at Titans Swim Club

Titans Swim Club plan to run a mini gala for children aged 12 and under on the 23rd June, at Shoreline in Bray, from 7.30 am to 11.15 am.

Titans is an inclusive and competitive swim club for children, both able bodied as well as para athletes.

It will be a Titan 'v' Trojans gala. Trojans are a swim club that swims out of Newtown Park Avenue School. See teamunify.com

Thinner Lizzy

Wicklow band, Thinner Lizzy are coming to the Hot Spot Music Club in Greystones on Friday June 21st to pay tribute to the uncrowned kings of Irish rock - Thin Lizzy. Formed in 2016 out of a mutual admiration for the original band, Thinner Lizzy strive to recreate some of the most recognizable and iconic songs in rock history: The band's repertoire includes the incredible Live & Dangerous album, featuring all the well known Lizzy classics such as Jailbreak, Boys Are Back In Town, Are You Ready, Don't Believe A Word, The Rocker, Emerald as well as other well known hits such as, Black Rose, Things Ain't Working Out Down At The Farm, Waiting For An Alibi and Cold Sweat. 2 hours of classic Irish rock! Doors open at 8pm. See www.thehotspot.ie.

The Hardy Annuals Walk

A sponsored challenge walk for the over seventies will take place in Glendalough on Thursday 26th of September. Choice of distances are available. All proceeds go to Partnership America Latina. Visit www.palcharityprojects.ie for more details. To register email Tom Milligan at hardyannuals@gmail.com.

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. A day of music, food and stalls from 11am to 4.30pm, everyone is welcome. For more details on events go to www.brockaghresource-centre.ie/events.

Free computer course

This is an ongoing free 5-week digital skills computer course and names are being taken for the next course (depending on numbers) due to commence in the Summer in the Brockagh Resource Centre. It usually takes place on Fridays from 11am - 1pm. Topics covered include online banking, apps, online government services, email, shopping online, online TV players, podcasts, photographs, security and much more. This course is for complete beginners or someone who is rarely online and wants to up skill. You will need to bring your own laptop/tablet to the course. Call the Brockagh Resource Centre on 0404 45600 or email brockaghoffice@gmail.com.



A wonderful time was had at the Child and Youth Participation Fun Day in the Charlesland Shoreline in Greystones. Over 100 children, Tusla staff and partner services, such as Epic, attended and participated on the day. The Fun Day was planned as part of Tusla's Child and Youth Participation Strategy, 2019-2023, and children were involved in creating, planning and organising the entire event. Great fun was had by all in attendance, with activities ranging from scavenger hunts and bouncy castles, to nail bars, pizza and ice cream. Pictured are (back row); Graham Healy - Aftercare Worker; Grace Fairweather - Team Leader; Elaine Lucey - Project Worker; (Front Row); Evelyn Keogh - Aftercare Worker, Liz Cullen - Principal Social Worker - Alternative Care; Suzanne Nolan - Business Support; Sharon Mc Cormack - Social Worker.

GREAT CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED FOR TASTE OF WICKLOW

This year's Taste of Wicklow (Friday 28th June - Sunday 30th June) has a fantastic programme of Children's entertainment, designed to keep even the most demanding children happy all day.

Well-known magician Caolan McBride performs his magic, with lots of laughs and surprises - this is a magic show you won't forget!

Marcel, the silent clown will make an appearance from 2pm-6pm. Marcel is great for all age groups - adults, kids & teens - watch his hilarious antics and don't listen to a word he says!

There is face-painting from 2pm-5pm and a Lego Workshop for kids aged 5+ and the very popular oversized games again make a return.

There is a "Cool Food" school workshop - bring

along your children for this fun sensory food workshop, where they will get to listen to understand the food that they eat, and provoke their curiosity to try new foods.

There is also a cake workshop - parents can relax while their kids let their imagination run wild making cookies, it promises a memorable activity for all ages, creating unique art that you can eat!

It's a fun day for all the family. If the children enjoy the day, the parents are guaranteed to have a ball.

Alzheimer Society

The Alzheimer Society Social Club meets every Wednesday from 11am to 12noon in the Arklow Bay Hotel.

This is a wonderful opportunity for people living with dementia and their family carer to meet for a relaxed and informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Contact Carol 086/3951747 or Shelly 087/2378389 for further details or just come along any Wednesday morning.

A Support Group meets on the second Monday of every month from 7pm to 9pm in Arus Lorcaín, Arklow. This is a free and confidential service for family members and carers of people living with dementia.

Contact Laurence 086/2722551 for further information or come along on the Mon night.

Day Care in Lily of the Valley, Nolan House, Rathdrum. For information on this service please contact 086/2722551.

So you think you know Bray?

A table quiz is being held in the Esplanade Hotel, Bray on Thursday 4th July at 8.00pm.

How well do you know Bray? Do you know how many kiosks there are on Bray seafront? Do you know what music venue in Bray The Who, Roy Orbison and the Everly Brothers played in back in the 1960's? Do you know what French Road sign you would find on Bray Main Street? Do you know what Bray three piece band had their debut album nominated for the RTE Choice Music Award Album of the Year in 2018?

If you know the answers to these, and many other questions regarding Bray's history, people, landmarks, achievements and shops/roads, then you and your team may have what it takes to be the 'Brains of Bray'!

The table quiz will be held in The Esplanade

Hotel, Bray, on Thursday 4th July at 8pm.

The Quizmaster will be Mick 'The Book' Kelleher, with MCs Brian White and Ollie Mahoney. There will be spot prizes on the night, which we hope will be a celebration of Bray, as well as displays and some music!

The table quiz is in aid of the refurbishment project at the Holy Redeemer Church and Parish Centre, both well known to so many Bray residents.

Entry fee is €40 for a table of 4. If you are interested in taking part, please email thinkyouknowbray@gmail.com or text your request to 086 243 0573.

As we anticipate a big interest in taking part in the quiz, early booking is recommended.

Greystones Active Retirement Association

The G.A.R.A. June outing will be on Thursday 20th June - a bus trip to Castletown House, Celbridge and Orchard Home and Garden Centre, Celbridge. Cost €25. (to include tour of the House).

The Autumn Holiday will be to Celtic Ross Hotel Rosscarbery, Co.Cork, on Sunday 22nd September for 4 nights, 5 days, with Bed, breakfast, evening meals, trips and entertainment on 2 nights. Cost: €315 per person sharing. Single supplement €15 per night. Booking deposit €50. Booking Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30am at G.A.R.A. booking office.

Bowls have finished up for the Summer. Bingo will finish 18th June till September. Keep fit has finished and will resume in September. Aqua aerobics class continues each Monday through the Summer at Shoreline Swimming Pool 12 noon to 1pm.

Tickets, bookings and enquiries at G.A.R.A booking office Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30am at Kilian House Family Centre beside Holy Rosary Church.

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Robert Roe, owner of the Coolakay Heritage Centre, with Anna May McHugh, Managing Director of the National Ploughing Association, at the official opening of the new extension at Coolakay Heritage Centre.

HOMELESS ACCOMMODATION CLOSES DOORS

A number of occupants of an emergency homeless shelter in Bray received a Notice to Quit letter on the morning of Friday 7th June informing them that their place in the facility was now closed. The shelter was opened as part of Wicklow County Council's 'Cold Weather Initiative', and The Simon Community operate it on behalf of the Council.

The council informed *Wicklow Times* that "Of the clients remaining in the service, move on options have been identified for most such as transitioning to supported accommodation and others have been accepted for the Dublin Homeless services as they are on the Dublin list. The clients have been kept fully aware and informed of developments."

John Brady TD has sharply criticised the closure of the emergency beds, stating "The housing crisis is continuing to grow with more and more people and families presenting as homeless. We need more houses and emergency accommodation to meet the demand, not closing beds."

"I am dealing with a number of people who had been using the facility and, as of today, they are back on the streets, no alternative accommodation was offered to them."

The only choice they say they have is to get sleeping bags and sleep in a field somewhere. The closure of the beds in Bray comes about only a matter of weeks after the terrible death of a young homeless man in the town.

"People are dying on our streets and the very measly measures being put in place to prevent this are being shut down. The 12 emergency winter beds in Wicklow were opened before Christmas, but never met the demand in Wicklow. There has been a consistent waiting list to gain access to the emergency beds. Despite this, a decision has been made to close these beds. It is absolutely shameful."

"I have continuously raised the issue of homelessness in Wicklow with Minister Eoghan Murphy and the need to keep the facility in Bray open. His constant reply has been that funding is not an

issue and all Wicklow County Council need to do is ask for funding. The question has to be asked then why are homeless people in Wicklow being thrown back onto the streets if that's the case. The Minister needs to intervene immediately to ensure that these vulnerable people aren't evicted and the facility remains open as long as there is a need for it."

In a statement to *Wicklow Times*, the Council said "Wicklow County Council operates the Cold Weather Initiative to provide shelter for those sleeping rough during inclement weather conditions, traditionally terminating the provision at the end of March/April. This year the Council extended the provision to continue the key support work with those who engaged with the Council and the service providers."



Pictured: Brian Dunne, Brian Fennell and Wesley Artkinson are pictured at the launch of the Miners Walk which was held in the Glenmalur lodge.

3000 take on the 38th edition of Wicklow 200

More than 3,000 riders from all over the world took to the roads of Wicklow for the 38th running of the Wicklow 200. Ireland's longest running mass participation bike ride, organised by the IVCA, attracted another huge entry to face one of the toughest challenges in Irish sport.

Riders of all ages taking part in the full 200km Wicklow 200 event and the Wicklow 100 Challenge sister event faced numerous hills and other difficulties along the way. Among the riders enjoying one of Ireland's toughest sporting challenges was Olympic medallist Annalise Murphy.

The sailing heroine has been a keen bike rider for many years and the Dubliner completed the 200km without difficulty and afterwards declared the day a great success.

"It was great! We actually didn't get rained on once even though there was a lot of heavy rain around. But yeah, it was pretty tough - I think everyone is feeling pretty tired after it," the Rio Silver medallist said when she arrived back in Bray. "But we managed to get a great group with three other guys for the first half, and then we had a group of six or seven of us for the second half, so it made a massive difference just being able to chat to people and we were rotating around, so yeah, overall, a great day out!"

Wicklow 200 is a celebration of road cycling for all as riders of all ages and levels of ability challenge themselves on a variety of steeds.

The event organisers IVCA were also satisfied at the conclusion of another successful edition of Ireland's favourite bike ride. The riders were supported throughout the day by an army of more than 250 volunteers from the IVCA.

The final finishers in the Wicklow 200 arriving back at Bray Emmets GAA Club just before 8pm, fully 13 hours after their departure on what is always a challenging day on the bike regardless of fitness levels and many, if not most, were soon making plans for the 39th edition of Wicklow 200 in June 2020.

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Pictured are Eileen Byrne and Elaine Cassidy at Scoil Réalt na Mara, Brittas Bay, for the annual Garden Day

Approval of Spinraza welcomed

Minister for Health Minister Simon Harris has welcomed the decision of the HSE to approve access for the drug Nusinersen (Spinraza) for children with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type I, II or III on an exceptional and individualised basis.

Minister Harris confirmed the decision was made by the HSE leadership team last week.

Speaking on this decision, Minister Harris said "This is such welcome news. Families have fought a long journey to get here but I am so pleased children will now have access to this drug. I am pleased to confirmed to me there will be no delay in accessing the drug. I want to commend the families for their campaign and the HSE for approving access."

Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Health, Stephen Donnelly has said that the HSE's decision to pay for the drug Spinraza is a testament to determination of patients and their families.

He explained, "This has been a long-fought battle by those suffering from the rare

muscle-wasting disease, spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) who rightly wanted the health authority here to follow the example of almost every other European country and supply the Spinraza treatment for free. When I joined families protesting outside the Dáil I was humbled by their strength and courage and I'm honoured they let me support them on their journey.

"I understand that it was a major decision for the Health Minister to sanction the level of funds needed to pay for Spinraza, but who among us could watch our loved ones suffering, know there is a treatment available and not do everything we can to help?

"We know that treatments are becoming more advanced and that there are now some incredibly expensive ones on the market. But this is the reality of modern medicine and we need to come up with a plan to deal with it. Specifically, we need projections for the kind of money that Ireland will have to spend in five- or ten-years' time, we can work to these projections and ensure that Irish citizens have access to the very latest breakthrough therapies. It's no less than Irish patients deserve", he concluded.

Permission refused for Belair Village change of use

An Bord Pleanála (ABP) has refused permission for a change of use of 28 holiday homes in Ashford to private family homes.

The Ashford Owners Management Company Limited had made the appeal to ABP following Wicklow County Council's refusal of permission in December. The two-storey holiday homes are located in Belair Village, Cronroe Demesne.

In the cover letter for the planning application it was explained that the homes were linked to the Belair Hotel and it was expected that they would get bookings from an overflow of customers to the hotel. However, the closure of the hotel to all but private parties had an

impact on the holiday village as did the economic downturn.

In refusing permission, An Bord Pleanála stated that the change of use would "materially contravene the settlement strategy of the Development Plan and would be contrary to over-arching national policy in respect of rural housing as set out in the National Planning Framework" and would "set an undesirable precedent for further development of this kind and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area".

ABP also stated that the change of use would "materially contravene Objective W18 of the Wicklow County Council Development Plan 2016 which does not permit private wastewater treatment plants for multi-house developments", and would "result in a sub-standard level of residential amenity for future permanent residential occupants of the dwellings" due to "the design, layout, quantum, and poor quality of the existing public and private open spaces and the location and quantum of car parking spaces".

In its final reason for refusing permission, ABP stated "the proposed development would materially contravene a condition attached to an existing permission which requires that the use is restricted to short term tourist use only/ holiday letting and the development as a whole is held in single ownership. The proposed development would, therefore, set an undesirable precedent for further such changes of use, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

Ecotrail Wicklow and PURE partner to clean up The Uplands

On Saturday September the 28th, County Wicklow will become the 10th European destination to organise an EcoTrail Trail Running Event. Starting and finishing at Bray seafront, participants will have the choice of four different trail distances that will take them from the shore of the Irish Sea to the top of the Wicklow Mountains.

Ecotrail Wicklow comes with a very strong eco-responsible ethos and has partnered with the Wicklow/Dublin uplands environmental project, Pure (Protecting Uplands & Rural Environments). Ecotrail is committed to reducing litter, minimise environmental impact and promote public transport and are collaborating with Pure on litter picks and cleanups of all the running routes prior to start day.

The event will include 4 routes all starting from Bray Seafront, to suit both novices and ultra-trail runners, ranging from, 18km, 28km, 45km and 80km, with an expected 1,000 runners participating in the event.

Ian Davis, Pure Director, commented "This is the first time that this prestigious running event will be held in Ireland and Pure are delighted to be working with Wicklow Tourism and the Ecotrail Team. It's extremely important that both participants and spectators see the county of Wicklow, pure and pristine, the way it should be, and this collaboration will ensure that there is no unsightly litter and dumping tarnishing the 'Garden of Ireland'."

"Partnering with Pure is a perfect fit for Ecotrail Wicklow, and over the next few weeks and months, we will organise a series of litter picking mornings," said Fred Verdier from Wicklow County Tourism. "Embracing the Ecotrail concepts offers a fantastic opportunity to look after our Wicklow trails. We are committed to prepare our routes prior to our event in September, but also maintain our efforts throughout the year."

The various optional trails will take participants to some of Wicklow's most scenic locations including Bray Head, Killruddery Estate & Gardens, Belmont Estate, Little & Great Sugarloaf, Powerscourt Waterfall, the Wicklow Way, Lough

Tay (Guinness Lake) viewing point and all the way to Roundwood and the Vartry Reservoir.

Ecotrail was first organised in Paris ten years ago with the objective to connect the city with the outdoors with a stunning finish on the first floor of the Eiffel Tower.

The Ecotrail concept has been recreated around various cities in Europe and is now held in Reykjavik, Oslo, Stockholm, Brussels, Geneva, Florence, Madrid and Funchal (Madeira).

Any running enthusiast should have this event on their 'Must Do' list - to find out more logon to wicklow.ecotrail.com/ - Further information on Pure can be found on www.pureproject.ie



Ian Davis of the PURE Mile Project with Clara Jenkinson, Fred Verdier of Wicklow Tourism, and Rene Borg of EcoTrail Wicklow

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Council to form new Climate and Biodiversity Committee

Just weeks after Wicklow County Council became the first council to declare a climate and biodiversity emergency, Green Party councillor Steven Matthews proposed the formation of a new Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) dedicated to climate and biodiversity action. The committee will produce climate and biodiversity policy and actions for the full council to consider.

Cllr Matthews received cross-party support for the proposal which he put forward at the Council's annual meeting on Friday 7th June.

Speaking at the meeting, Cllr Matthews said, "Wicklow County Council was the first Local Authority in Ireland to declare a climate emergency, this was a bold and necessary step, but now we have to take action. The Citizen's Assembly recommends Local Authorities to form SPCs to tackle it, and we as councillors are empowered by the Local Government Act to do so. We should set the example and lead on this. I'm asking members to support this and make good on election promises that were made."

Fellow Green Party councillor Lourda Scott called the proposal "absolutely essential": "This is an issue that the electorate are worried about. We must put it at the forefront, the next five years will be critical."

The proposal was sec-

onded by Cllr Tom Fortune (Ind) who said that Wicklow County Council had to show leadership: "We are here to reflect the mood of the electorate, it would be remiss of us not to approve this. We can't just pay lip service to this issue, we must approve the forming of this new SPC."

Cllr Jennifer Whitmore (SD) said that although people had welcomed the Council's declaration of a climate emergency, they had been quick to follow it up with the question "so now what?" "This is the next step that we need to take," said Cllr Whitmore, "we need to have this as an SPC to give the issue the importance it needs."

The position of chairperson of the new SPC will be shared between Cllr Whitmore, for the half of the Council's five-year term, and Cllr Matthews for the second half.

Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council Frank Curran agreed that climate

change and biodiversity action should be a priority for the council. He explained that the topic currently comes under the remit of the Environment SPC, but that the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) would work towards drawing up terms of reference for the new SPC.

Cllr Anne Ferris (Lab) requested that an update be provided at the July meeting, and said that she wished to see the terms of reference ready by September.

Speaking to *Wicklow Times* after the meeting Councillor Matthews said, "There is much urgent work to be done to address the loss of biodiversity, environmental degradation and to mitigate climate breakdown and we all have a hand in addressing this emergency."

"So many residents raised these issues during the local elections and so many candidates promised to take action if elected."

"The Council's Climate Adaptation

Strategy is out for public consultation until July 5th and this gives every resident in Wicklow the opportunity to request action and make suggestions on what the Council should do in relation to the services it provides.

"As joint chair of the Climate and Biodiversity SPC I will be working with all councillors and the council executive to implement policies, objectives and actions to address our climate emergency, to protect our environment and to prevent further loss to our biodiversity."

"I would urge all residents to make a submission on the climate action strategy and I would especially like the younger people in Wicklow to let us know their views and opinions on what action they want to see."

"Please make a submission by July 5th to TOBrien@wicklowco.co.ie with 'Climate Adaptation Strategy' in the subject heading."



Scoil Réalt na Mara in Brittas Bay invited one and all to their annual Garden Day on Wednesday, 12th June. The event took place in the school grounds where cakes, toys, plants and toys were in abundance and everything sold out fast! Pictured are Mandie Delahunt with her mother, Liz Byrne

Wicklow excels in latest IBAL litter survey

The latest litter survey by business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) shows that Wicklow is in 13th spot overall in the ranking of 40 towns and cities nationwide and is among 14 towns to be deemed "Cleaner than European Norms".

The survey also revealed that Ireland's principal tourist towns and cities are cleaner than ever as the peak season for visitors approaches. Kilkenny topped the rankings, with Ballymun in Dublin City a litter blackspot at the foot of the table.

The An Taisce report stated: "A best-ever showing for Wicklow Town on its return to the League after an absence of several years. Top ranking sites included the Car Park on Church Street, the Main Street and Wicklow Harbour to Murrough Playground - the latter was exceptionally good in terms of litter. This lovely 'promenade' walk is clearly a very well respected environment. Ironically, the one seriously littered site was the 'Viewing Area' on Dunbur Road. Most of the site was excellent with regard to presentation and maintenance but it was badly let down by heavy accumulations of food and alcohol related litter in a corner location."

Litter levels were assessed by An Taisce, who found 31 of towns and cities, or 77%, to be clean. This was in line with recent IBAL surveys.

"Today's tourists demand high levels of cleanliness and these results indicate that's what they will be getting this year when they come to Ireland," says IBAL's Conor Horgan.

For the first time in 3 years, an area received the lowest grade of 'litter blackspot' as Ballymun recorded one of the worst results since the league was founded 17 years ago.



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Pictured above: Katie Taylor with fan Katie O'Toole, in tears as she meets her hero at the homecoming event in Katie's honour, on Bray Seafront, organised by Wicklow County Council

A large crowd of people descended on Bray seafront on Friday 7th June to welcome home world boxing champion Katie Taylor at a special event organised by Wicklow County Council.

The huge crowd cheered and applauded as Katie Taylor, the new undisputed lightweight champion of the world, took to the stage on Bray seafront.

Master of Ceremonies at the homecoming event, RTE's Des Cahill, led the tributes to Katie while conducting a short interview with the boxer who also holds an Olympic Gold Medal amongst her many trophies.

The crowd was also treated to videos of Katie's recent winning bout in New York's famous Madison Square Garden as well as clips of her previous victories in the ring.

Bouquets of flowers were presented to Katie and her mother Bridget by the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Irene Winters and Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council.

Cllr Irene Winters,

the new Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, told the adoring fans: "It is truly an honour for Bray to welcome home Katie Taylor. We are immensely proud of her achievements to date and look forward to celebrating many more victories for Katie in the future."

Katie told the crowd "The support I get in this town is incredible. It is always great to come back here."



Katie Taylor with new Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council Irene Winters at the homecoming event in Katie's honour, on Bray Seafront, organised by Wicklow County Council

Aughrim and District Active Retirement

Yoga is over for now but will be resume in the Autumn. The group's outing to the Royal Oak Distillery and the Arboretum on 28th June has been arranged. The bus will depart from Lawless's at 9.30am. There will be a break for coffee on the way to the distillery. Lunch will be around 2pm. The cost for the tour and bus, excluding lunch, is €30. Summer Fest is on 25th June in The Brockagh Centre. This a free fun day out. Everyone welcome.

7th annual Signal Open

The submission deadline for the 7th annual Signal Arts Centre Open is Friday 28th June at 5pm. There is a prize of €1,000 to be won. It takes place from 6th-18th August. To find out more, call 01 2862039 or email exhibitions@signalartscentre.ie

The River Derry Bubbles Project

A River Derry Bubbles Project exhibition by Kilcommon National School in Tinahely is taking place on June 19th at 1.30pm.

This project was funded and supported by Wicklow County Council and Tinahely Community Projects. The exhibition will be held in Tinahely Library, Market Square, and has been organised by Rubalcava Heritage Services, Maeve Hunter, artist and educator with the help of Joanne Katus from Kilcommon National School.

The River Derry Bubbles Project is a pilot project in Tinahely developed by Sarah Rubalcava of Rubalcava Heritage Services. Sarah hopes to expand the project and allow The Bubbles journey down the river passing on important messages as they head towards the Slaney and beyond.

3rd and 4th class students of Kilcommon National School in Tinahely have been led on a journey by The Bubbles. They have learnt about the Derry River and catchment area. A catch-

ment has been described as "a community related by water". Working closely with Sarah, is Maeve Hunter who has guided the kids with the development of a River Derry Bubbles diary, making a World Waters Day card, and an up-cycled, water themed t-shirt. These are some of the things that will form part of the exhibition in Tinahely Library.

The project received funding through Wicklow County Council's Local Agenda 21 Environmental Fund and Tinahely Community Projects. The River Derry Bubbles Project has helped to raise awareness of the biodiversity, uses and issues associated with an Irish river on a local scale. Some of the outdoor learning experiences include bringing the kids to the local water abstraction and treatment units, and a visit to Tomnafinnoge Woods (Special Area of Conservation) where the kids got up close and per-

sonal with the aquatic life in the river. A visit to the school by Mary Ryan of Kerry Foods, Shillelagh, helped the students see how food is linked with the river.

As part of Ireland's commitment to the Water Framework Directive (WFD), and the current implementation plans (2016-2021), 2nd cycle, community engagement is strongly encouraged and supported by the authorities. The Derry River based on the 'catchment' concept of the WFD firmly places Tinahely within the larger Slaney Catchment. Community engagement like the River Derry Bubbles Project raises awareness of our streams and rivers, fostering positive actions and behavioural change. These in turn are proven to improve water quality both inland and further downstream benefitting communities and natural environments.

NATIONAL LOTTERY REVEALS IRELAND'S LUCKIEST COUNTIES FOR SCRATCH CARD WINS AND WICKLOW COMES LAST!

The National Lottery has compiled a definitive list of Ireland's luckiest counties when it comes to winning the top prize when playing scratch cards, and if you are a regular purchaser of scratch cards maybe you should consider buying then in another county.

Since 2015, there have been a total of 402 winners who have won top tier prizes, which are the maximum cash prizes on a given scratch card game, worth a massive total of €22,565,000 when playing National Lottery scratch card games.

Dublin is the luckiest county with 102 players claiming top prizes worth over 5.3 million in winnings. Scratch card players in Tipperary came out in second place with an incredible €1,695,000 in top prizes shared among 20 winners. Cork came third with €1,580,000 won by 39 individual players while Wexford and Kildare round off the top five with total top prize scratch card wins of €1,415,000 and €1,385,000 respectively.

However, County Wicklow comes third from the bottom with a mere €260,00 in winnings with Leitrim and Longford behind, but these counties have only a third of County Wicklow's population, -so on a per capita basis, Wicklow is the unluckiest county in Ireland.

Total in top tier prizes:

Dublin: 102 / €5,365,000; Tipperary: 19 / €1,645,000; Cork: 38 / €1,555,000; Wexford: 18 / €1,385,000; Kildare: 17 / €1,385,000; Limerick: 20 / €1,160,000; Donegal: 14 / €945,000; Mayo: 14 / €930,000; Roscommon: 6 / €845,000; Meath: 16 / €755,000; Galway: 14 / €750,000; Westmeath: 14 / €650,000; Clare: 14 / €635,000; Louth: 16 / €605,000; Kilkenny: 9 / €575,000; Sligo: 8 / €510,000; Monaghan: 8 / €495,000; Kerry: 7 / €400,000; Offaly: 7 / €430,000; Waterford: 7 / €310,000; Carlow: 8 / €290,000; Cavan: 6 / €220,000; Laois: 8 / €270,000; Wicklow: 7 / €260,000; Leitrim: 4 / €145,000; Longford: 1 / €50,000.

Only 30 cent in every €1 spent on scratch cards and all National Lottery games goes back to good causes in the areas of sport, youth, health, welfare, education, arts, heritage and the Irish Language.

Wicklow trails included in Cycling Ireland 'Bike Fest'

For the last 9 years Cycling Ireland has organised the Cycling Ireland's free family festival 'Bike Fest' to promote cycling for all ages and it has been a huge success. This year they are taking Bike Fest round the country and Wicklow is included as one of the venues.

There's something for everyone at Cycling Ireland's Bike Fest 2019, for those new to the sport, experiences riders or for those that want to rekindle their pedally passions again!. There will be mountain bikes and helmets for those who don't have access to a bike, but numbers are limited so make sure to book in.

The relevant dates for Wicklow cyclists are: Thursday 27th June - Ballinastoe Mountain Bike Trail, Wicklow - 5pm to 8pm; Friday 28th June - Ticknock Mountain Bike Trail- 5pm to 8pm. See www.biking.ie or cyclingireland.ie or the Cycling Ireland Programmes Facebook page.



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Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council Frank Curran and Lorraine Gallagher, with the newly elected Council members at the first meeting of the new council on Friday 7th June

Green Party Councillor Steven Matthews elected Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District



New Cathaoirleach of Bray, Cllr Steven Matthews

Green Party Councillor Steven Matthews was elected Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District at last week's first meeting of the new council. Councillor Matthews topped the poll of the East ward in Bray at the local elections and was nominated unopposed.

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Steven Matthews said he was delighted and thankful to his family and all who had supported him and voted for him in the local elections. He also thanked the elected members for entrusting him as Cathaoirleach for the first year of the new council.

"The first year is always a difficult one

as the new council beds in but we have a good mix of new and enthusiastic members and returning experienced councillors. It's vitally important that the eight Bray Councillors work together to ensure that Bray district gets the budgets and investment it needs so that the residents of Bray, Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue receive good services and maintenance in their areas.

"I'm looking forward to the year ahead, there is, as always a lot of work to be done and a lot of projects to progress for the betterment of the town.

There are housing schemes progressing and more coming on stream but far too slowly in my view and pressure must be kept on the Department to provide funding for the local authorities to build more houses. Transport is also a big issue for our town, with the new public transport bridge and NTA projects progressing and there are also plans to improve

access from the Dublin Road to the town. It is critical that we also improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and create safer walking routes to schools.

"The larger projects I will be focusing on are the Bray Harbour protection and improvement scheme and the large community sports facility proposed for the old Fasaroe lands as they develop. There are other smaller but important projects such as a dog park and skateboard park and also supporting the tremendous work of voluntary and community groups such as Bray Tidy Towns.

"As ever, environmental protection and proper planning for our town will be my priority and I'm also keen to get working on the climate and biodiversity action committee which I will be co-chairing on Wicklow County Council. I'm relieved that the election is over and very eager to keep working for the town and district with our council management team."

Winters elected Cathaoirleach

Fine Gael councillor Irene Winters was elected as the third ever female Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council at the annual meeting on Friday 7th June.

Cllr Winters was elected by a narrow margin over the Green Party's Steven Matthews, winning by a vote of 17 to 15.

Cllr Winters was nominated by Cllr Shay Cullen (FG), while Cllr Matthews was nominated by Cllr Anne Ferris (Lab).

Cllr Winters follows in the footsteps of Independent Councillor Mary Walsh from Tinahely, who served as Cathaoirleach in the 1970s, and more recently Cllr Anne Ferris.

Cllr Winters said it is "an honour and a privilege" to be Cathaoirleach. She thanked her mother and family, and the many people who have helped her on a personal and political level over the years.

Cllr Winters, when

elected to the Council 10 years ago, was the only female councillor. On becoming Cathaoirleach she welcomed the fact that there is now 40% female representation on the Council.

Cllr Winters said she wishes to prioritise the areas of transport, housing, climate action and economic development during her term as Cathaoirleach. She also said that she wants to see the Council exploring all possible funding streams, to draw down as much funding as possible from central Government. Cllr Winters said she wants to see quick progress on a third lane for the N11, improvements on the N81 in West Wicklow, and the creation of more local jobs.

"The public have put us in a position of trust, they have entrusted us to lead Co. Wicklow to a better future. We may not always agree on the details, but everyone here wants a vibrant and thriving Co. Wicklow for all of our communities," she stated. "I hope over the next five years we will work together and put party politics out the window."

Fine Gael's Pat Kennedy, meanwhile, will be the Leas Cathaoirleach, as he was elected over Cllr Jennifer Whitmore by the same margin of 17 votes to 15. Cllr Pat Fitzgerald, in nominating Cllr Kennedy praised him as a 'workaholic' and said he would make a very effective Leas Cathaoirleach.



Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council Frank Curran welcomes new Wicklow County Council Cathaoirleach Irene Winters into the chair

Balance of power in Council hinges on one vote

'Independent' Murphy backs Fianna Fáil again

With the votes for Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach at the first meeting of the new County Council on June 7th, it was clear that the balance of power in the Council, although it has not shifted, is more precarious than it was.

The votes, being an indication of how the voting pattern will be over the five-year term of the council, revealed that Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael now hold only a very slim margin of control over the other grouping which includes Independents and other parties.

Both councillors Irene Winters and Pat Kennedy were elected to the positions of Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach by a narrow margin (17 to 15). While Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael have consistently voted together as a block, against the other grouping, they were previously also able to rely on the support of Independent councillors Jim Ruttle, Daire Nolan, Christopher Fox and Miriam Murphy, which gave them a comfortable 19 to 13 majority when it came to voting on matters.

With Ruttle, Nolan and Fox no longer there, and the siding of newly elected Labour councillors Anne



Cllr Miriam Murphy

Ferris and Paul O'Brien against Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael, Independent councillor Miriam Murphy is now the only councillor siding with Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil and is the difference between a 17 to 15 majority or a 16-16 stalemate on votes (in cases of stalemates, the Cathaoirleach will cast the deciding vote).



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PUBLIC NOTICE

FREE MATTRESS DISPOSAL

Wicklow County Council wishes to advise that a free of charge mattress disposal service will be held in Arklow Recycling Centre on 22nd June 2019.

This one off event is for the disposal of domestic mattresses only and is restricted to a maximum of three mattresses per household.

This service is not available to commercial users.

Venue: Arklow Recycling Centre – Car Park

Date: Saturday 22nd June

Time: 2 – 4 pm

Please note that no mattresses will be accepted outside of these times at the centre.

Leaving waste outside of the above mentioned times will result in the issuing of a €150 litter fine.

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Tom Fortune elected Cathaoirleach of Greystones

Independent councillor Tom Fortune was elected Cathaoirleach of Greystones Municipal District last week. Cllr Fortune was proposed by Independent Councillor Mags Crean and was seconded by Green Party councillor Lourda Scott. Cllr Derek Mitchell was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Speaking with the *Wicklow Times* following his election, he thanked his colleagues for their support, he also thanked the municipal staff for all the backup they provide.

Cllr Fortune says there are many issues that require attention and he is looking forward to working with his colleagues to make them happen and come up with solutions.

"Access for the fishermen to Greystones harbour is urgent and must be resolved over the next few weeks. The proposed development in the centre of Kilcoole village if developed as planned will destroy the village, this must be altered to ensure this does not happen. A footpath to the train station in Kilcoole is urgently required."

Cllr Fortune also highlighted the commencement of the Delgany and Kilincarrig village improvements, work on footpaths in Kilpedder and a solution to the issue of it been used as a rat run for traffic, improvements for Newcastle village, and more attention needed to Kiladreenan.

Cllr Fortune also talked about the function of the district and the powers it requires that should be allocated from Wicklow County Council. He believes the district chairs should be members of the corporate policy group, and that this would make the districts stronger and would be better for local democracy.



New Cathaoirleach of Greystones Municipal District Tom Fortune

Newly elected councillors called on to make social housing a priority

The Housing Alliance, a collaboration of six of Ireland's largest Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) is calling on newly elected councillors in Wicklow to make the increased delivery of social and affordable housing a priority.

AHBs are not-for-profit organisations that have a social purpose to provide for people's housing needs by working in close co-operation with the Government, local authorities and relevant agencies. Rebuilding Ireland, the Government's plan to increase housing supply, recognises that AHBs will deliver one-third of the 50,000 additional social homes needed by 2021.

Declan Dunne, Chair of the Housing Alliance, said, "The current shortage of social and affordable housing in Ireland is one of the most acute problems facing our society. The social housing needs of many are currently being provided, with significant State

support, by private landlords. This short-term solution does not represent long-term value and fails to guarantee housing stability and security for tenants beyond the discretion of landlords.

"Local government plays a key role in housing delivery, and the members of the Housing Alliance collaborate and partner with local authorities throughout Ireland to help the State meet its social and affordable housing commitments. We want to continue and strengthen this partnership, working together with local authorities and their newly elected members to deliver more homes, at scale, for individuals and families who urgently need them."

Cllr Fortune is a big supporter of the climate change initiative and seconded Cllr Steven Mathews' proposal to put in place a climate change SPC, this was approved by all the members of Wicklow County Council. Cllr Fortune says the initiative from the students in our secondary schools was a big driver in making this happen.

Cllr Fortune outlined housing as a key priority, and the demand for affordable housing. He is calling for a change in Government policy to allow young couples who are paying very high rents of €1600-€1800 per month and who have a good payment record to qualify for mortgage approval without the need to provide a deposit.

"This would help the housing crisis in a big way. The growing threat of homelessness is very concerning and I believe this requires an emergency group to come together immediately to agree a solution, it is not good enough or acceptable to allow a family become homeless."

Other challenges where he wants to see changes and solutions are; derelict sites, the bus service, parking, a toilet for the harbour area, support of tidy towns groups, and protection of trees throughout the district. He said it is an honour and a privilege to be Cathaoirleach and he is looking forward to working with his colleagues to make a busy programme happen.



Pictured are (Back row); District Manager Sean Quirke, Vincent Blake, Edward Timmins, John Mullen, Engineer Dermot Graham, District Administrator Garvan Hickey, and (front row); Senior Engineer Declan Geraghty, Avril Cronin, Gerry O'Neill, and Patsy Glenmon,

Independent Councillor Gerry O'Neill elected Cathaoirleach of Baltinglass Municipal District

Independent Councillor Gerry O'Neill was elected Cathaoirleach of Baltinglass Municipal District at their first meeting of the newly elected council last week. Councillor O'Neill was elected on the first count at the recent local election, with a first preference vote of 1,822.

This was his first election as an Independent, having been expelled from Sinn Féin two years ago. Councillor O'Neill said he felt 'vindicated' as a result, and delighted that his vote was essentially a personal one.

"I'm delighted to get the chance to chair Baltinglass Municipal District Council,"

Councillor O'Neill told *Wicklow Times* adding, "I do feel that I deserved a shot at it."

"I'd like to thank Patsy Glenmon for proposing me and Edward Timmins for seconding the proposal which then had unanimous support."

"I will immediately be proposing a health check on West Wicklow. We

need a rapid response to issues in this area and I will pursuing the relevant Minister to look on this area. Issues such as the N81, housing, and our interconnectedness, as one quarter of our town is actually in Kildare."

"We have given so much over the years, our sand, granite, water, now

we need something back. There is huge tourism potential; we are right on the doorstep of Dublin, but we need the infrastructure."

Councillor O'Neill said he was not surprised to witness Sinn Féin's lacklustre performance in the local elections but did feel sad about the direction the party has

taken. "I gave 47 years of my life to Sinn Féin and the republican movement, it is sad to see how it has been destroyed by a certain bunch of people. I am pleased however that the people of west Wicklow made their feelings known, and voted me back in to serve them."



Poll topper Cullen is Wicklow Municipal District Cathaoirleach

Fine Gael Councillor Shay Cullen was elected Cathaoirleach of the Wicklow Municipal District at the first meeting of the new Municipal District Council last week.

Cllr Cullen was the poll topper in the Wicklow East Electoral Area in the recent local election, receiving a massive 2,287 first preference votes, the second highest in the whole county.

Cllr Cullen was elected as a first-time candidate in 2014. He is a resident of Newtownmountkennedy and grew up in Roundwood, and attended De La Salle secondary school in Wicklow Town. He has been an employee at Glen Fuels for over 20 years.

On the campaign trail, Cllr Cullen highlighted the need for investment in Wicklow Town and the importance of supporting local businesses. He has also been outspoken on the need to maximise Wicklow's tourism potential and the creation of more jobs.

Fitzgerald is Arklow Cathaoirleach

Long-serving member of Wicklow County Council, Fianna Fail's Pat Fitzgerald, is the new Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.

A native of Arklow, Cllr Fitzgerald has been a full-time Councillor since 2002 and was first elected to Arklow Town Council in 1999. He was previously Chairman of the Old Arklow Town Council in 2001, and Chairman of the Municipal District in 2014.

Speaking to *Wicklow Times*, Cllr Fitzgerald said Arklow is facing many challenges in the year ahead, but he said that he sees a "great future for Arklow. I believe there are good times ahead."

Cllr Fitzgerald highlighted the problem of the lack of housing and social housing, but said he looks forward to the completion of local housing schemes such as those in Delaney Park and the Vale Road. "These are giving some hope to the many people we have on the housing list," he said.

He also highlighted the issues in Aughrim and Avoca with no capacity in the Wastewater Treatment plants. He looks forward however to progress on the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Arklow and the Data Centre, and hopes to see progress on the Primary Care Centre.





After their visit the delegation from Ethiopia stopped off to admire the Wicklow coast.

Wicklow & District Credit Union hosts delegation from Ethiopia

Wicklow & District Credit Union Ltd was delighted to host a delegation from the Federal Republic of Ethiopia recently.

The delegation was comprised mainly of government representatives working for federal and regional cooperative agencies. The delegates are responsible for the development of operational standards for Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOS) i.e. credit unions in Ethiopia. The delegation received a fantastic 'Céad Míle Fáilte' from Pat and the staff of Wicklow and District Credit Union Ltd.

The visit to Ireland was organised by the Irish League of Credit Unions International Development Foundation (ILCU Foundation), the charitable arm of the Irish credit union movement. The visit was funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a UN agency that provides support to develop and improve the access of the rural population in Ethiopia to well needed financial services.

For a number of years the ILCU Foundation has received funding from IFAD in support of the development of ethical financial services in Ethiopia. As a result, the ILCUU Foundation are working closely with the Federal Cooperative Agency (FCA) and is supporting them to improve regulation of the sector in Ethiopia. The five day study tour visit incorporated a mix of training sessions and field visits to credit unions.

During the visit, Pat Hore, CEO and Jen Bergin, Assistant

would be an informative, productive and enjoyable session, sharing the history of Wicklow and District Credit Union Ltd which is rooted in a strong community-based ethos and it's current role within that community.

Pat hoped that the discussion on credit union changes, how this has affected the sector and how the role of the credit union board has now changed to one of governance with responsibility to manage risk and setting business strategy would be of benefit to the delegation on their return to

Ethiopia.

Abdi Hassen, Director General of FCA in Ethiopia said the delegation was very thankful to everyone in Wicklow and District Credit Union Ltd. "We have learned a lot about regulation and we want to thank you very much. There are a lot of cooperatives in Ethiopia and they have a big role in helping people in all communities. We are coming from different areas in Ethiopia but we all work in cooperatives and it is important to ensure they are regulated and we have learned a lot from you, thank you."



Pictured are Gizachew Assfaw, Assefa Gebremaria, Pat Hore, CEO of Wicklow Credit Union, and Liam Morrissey, ILCU Foundation

Teaming up to save the swifts

The Swift population of County Wicklow is being surveyed in a joint venture project between the County Council and Birdwatch Ireland. The aim is to identify for the first time, a baseline population figure for this bird in Wicklow.

At two recent community workshops in Bray and Baltinglass, participants heard from Ricky Whelan, Birdwatch Ireland survey co-ordinator, about the life cycle of this fascinating bird and received copies of a new publication 'Saving Swifts' produced jointly by Birdwatch Ireland and Local Authority Heritage Officers.

Swifts have recently arrived in Wicklow following a long migration from southern Africa. Slightly larger than a swallow, they are a "site faithful" bird, returning generation after generation to buildings in towns and villages to nest and raise young.

Like many of our wild

species however, Swifts are increasingly threatened through loss of nest sites and have suffered an alarming 40 per cent population decline in the past



decade.

Problems arise when buildings are renovated or torn down removing the Swifts nest sites and sometimes huge nesting colonies can be lost overnight.

Last year nesting sites were confirmed in Wicklow Town, Rathnew, Kilcoole, Greystones, Coolafancy, Bray,

Aughrim, Kiltegan, Knockanarrigan, Coolattin and Rathdrum. It is hoped that with the participation of interested individuals, schools and Tidy Towns groups, this list can be significantly expanded this summer.

Members of the public are being asked to contact local co-ordinator Oran O Sullivan - Tel: 087 2339280 oran@irishgardenbirds.ie - or national co-ordinator, Ricky Whelan, by e mail rwhelan@birdwatchireland.ie or on 085 783 2545 to report sightings. All information for Wicklow will be uploaded to the National Biodiversity Data Centre at www.biodiversityireland.ie.

To support this initiative a new guide "Saving Swifts" has been produced by Birdwatch Ireland and Local Authority Heritage Officers. This guide contains all the information required for individuals, local groups, schools, businesses or government departments to play a role in helping this threatened species.

Swifts nest in buildings where small gaps allow access to the roof space or cavities in masonry. Their chosen nest sites are often in older buildings which are sometimes dilapidated or in need of renovation. Awareness about the presence and requirements of Swifts is essential to ensuring that their nest sites are protected as part of renovation works. This typically involves timing works to take place from Sept to May.

Also, there are many opportunities to create new nesting sites as part of new development through installing nest boxes or nesting bricks. The information is presented in a colourful and user-friendly format and includes details on Swift ecology, reasons for declines, suggested conservation measures, nest box plans, case studies and much more.

Wicklow County Council Heritage Officer, Deirdre Burns, stated: "Wicklow County Council is delighted to team up with Birdwatch Ireland on this Swift Project. This initiative forms part of our ongoing programme of biodiversity actions through the County Wicklow Heritage Plan, to record, protect and enhance biodiversity in Wicklow".

"Saving Swifts" is available for free as a PDF from www.wicklow.ie or in hard copy by contacting Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer, on 0404 20100 or e mail dburns@wicklow-coc.ie.

As part of Swift Awareness Week, members of Birdwatch Ireland will lead a Swift Walk in Arklow on Wednesday, June 26th. They have identified the locations of the main swift colonies but these are in large estates and difficult to survey so they are looking for local volunteers to help. The walk will begin in the Tesco car park in Arklow at 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 26th. The group will discuss swift conservation, the Wicklow Swift Survey and observe locally nesting swifts. The event is free, family friendly and all are welcome.



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REGISTER OF ELECTORS

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- Greystones
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- Kilcoole
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Pictured are Pat Casey TD, Jim Byrne, Minister Andrew Doyle, and Pat Dunne at the launch of the Miners Walk in Glendalough. The new 20km way marked trail from the Glendasan valley near Turlough Hill to the Baravore mine site celebrates the presence of mining enterprises in the three valleys of Glendasan, Glendalough and Glenmalur in the nineteenth century and mining in Glendalough up until the 1950s.

Dave's Coffee



Blending In

Dave's Coffee shop has now moved, but they have not strayed far as they are now located just a few doors down from where they were, on the Main Street in Wicklow Town.

In September, Dave's Coffee will be four years in Wicklow. Since opening in 2015, it has become something of an institution in the town in a short space of time, amassing many loyal customers who keep coming back for some more of their 'damn fine' coffee.

Dave's Coffee is part of the Nick's Coffee Company Ltd, which is

headquartered Tipperary. Dave's Coffee in Wicklow Town is the only Nick's Coffee shop in Co. Wicklow, and it made perfect sense to open it in Wicklow Town as owner Nick Seymour lives locally. Products are also sourced locally.

Nick started the business with his mum, and then about seven years ago Dave came on board.

A coffee shop was opened in Ranelagh, Dublin, and now Dave's Coffee in Wicklow employs about 10 people in total.

With the move to the bigger premises, the coffee shop is expanding its range of products to include a Deli section.

to the 'under-flavours' - "A lot of people won't even identify these, or recognise they are tasting them, but there are subtle nostalgic hints of things - milk chocolate, toffee, etc - flavours that bring people back to their childhood."

Whatever the secret, it

shop, which draws little attention to itself.

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Staff members Chris, Val and Lika at Dave's Coffee Shop, Wicklow Town.

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Currently it offers a selection of pastries, breads and cakes, made fresh, but there are plans to bring a chef on board and offer more substantial meals.

At the heart of the business, though, is the coffee, which is their own unique four-bean blend.

"It started off as a hobby, roasting our own coffee at home," Nick tells *Wicklow Times*. "It was never planned that it would become a business or money-making venture, but then things just started taking off, and everything happened very quickly. People started tasting it and wanting to buy it. The first two years were really nuts."

Nick says he and his family were always creating their own food and hot drinks, and it was a nice surprise to discover that their coffee was also popular with other people.

Nick puts the success of the coffee partly down

clearly works, with about two-thirds of the shop's business being "phenomenally loyal" returning customers.

"People will even stay for one or two refills, that's not very common in Ireland. Usually people will go into a coffee shop for literally one cup of coffee and then they'll go."

With such a famed reputation, one would be forgiven for being surprised by the plain and unassuming exterior of the coffee

shop, which draws little attention to itself.

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HOME & GARDEN



Summer has arrived. Okay, so the weather might be a bit strange for this time of year but we've had some lovely sunshine and are sure to have some more. And Summer is the perfect time to beautify your home and garden.

Install a patio or garden decking

Make sure your garden is up to scratch for those long summer evenings and lazy weekend BBQs. Decking and patios are a great extension of indoor space and can provide a seating and dining area; try shading with an awning and install lighting and outdoor heaters to make the most of the space. If you want out-

door areas for storage and growing fruit or vegetables, now is the perfect time to install that shed or greenhouse.

Maintain your garden

General garden maintenance like mowing, weeding and repairing fencing is important too. Gardens can look untidy very quickly. Make sure that your lawn is well cared for, grass can suffer

in extreme heat so you may need to install a sprinkler system and fertilise regularly. Check that your fencing, shed or greenhouse hasn't been damaged during the winter and Spring and clear the garden of debris. You may find that outdoor furniture and fittings are covered in mould or mildew from the wet conditions, these can be easily cleaned with a soap and water mixture. Garden paths or driveways may also have come under attack from moss or algae, which is simple to remove too. Spring is a good time to repaint or stain outdoor furniture to protect it from further

weather damage and to start composting.

Exterior home improvements

Warm, dry weather means you can carry out all those other exterior home improvements you've been putting off such as plastering, painting and cleaning outside walls, windows and doors. Don't forget to check the condition of your roof and clean your gutters too. Your roof is the most important part of your home; it has to be in good shape. Spruce up the exterior of your weather-weary walls, but first, check that

they don't have any cracks in them. Painting will also protect your home from damp - don't forget that window frames can also be transformed with a lick of paint or gloss. Painting your front door can also make a big difference to your home.

Home extensions and conversions

Longer, drier summer days are ideal for large scale home extension and conversion projects. An extension means lots to organise, so consider hiring an architect, quantity surveyor or project manager to keep everything on track. On the other hand, if you already have an unused loft or basement, why not convert that instead? Conversions are cheaper than extensions and eight times out



of ten, they don't need planning permission. Conservatories are also a low budget way to resize your home.

New Furniture

As the saying goes: "Out with the old, in with the new". New furniture is a great way to change things up at home and who doesn't love the feeling of a new sofa in the living room or a fancy new dining set in the kitchen. There are great deals locally with free delivery so no need to travel far to check out what's on offer and then just sit back on the old chair and wait for delivery of the new one!



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AUSTRIANS KEEP THEIR CHORAL TIES WITH COUNTY WICKLOW



Cheile Community Choir and Director Tony Norton from Bray are heading off again to represent County Wicklow and fly the flag for Ireland during their Austrian tour this September.

On this occasion they will be rekindling a musical connection with the choir of Hainfeld which is a village in Austria 48km south-west of Vienna, the country's capital city which lies to the east of the Danube River and which will also be visited.

Twenty five years ago this choral connection was made by The Avoca Singers who have since disbanded. A Cheile Community Choir member who was on that first choral exchange twenty five years ago has remained a close friend of

the family that hosted her during that exchange. The member was asked to bring her choir to Austria to rekindle this Choral tradition. The Austrian Choir membership is now made up of their retired members' grown up children. The Cheile

Community Choir will be the guests of honour at the celebrations of the 80th birthday of one of the Hainfeld choir's founder members who came to Ireland all those years ago.

In 2017 the Cheile Community Choir was

the guest choir at a choral festival in Sarzana, Northern Italy; they were accompanied by their director Tony Norton. Then in 2018 the Italian choir was hosted by the Cheile Community Choir in Bray and performed in

Bray's first international choral festival at the Mermaid Theatre. They really appreciated the Irish hospitality they received in Bray and throughout Ireland on the short tour of the west of Ireland they embarked upon before heading home to Northern Italy.

Upcoming Co Wicklow PPN Meetings

The theme for the Co Wicklow PPN June members meeting is "Let's Tell Our Stories and Preserve Our Heritage".

If you or your group is interested or actively recording some aspect of your local heritage, be it stories, videos, photographs, flora & fauna, history, place names, traditions and folklore you will be interested to hear from the Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council, the National Museum of Ireland and KWETB about existing and upcoming opportunities to help you. The meeting will take place on Thursday 29th June at 7.30pm in The Brockagh Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Let's Talk About Climate Change is an opportunity to find out about the Draft Wicklow County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and to develop a community submission on this important plan for the county. This meeting will take place on Monday 24th June at 7pm in Kilcoole Community Centre and all are welcome.

Helen Howes, Resource Worker for Co Wicklow PPN said "In our Let's Develop our Vision for Community Wellbeing consultations last year, communities highlighted the importance of holding on to our culture and heritage and passing it on to future generations. They also raised their concerns for our environment and the importance of developing sustainable living practises. We hope that these meetings might help towards addressing some of the issues raised at the workshops and begin working towards the community vision".

For more information about Co Wicklow PPN contact Helen Howes on 087 189 5145 or Grainne Quinn on 086 048 7434 Email: countywicklow-ppn@gmail.com

Go green at Luisne this Summer

This summer Luisne Centre for Well-Being in Kilcoole is hosting a series of four Saturday talks aimed at exploring our response to the present environmental crisis - to try to avoid the feeling that it is all too overwhelming for us to be able to do anything and the denial that we are actually in a crisis to opening up ways that we can begin to take meaningful steps.

One of Luisne's founding visions was to awaken/encourage the realisation that everything in the Universe is deeply and intimately connected and to promote the respect that issues from this towards all forms of life including the other-than-human.

The series moves from

facing the crisis - 'Laudato Si: Our Response, Our Responsibility' with Sean McDonagh a renowned lecturer on environmental issues, on Saturday June 29th.

On July 2nd the talk will be on 'Mindfulness and Cosmology' with Dee Hennessy to seeing our

role in it all.

On July 27th the talk will be 'The Human in the Cosmos' with Niamh Brennan author and lecturer.

Finally on Saturday August 10th, the talk will look at at practical ways we can contribute to improving the dilemma Recycling and Waste

Management with Voice Ireland.

No Doubt, summer time means that not everyone can attend all four talks because of holidays, but people can attend whichever sessions they are available for. Please see website (www.luisne.ie) for more details.



Luisne Centre for Well-being, Kilcoole



Roy Taylor is this year's Drink Tea for MND Ambassador

Have a cuppa for a good cause

Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Day takes place on 21st June. Roy Taylor is this year's Drink Tea for MND Ambassador. In 1988, he represented Ireland in Eurovision with his band Jump the Gun. They came 8th with the song 'Take Him Home'. However, just over a year ago he received the stark diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease.

"I was in disbelief. I was numb. The first question I asked was 'How long have I got?'" Roy shares his story about life with MND in the hope that greater awareness will generate increased support for those living with this degenerative and debilitating condition.

"I worry about not being around for my children and grandchildren. I've one leg and one arm that are much weaker now. And I've problems breathing. Going up stairs is really difficult for me."

To help support Roy and the MND Awareness month we want you to Drink Tea for MND this June! So put the kettle on and have a cuppa to help provide essential services to more than 370 families right across Ireland affected by this disease.

"Unfortunately, I had to stop playing bass last October. But I still sing - I sit on a stool because I've respiratory problems," said Roy

To organise your very own Drink Tea for MND event in or around June 21st, all you have to do is visit imnda.ie and we'll send you a FREE fundraising Tea pack, proudly supported by SuperValu. For more information on organising a tea day just email fundraising@imnda.ie or Freephone 1800 403 403.

"Despite the huge challenge of living with a distressing illness that may end my life early, when I hear of Irish people gathering and having fun over a tea or coffee - to help people like me and our extraordinary caregivers - it brings joy to my heart. You have no idea how much it means to us."

If you can't organise a tea day, why not make a tea donation just Text MND to 50300 and donate €2. (Some network providers charge VAT, meaning a minimum of €1.63 will go to IMNDA. Service Provider LIKECHARITY 0766805278)

Listen out for the Radio adverts that will be airing from the 27th May to 16th June. For more visit www.imnda.ie - helping others, is everyone's cup of tea! You can also check out Roy and Jump the Gun in action on YouTube with their new jingle 'Drink Tea for MND'



CARING IN THE COMMUNITY

We're all only human and at times it is all too easy to get bogged down with life. It is often difficult to avoid feeling overwhelmed, in need of a helping hand, some sound advice or guidance or even just a friendly ear to talk into or a shoulder to lean on.

Fortunately, Wicklow is full of amazing services with dedicated staff and volunteers who are there when you need them. One of the most distressing life events is the ageing of a parent or close

family member. Dealing with a family member's illness can put a huge emotional, physical and mental strain on individuals and families.

We all hope that we could cope with an infirm or elderly relative. But the simple reality is that it is not always possible. Nursing/Care homes provide a suitable alternative, which may improve the quality of life for both the elderly loved one and the family unit as a whole.

Often however, we need the help and support of professionals who are experienced in dealing with specific problems.

There are a number of options available to people looking for a little extra care, whether for the elderly, the young, or people who just need a little extra help with certain life skills. Help is at hand from a number of local organisations who can assist you with a range of different requirements.



Guidebook to help Wicklow senior citizens plan for successful ageing

Older people in Wicklow, and those who care for them, can plan for successful ageing by accessing the latest key information in the free Home Instead Senior Citizen and Family Carer Guidebook.

The popular annual publication from Ireland's largest provider of non-medical home care services, Home Instead Senior Care, is the most comprehensive guide to ageing in Ireland. "The Senior Citizen and Family Carer Guidebook is available free of charge at a range of community locations and also as a digital download," said Seamus Murphy, local spokesperson for Home Instead.

It is a comprehensive resource on ageing in Ireland, and the inspiration for this

year's edition is planning for successful ageing.

"The guidebook contains information on allowances and entitlements, care options, community services, home and lifestyle, nutrition, health and wellbeing and much more," said Seamus Murphy.

"This guidebook helps us to truly honour our mission, which is to enhance the lives of older people and their families," said Seamus Murphy.

Home Instead's Senior Citizen Guidebook shares experience and expertise built up from the company's 14 years of operation in Ireland and contains valuable contributions from a range of experts and organisations who have Ireland's older people at heart.

It is available in a range of places in the local community, such as libraries, post offices, hospitals and clinics. Copies can be ordered by phoning 1890 989 755, and digital downloads are available at HomeInstead.ie/Guidebook2019

For more information on Home Instead Senior Care in Ireland, visit www.homeinstead.ie



Home Care Packages

A Home Care Package is a set of services provided by the HSE to support older people to remain in their own home rather than remain in hospital or be admitted to a nursing home.

Home Care Packages are provided by organisations that have been approved by the HSE following a detailed tender process. There is no means test and you do not need to have a medical card.

If you are approved for a HCP, you will be given a list of 12 providers to choose from, however most of these are based in Dublin or further afield and do not provide services locally. One company on the list is Bluebird Care of Broomhall Business Park, Rathnew, who currently provide services to many HSE and private customers throughout the County.

Bluebird Care employ local Care Assistants who are QQI trained in Care Of The Elderly and Care Skills, they all need to have Patient Moving & Handling, are Garda Vetted and reference checked. Their Care Assistants are regularly supervised as they work in the community and staff and customers have access to a 24-hour emergency phone. Regular reviews of the service are carried out with customers and families and the HSE carry out regular Audits of the service being provided.

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It is also recognised for membership by the Complementary Therapists Association (CTHA) and the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPS Ireland). The course also encompasses practical holistic studies such as Reflexology, Massage and Indian Head Massage, new for September 2019, thereby enabling the student practitioner to progress and



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Those who successfully complete the course may set up their own business as a Yoga Practitioner, a Reflexologist, a Massage Therapist and a Nutrition Adviser. There are also opportunities to progress to further studies, e.g. SCFE is introducing a Pilates Teacher Training course for September 2019, for details see www.SCFE.ie.

The course costs €700 with exemptions of €250 for holders of a medical card and €200 for SUSI grant recipients. Funding is also available for Social Welfare recipients

through the Vocational Training Opportunities scheme (VTOS) and the Back to Education Allowance scheme (BTEA) scheme. Mature applicants are very welcome, and applicants may also be accepted without meeting formal entry requirements.

For more information check out our website www.scfe.ie or call (01) 2852997.

All courses commence mid-September 2019, applications close 30th September.

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LIFELONG LEARNING OPEN EVENING AT IT CARLOW

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Attendees will get the chance to find out more about Institute of Technology Carlow and the many benefits of being a student there. The campus offers a wide range of internationally-recognised courses, from masters degrees to certificate courses, across a variety of disciplines. They include: Business; Accounting; Law; Engineering; Computing; Science and Health; Social Care; Early Childhood Education and Care; PR and Media. Staff and current students will be present at the Open Evening to discuss the various courses in more detail. Employers will also be in attendance to discuss potential career opportunities for graduates.

The part-time courses available are part of the Institute's Lifelong Learning offering, which are available across its Carlow, Wexford or Wicklow Campuses. One of the most attractive aspects of lifelong learning programmes is that

they are designed to provide maximum choice and flexibility to learners. There is the option of taking a full 60-credit programme in a single academic year, or to pursue one or two programme modules, gradually building up the credits necessary to obtain a major award at Degree, Honours Degree, Higher Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma and/or Masters Degree level.

All courses are relevant to the real opportunities in the jobs market and Institute of Technology works very closely with industry to maintain this relevance which is reflected in our 93% employment rate for our graduates. Institute of Technology Carlow is one of the largest providers of Higher Education Life Long Learning (LLL) programmes in the country; LLL enrolments currently account for over 45% of its total learner population.

This month's open evening also coincides

with the on-going recruitment of the Institute of Technology Carlow for its Springboard+ programmes commencing in September 2019 which has just been announced. The Springboard+ initiative offers fully-funded FREE third-level college places on a part-time basis to jobseekers and home-makers, which has led to thousands of participants returning to the workforce throughout the country.

This year, Springboard+ will provide 90% funding for those wishing to study courses at NFQ levels 7, 8 and 9 to those in employment which provides a great opportunity for people to upskill on a part time basis, whilst continuing to work and significantly reducing the cost of study. Some of the courses offered under Springboard+ include qualifications in Supply Chain Management, Data Science, Financial Services, Digital Marketing, Data Protection, Digital Media and Tourism Marketing. It

is free to apply and further information is available at www.itcarlow.ie/springboard.

Students at Institute of Technology Carlow thrive on the small class sizes, the individual attention from expert lecturers, students support services and from the close links with industry that allows for integral work placements and employment opportunities.

Joseph Collins, Head of Faculty Lifelong Learning at Institute of Technology Carlow, commented, "Upskilling is about building on existing qualifications and experience and it gives all of us an opportunity to change careers or to move to another level in our current careers. We are ready to accept applications for courses in a number of areas where there are real career opportunities and I would encourage people who are eligible for Springboard to contact us directly."

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The 10-piece integrated group, Music Together, plays a new composition with video illustration at the Whale Theatre in Greystones on Sunday 14th July.

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Founded on the belief that it is a human right to have artistic tools at one's disposal, and inspired by principles of access and inclusivity, Music Together provides opportunities for people with physical disabilities, alongside non-disabled participants, to develop skills and ambitions in music and related per-

forming arts. Furthermore, by continually striving for artistic excellence and showcasing best practice, Music Together aims to challenge public perception and improve public access to the work of disabled artists, thus paving the way for further integration into the arts community.

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aims to: Enhance and develop performers' skills in music, voice, composition, percussion and music technology with a view to performing concerts at Arts events in the area; Build new audiences for arts and disability events and demonstrate Music Together's integrated approach to the performing arts.

This concert has been arranged by Andy and Marion Smith and the Whale is delighted to welcome them back for a third time.

Doors open at 1.30pm, concert at 2pm. Duration 60 minutes. Free Admission. See www.whaletheatre.ie or call the booking office on 01 2010550.

Coming up at the Mermaid Theatre...

All for Me Grog: The Songs and Story of The Dubliners

All for Me Grog, the Galway based show that has played to full houses and standing ovations comes to Mermaid on Saturday 29th June. The show brings you the songs and story of Ireland's most successful folk band - The Dubliners. Presented by The Liberties, who are deeply honoured to become the bearers of the torch which has been borne with such power and dignity over the past decades by The Dubliners. The original line-up of Ronnie Drew, Luke Kelly, Barney McKenna, Ciaran Burke and John Sheehan is brought to life with the exact same instrumentation, songs and close as you will get vocals, bringing to the stage a show in sound and appearance of uncanny accuracy of the internationally renowned Dubliners. Tickets cost 20/18 and

are on sale now from box office on 01-2724030 or online at www.mermaidartscentre.ie

Jack Lukeman

Singer-songwriter, performer, raconteur and a whole lot more besides, Jack Lukeman is back at Mermaid this summer on Friday 5th July. Incorporating the theatrical and romantic sensibilities of the likes of Jacques Brel, but with genuine melodic appeal and a knack for creating his own 'magic realist' world that is peopled by all manner of unusual, picaresque characters, Lukeman is a rare, unusual brand of performer. From clubs to concert halls, theatres to festivals, Lukeman has the performing power and compelling presence to win over any crowd. Tickets cost 25/23 and are on sale now from box office on 01-2724030 or online at www.mermaidartscentre.ie

Conspicuous 4ms

James Horan, Helen O'Connell, Martha Quinn and David McGlynn are exhibiting in a group show of three-dimensional artwork at Mermaid Arts Centre. Mass, weight, volume, composition and balance. Forms. Separating sculpture from two-dimensional artwork, sculpture exists in real space. The beauty of a sculpture does not come only from visual stimulation. Sculpture has a tangible, tactile quality which pulls the viewer toward and, importantly, around an object. Influences are found in all aspects of life. Nature, science, social observation, travel. It is the artists unique experiences and observations that led to a diverse selection of striking sculpture. This exhibition is at once figurative, abstract, organic & geometric. The exhibition runs until Saturday 13 July 110-6pm.



Jack Lukeman is back at the Mermaid this summer on Friday 5th July

Blessington dancer to perform in upcoming Irish Youth Dance Festival

Sorcha Murphy, an 18 year old dancer living in Blessington, will be performing in the upcoming Irish Youth Dance Festival which is happening in Pavilion Theatre and Draiocht.

Having just sat her Leaving Cert, Sorcha is heading off in late August to Performance Art college - Fontys University in The Netherlands for a BA in Dance Arts in Context. She is a senior member of Dublin Youth Dance Company with Mariam Ribon. Quite a number of DYDC alumni have gone to Fontys and cite their education in contemporary dance with Mariam as instrumental in their being accepted there.

Sorcha started dancing at the age of 4 at the Ruth Shine School Of Dance and continues to dance there now. At the age of 12 she moved to Brussels for 3 years and further continued and developed her dance training. When she returned to Ireland she became a member of Dublin Youth Dance Company, where she has been afforded a multitude of performance opportunities including performing in Glasgow, Belfast, Italy and Bristol and with notable choreographers such as Toni Bravo and Liz Roche. In 2018 she performed in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin and at Electric Picnic.

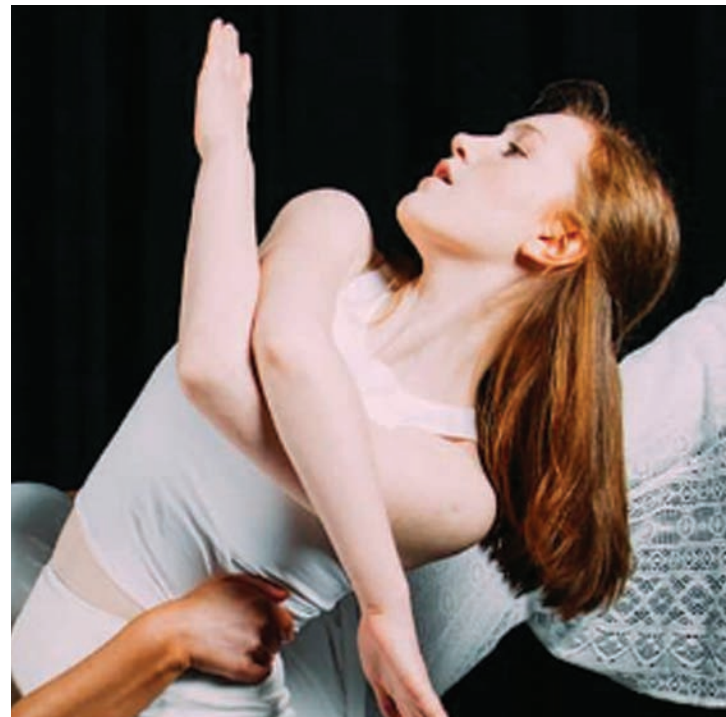
The 19th Irish Youth

Dance Festival returns this summer (24th June - 7th July) with main performances at Draiocht, Blanchardstown (29th June) and Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire (5th July).

This unique and hugely popular event offers audiences the opportunity to see the most exciting up-

and-coming young contemporary dance talent Ireland has to offer, along with masterclasses, International Dance Residencies and performances. The festival also features international artists including new work by American choreographer Toni Bravo with Diverse Space Youth

Dance Theatre, choreographer Helen Wilson, Director of Bristol based RISE Youth Dance Company and exciting new ethnically diverse Irish based dance company Human Collective. Visit www.dublinyouthdance.com



Blessington dancer Sorcha Murphy

'Sea, Sky, Paint' art exhibition in Bray

'Sea, Sky, Paint', an exhibition by Eugene De Leastar, will run in the Signal Arts Centre from Monday 24th June to Sunday 7th July.

Eugene (Eoin) (Eugenio) was born in Cork and now lives and has a studio on Slievenamon in Co. Tipperary. He has a special affinity with Italy and has painted many works on Venice. His solo shows include ALCI, Loro Piceno Italy, Origin Gallery Dublin, Wexford Arts centre, Art Hive Cork, Turks & Caicos, Garter Lane, Waterford, Univeristy College Cork and The Narrow Space, Clonmel. He has participated in group shows in Bled, Slovenia; Trioflach, Austria; Peoria, Illinois, USA; Collyer-Bristow, London; Irish Arts Centre, London; Ward Nasse, New York. His work is also religious and allegorical and he has written several pamphlets on art theory including 'Problems of Truth for the Painter. His most recent work is based on residences in Cill Rialaig and studying the sea at Lettergesh Connemara which have produced the series 'Sky, Sea, Paint.'

"These works relate to recent stormy weather around the coasts of Waterford, Connemara and especially at the artist retreat of Cill Rialaig, in Kerry. A recent trip around the Skelligs left a lasting impression on me of the seas' overwhelming power and cantankerous nature. I have never gone onto the island rock of Skellig

Michael as I feel ill at ease approaching such a spiritual place.

But our relationship with the sea is an elemental part of our nature and evocative paintings of the sea for its own sake were a significant part of the Romantic Movement. For painters of the figure, a basic understanding of anatomy is essential, and I have begun to learn that a study of the anatomy of the wave is also vital for sea painting. I have been much influenced in this by the works of the Great American marine painter Frederick Waugh.

The Sky, Sea, Paint series relates in the main to my attempts to capture something of the movement of the sea, mostly when it is angry and sometimes when it is wistful and evocative.

I like that the elemental potency of great masses of water can be remembered in the sloppy viscous nature of paint on canvas. Sometimes it works; puddles of paint can recreate the shapes of water. But only for a moment, for the sea is ever changing, dangerous, tempting, relentless."



A piece of artwork by Eugene De Leastar, which will be on display in the Signal Arts Centre as part of the Sea, Sky, Paint exhibition



Members of the Lions Club on the way to Trabolgan Holiday Village

Lions go to Trabolgan for holiday project

On Friday June 7th a group of 10 guests from the Wicklow area travelled to Co Cork for a week thanks to the local Wicklow and District Lions Club.

The Lions Clubs Annual Holiday, organised by Lions Clubs of Ireland including Wicklow and District Lions Club, is primarily for older guests in need of a break from their daily and often difficult routine. It takes place in June each year.

The venue for this year's special holiday was the Trabolgan Holiday Village. Over 600 Guests, Lions and Helpers from throughout the 32 counties booked in for the week.

There was a full and varied programme

throughout the week including dancing, competitions, supervised aqua aerobics, talent show a daily walking challenge, bus tours plus shows each

evening. Minibuses and buggies were on hand to transport those with walking difficulties and medical assistance, including an Order of Malta mobile unit, was on hand 24 hours a day.

One of the great attractions of the holiday is that it allows the guests to mingle with persons of their own age and swap stories and experiences. Feedback from the guests highlights that this is something they cherish. They can be completely themselves in a very safe and cared for environment, where all of their needs are met from medical, to food, to entertainment and activity.

Members of Wicklow Lions say they are proud to be associated with this annual project.

Delgany Thursday Group

Delgany Thursday Group's next outing is on Thursday 4th July to Huntington Castle, Clonegal, Co. Carlow. Leaving Christ Church, Delgany, at 11.00 am. The cost is €45.00 per person to include coach, lunch, Castle tour and self-guided garden walk followed by tea and scones. To book contact Peter on 086 8307644 or John on 086 3566527.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Significant information / revised plans. I hereby give notice of the submission of significant further information to Wicklow County Council in relation to planning ref. no. 19/241 - Proposed 142 sq.m. rear, front and side extension with new roof to accommodate habitable space to 71 sq.m dwelling, connection to existing waste water treatment system to EPA standards which currently serves existing adjoining property, with new percolation area and revised boundaries to site, proposed new waste water treatment system to EPA standards on adjoining family property and associated works at Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow for T. Cronin.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Significant further information / revised plans have been furnished to the planning authority in respect of the proposed development and are available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the further information may be made in writing to the Planning Authority within a period of two weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the revised notices. A submission or observation must be accompanied by the prescribed fee except in the case of a person or body who has already made a submission or observation. Applicants should refer to Article 35 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2011

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Boyle Sports, intend to apply for full permission for Demolition of Rear Section of Existing Main Building (Residential) and Store / Garage to Rear. Change of use of an existing property (takeaway & residential uses) to bookmakers office on the ground floor with a single storey extension (bookmakers office) to the rear of the main existing building, alterations to the existing shopfront and all associated site development works at Main Street, Blessington, 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 the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission. C/o Bernard Dowdall - MR/AL - Architect - Carrickedmond, Kilcurry, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Tel. (042) 9429558; (087) 6657148; E-mail - bernard@dowdallarchitects.ie

Classified & Planning Advertisements

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I Tony Kealy intend to apply for permission for a new dwelling, garage, new entrance, wastewater treatment unit, soil polishing filter, new well and associate works at Knocknamuck Upper, Grangecon, 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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We Mr & Mrs D & E Scullion intend to apply for outline permission for dormer dwelling on site at rear of 15 Applewood heights Greystones with access from Grattan Park. 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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B. Stanley seeks retention permission for 2-storey, side extension, (including historic, flat-roofed ground floor extension), providing residential accommodation on 2 levels, at Coach House Annexe, Delgany House, Chapel Road, Delgany, 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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I Leona O Sullivan intend to apply for permission for demolition of existing front sunroom extension, new 112.2 sqm single storey extension to the east side of existing dwelling, new 2.3 sqm single storey extension to the west side of existing dwelling, new 9.2 sqm single storey extension to the north side of existing dwelling, new porch to front of dwelling, removal of existing septic tank and installation of new wastewater system and soil polishing filter and associate works at Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, 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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Delgany and District Horticultural Society Rose Show

The Delgany and District Horticultural Society Rose Show will take place on 29th June in St. Patrick's National School, Greystones, from 3-5pm. It is a wonderful annual event with lots of roses and flowers. Teas are served during the show. Plants are also for sale. New members and

exhibitors are very welcome. All exhibits must be staged before 11:30am on the day of the show. Entries must be advised to the Show Secretary in advance. Please email ddhs.showentries@gmail.com. Details at www.DelganyDHS.com and on Facebook.

Free mattress disposal

Wicklow County Council in conjunction with the Government's Anti-Dumping Initiative is to provide a "Mattress Amnesty" to members of the public that wish to dispose of their old mattresses. This amnesty will be provided at four locations: Arklow Recycling Centre - 22nd June 2-4pm; Bray Recycling Centre - 29th June 2-4pm; Wicklow Recycling Centre - 6th July 2-4pm; Blessington Council Yard - 13th July 10am-12 mid-day.

There is no charge for the disposal of mattresses on the day. Each household is limited to a maximum of three and the amnesty is not open to commercial operations. No mattresses will be accepted out of the scheduled hours. Call 0404 20127 for info.



Rathnew take on Ashbourne in Lions All Ireland U13 football

The second game in the Lions Clubs All Ireland under 13's soccer competition (FAI endorsed) took place on Sunday 9th June in the grounds of Rathnew AFC. The young lads from Rathnew played against a very strong team from Ashbourne.

There was huge excitement at the end and a massive well done and congratulations to this young team who beat Bray a few weeks ago and continued their winning streak by beating Ashbourne 4-2 in the Lions Club round of

16 all Ireland cup.

Coach Declan Earls was thrilled with his young team and expressed it to every member of Rathnew at the end of the game. He is now looking forward to see who his gallant team play in the quarter finals.

Huge thanks was expressed to the ladies and committee in Rathnew for

the wonderful food they prepared and the very welcomed pizzas and chips organised by the Lions team.

Wicklow and District Lion's Club received huge thanks from all involved for their ongoing support in this exciting competition as well as serving the general community in the district.

Before you travel with your pet

If you haven't done so already, you should have your dog entered in a pet register (for example FIDO). This will increase the chances that your chipped dog will be found quickly in the event that he goes missing. Furthermore, we recommend getting dog owner liability insurance that includes cover in foreign countries. And don't forget, you'll need an address label for your dog's collar. Use this to note down your home and your holiday addresses and telephone numbers where you can be reached at all times.

Want more tips and tricks for travelling with your pet? Speak to a Pet Expert in your local Maxi Zoo store and pick up all of your holiday essentials.

Bray Guided Meditation Session

Learn and practice advanced guided meditation techniques to help enhance physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, reduce stress and feel calm and in control of your thoughts and emotions. Open to all over the age of 18. June session will take place in Ballywaltrim Community Centre, Boghall Road, Bray, 7-8 PM on the last Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 25th. No fee to attend (donation box available to cover renting the premises). For details ring/text Shideh on 0876710903 or Audra on 0879418941.

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