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'WE NEED MORE GARDAI'

There are growing calls for an increased Garda presence in County Wicklow with the county currently experiencing a crime wave of thefts and burglaries.

Seven arrests were made recently following a spate of thefts from shops in Bray and residential burglaries and thefts from cars in Greystones and Bray.

There also has been a spate of thefts from cars parked at graveyards and tourist hotspots across the county. The Wicklow Mountains have had their own problems with crime in recent weeks with incidents of cyclists being run off the road by cars so their bikes can be stolen from them.

Fianna Fail TD Stephen Donnelly has called for more Gardaí on the streets in the Greystones area after pharmacies on Church

Road were targeted. Deputy Donnelly explained, "Major shoplifting was reported in both pharmacies on Church Road this week, within the space of just a couple of hours. The local Gardaí should be commended for doing their absolute best to deal with the situation, but their hands are effectively tied without adequate resources.

"We need to see extra money spent on patrol cars and more members of the force hired so that Gardaí can return to the old-fashioned notion of 'feet on the street'. Even in today's modern world there's no better deterrent to criminals than a visible

police presence in our neighbourhoods.

"The decision of Fine Gael to close 139 rural Garda stations has undoubtedly had an adverse impact on crime rates in communities like ours in Wicklow. We know that the Government has constantly denied there is a problem with rural crime saying that the statistics are down, but this is not the experience of families living in rural Ireland. Fianna Fail wants to increase the numbers of Gardaí on the ground; reopen Garda stations in rural areas that are vulnerable to criminal activity and without a nearby 24-hour Garda



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presence; boost funding and support for Garda controlled CCTV; encourage and promote GPS tracking and location devices to help protect against the robbery of farming machinery and equipment; amend our bail laws to include electronic tagging; and introduce a system to recoup the cost of legal aid from convicted criminals.

"There are many ways to fight back against crime, but we need to start with a belief that our communities are worth it", concluded Deputy Donnelly.

Wicklow Labour party councillor Paul O'Brien said "With the growing number of new estates in Newtownmountkennedy, Ashford, Rathnew and Wicklow Town there needs to be an increase in Garda numbers to represent the increase in the population and relying on the numbers we have at present may not be enough

to cope with the ever growing demands on our Gardaí".

Bray Labour Party councillor Anne Ferris added her support to her party colleague and said that she has noticed a greater Garda presence on the streets of Bray but that needs to be replicated all over the county.

"There are large estates being built all over the entire county and I agree with my colleague Cllr O'Brien that an increase in Garda numbers is badly required."

Both Councillors went onto praise the efforts of the Gardaí and called on the Government to provide them with all the resources they require. Cllr O'Brien stated that every effort should be made to ensure those on the frontline fighting crime get all the support we can give them and that goes for the public as well.

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Bray Coder Dojo

Bray Coder Dojo is starting back on Saturday 14th September in Pres Bray from 2:30pm to 4:30pm and is seeking new coders to join in the fun.

"We are a local voluntary organisation facilitating FREE coding sessions for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 17 who are interested in learning to code. We offer a wide range of streams including Scratch, App Inventor, HTML and Javascript and this year we are offering some brand new streams such as Internet of Things (IoT), an Advanced Coding stream for the more experienced kids and a Never2Old2Code stream for parents. Free tickets are available on EventBrite or check out www.coderdojo Bray.com for further information."

Wicklow bridge lessons

A course of 10 lessons with a fully qualified CBAI registered bridge teacher starts this month in St. Patrick's Church Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town. There is a choice of morning class 10am to 12pm or evening class 8pm to 10pm. For further details contact Bernie at 0861045848 or email brountre28@gmail.com

Dargle Bridge Club

Dargle Bridge club begin their 2019/20 season on Wednesday 4th September.

The club welcomed many visitors from June for their summer bridge season and would like to thank them for coming along and making summer bridge so enjoyable. They hope to see you back next year. Dargle Bridge Club play every Wednesday night and are based in the Open Door premises on Vevay Road (opposite Maxol Garage/Tesco) There is plenty of free parking available and the premises is suitable for wheel chair users.

There are still a small number of places available for membership for the new season. If you would like more information and an application form please contact secretary on 087 2399457.

Luisne

The Luisne Centre for Well-Being is opening its doors for the new term on September 16th. Courses offered include Mindfulness, Mind and Body Skills, Kum Nye Tibetan Yoga, Soul Bowl Sound Therapy, Philosophy, Meditation and day/half day Retreats. See www.luisne.ie for details and bookings.

Soup & sandwiches

The first Soup and sandwiches Lunch of the season will be held in the Swann Hall at St Patrick's Church, Greystones on Tuesday, 17th September from 12.30 until 2.00. Everyone is very welcome to participate in the chat while enjoying homemade soup and sandwiches, not to mention the goodies and coffee. A suggested donation of €5 is sent to charities looking after the homeless.

Lions Quiz

Members of Wicklow and District Lions Club are planning for the club's annual and very popular Quiz Nights season.

It is very important that all clubs and organisations wishing to take part should submit their applications as soon as possible.

Closing date is September 24th for written applications to Una Breslin or any member of the quiz committee. There is huge demand for support from numerous charities this year so to avoid disappointment it is imperative to apply urgently.

The 2019/2020 weekly quiz will be held as usual in various venues in Wicklow Rathnew and Ashford starting at the beginning of November.

Conary Parish Church

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be in St. Bartholomew's Church, Conary on the 15th September at 7.30pm. Music is by The Four Hims. All are very welcome.

The Hardy Annuals Walk

There will be a sponsored challenge walk for the over seventies 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.

NeighbourWood

Laragh-Glendalough Tidy Towns association is developing a Mindfulness Walk in Ballard wood under the NeighbourWood scheme. The location is excellent; it is close to Laragh village and will have wheelchair access. "Our community and its many visitors will be able to avail of this new facility once it is complete," they said.

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Free Bray Area Partnership courses

Bray Area Partnership still has some places on two free upcoming workshops: Public Services Assessment Tests Preparation on 12th September; and Goal-setting & Motivation on 13th September.

The one-day Public Services Assessment Tests Preparation workshop on 12th September will help you prepare for the assessment tests used by the public sector in recruitment - and also used by a number of well-known large private sector employers.

The half-day Goal-setting & Motivation workshop on 13th September will help you create goals in any area of your life that matters to you - whether career, relationships, finance or whatever you wish to focus on, and includes an introduction to mindfulness.

There will also be Safe Pass and Manual Handling courses available later in the year.

These courses are funded by the Social Inclusion and Community Activation programme.

You must be living in Bray, Greystones,

Kilmacanogue, Kilcoole, Delgany or Newcastle North and meet other qualifying criteria to attend.

See www.brayareapartnership.ie to find out more or call Susanne or Lorna on 01 286 8266.

Thomas Hardy's poems of love in Calary

On Sunday 15th September at 8pm, the Delmaine String Quartet together with Michael James Ford, Clodagh Mooney and Elliott Moriarty will perform Magic in My Eyes in Calary Church.

This is an exploration in words and music of one of the most complicated romances in literary history - Thomas Hardy's marriage to Emma Gifford, which went from early rapture

to ultimate estrangement, but which inspired some of the greatest love poetry in the English language.

Magic in My Eyes charts the course of this turbulent love story

through Hardy's verse and journals, along with Emma's letters and recollections. The Delmaine Quartet have selected music that reflects this complex emotional landscape, drawn primarily

from the lyrical, multi-layered chamber works of the brilliant, yet relatively unknown English composer, Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Tickets are €18 and €15 for concessions and, for further information or to book tickets, please ring John at (01) 2818146 or email derekneilson@eircom.net.



Avoca Factory Sale 2019

Avoca Kilmacanogue will be holding their annual factory sale from Thursday 19th September for four days only!

Open daily from 10am - 6pm, the sale will take place at the pink factory building at the entrance to the Kilmacanogue store. Visitors can expect huge reductions on a range of Avoca favourites from their famous throws to quirky kitchenware, and frilly socks to stylish clothing. You're guaranteed to discover huge discounts across the board.

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BRAY COUNCILLORS 'COMPLETELY BY-PASSED AND BLINDSIDED'

Bray-based Cllr Anne Ferris (Lab) criticised Independent councillor Joe Behan at last Monday's Wicklow County Council meeting for becoming 'aggressive' while speaking.

Cllr Behan was reacting to the news that Bray Town Centre is to get a 'Health Check' by a consultancy firm, with the aim of enhancing the town. Cllr Behan felt that councillors had been "completely by-passed and blindsided" by the move, which he said he knew nothing about until he received an email about it the previous Friday evening.

A heated Cllr Behan declared: "As far as I am concerned, we need a lot of work done in Bray town and town centre, but the elected members have to be involved from the beginning. We weren't asked if it was a good idea, we weren't asked should a survey be done, and we weren't asked what questions should be asked, we weren't able to discuss what would happen to the report and the survey when it was done."

Cllr Behan became further enraged when Cathaoirleach, Cllr Irene Winters, cut him off when he went beyond the allocated three-minute speaking time. "I will let you back in after other councillors have spoken, if you cannot take three minutes to make one point," said Cllr Winters. "You will have to wait, I am sorry."

Cllr Ferris said "I think that kind of behaviour, Cllr Behan, would put people off, being aggressive like that, I think you can get your point across without shouting."

Defending Cllr Behan, Cathaoirleach of Baltinglass Municipal District, Cllr Gerry O'Neill, said "while I don't always agree with everything Joe Behan says, I don't believe it's appropriate that another



Cllr Joe Behan

member of the house will chastise him on how low or high he raises his voice. It's a sad day when you see other councillors checking other councillors on the noise levels."

The "Health Check" is expected to categorise or classify issues such as vacant premises but also be a creative process that articulates possibilities and pathways to enable positive changes for the town.

The health check will be carried out by consultants Future Analytics. The repositioning of Main Street in its function, experience and amenity is a potentially important theme for the creative aspects of the study. The consultants will undertake a stakeholder engagement which

will include three stages: Online Survey, Focus Group Workshop, and Wider Community Group Workshop. The wider community workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th in the Royal Hotel at 7pm.

The aim of the public consultation events will be to identify: What are the existing assets? What are the priority actions for town? How can they be achieved? Who is responsible for leading the action? When are actions required to be completed? A final report will issue and will include a series of recommendations on future opportunities for the town.

Cathaoirleach of Bray, Green Party councillor



Cllr Anne Ferris

Steven Matthews, welcomed the health check as "a very positive thing for the town".

"I believe it's an objective of the Town Team and the Wicklow

Economic Think-Tank to have these processes carried out. This company is experienced in economic matters," he said.

"This was discussed at a councillors induction meeting that I organised, so councillors were aware we were looking to carry out this work on the town and have a health check done. Councillors should and did know about this, we also have public meetings which councillors have been informed of as well and we have had wide stakeholder engagement on it, this hasn't been going on quietly."

Chief Executive of the Council, Frank Curran, said that the town health check is a follow on from the formation of the Bray Town Team.

"It's active citizenship within the town and it's been positive to date in other towns and I have no doubt this one will be. Councillors will be involved in the town health check," he said.

Independent councillor Mags Crean said "It is great to see the range of work that town teams are undertaking. However, we do need to ensure that there is transparency and accountability. Some of the activities are similar to planning functions and more strategic town development pieces so it is important to have links between the town teams and local councils."

Wicklow Hospice nearing completion

Wicklow Hospice is now nearing completion with building works expected to be completed in October and fit out of the building to take place in November. It is expected that the hospice will be open to patients for the first time this year.

Minister Simon Harris visited the brand-new Wicklow Hospice recently and met with the Committee and the builders on site to see the progress that is being made.

Speaking after the visit, Minister Simon Harris said: "This incredible facility for Co Wicklow is now nearly there. I want to pay a huge tribute to the incredible committee of the Wicklow Hospice Foundation for their sterling work and to all of the people across the county who supported this amazing project. We are now going to have for the first time ever, a dedicated in-patient hospice in our County. I have no doubt this will make a difference to the lives of so many people and so many families. I am delighted to have been in a position as Health Minister to secure some funding for this project - including an additional €1.25 million to help towards the build of the project and also receive guarantees from the Health Service that they will meet the running costs of the hospice. I look forward to continuing to work with the Wicklow Hospice Foundation and everyone involved in this project. I particularly look forward to the hospice opening its doors to patients for the first time this year."



Pictured at the Colaiste Chill Mhantain debs were Kirsty O'Toole, Luci Hobbs, Shannon Franey and Ella Maloney

Appeal against Council decision on Arklow housing development

A third-party appeal has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála against Wicklow County Council's decision to refuse an application to build 41 housing units on Yellow Lane, Knockenrahan Lower, Arklow.

The application, from Yellow Lane Business Park Ltd, is for "the demolition of existing 498sqm commercial unit and removal of existing temporary car wash shed, construction of 41 housing units to be constructed in two phases and all associated works."

The application proposed to install a temporary waste water treatment system to serve multiple dwelling units until a new public wastewater treatment plant is available in Arklow. The site of the proposed development is located along Yellow Lane at the south end of Arklow adjoining TJ O'Mahony Builder Merchants store and yard.

The Council refused permission last month, stating that it is the Planning Authority's position to refuse permission to any residential development which is reliant on a private treatment plant pending the provision of the Arklow WWTP by Irish Water.

The Council said that the proposed development would also contravene the County Development Plan, which states that 'private wastewater treatment plants for multi-house developments will not be permitted'.

The Council's Planner's Report also states that there are a number of design issues in the proposed development. The case is due to be decided by ABP in mid December.



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Pictured are members of the Arklow Fire Service who took part in a bucket collection in aid of Aoiheann's Pink Tie, the charity which supports children and their families during their child's battle to beat cancer

Mortgage To Rent cases on the rise

Hundreds of Wicklow householders in unsustainable mortgage arrears and at risk of losing their homes are being given fresh hope of a solution to their problems.

Central Bank figures for Wicklow show over 800 family home loans in arrears for two years or more, while 58 Mortgage to Rent cases have either been completed or are being actively progressed, according to figures just released by The Housing Agency.

The Government's Mortgage to Rent scheme aims to keep homeowners with unsustainable debt in their current properties debt-free as long-term tenants of their local authority.

A recent rise in eligibility values in the county to €395,000, combined with an increased appetite from lenders to work with the scheme, could see Mortgage to Rent engagements dramatically

increase in the coming months. Lenders and funds are now showing a greater willingness to use the Mortgage to Rent scheme as an alternative to repossessing family homes, according to a prominent mortgage expert.

"My experience since Home For Life began operating last year is that both lenders and funds want to find workable solutions to mortgage arrears once and for all," said Paul Cunningham, CEO of Home For Life, the only Government-approved private Mortgage to Rent operator. This means they want to do a deal with families in trouble in Wicklow and move on. What we are witnessing here are changes which very much

favour the Wicklow householder.

"The Government has shown it is interested in developing the scheme by widening the eligibility bands by €30,000 while banks and funds have made it clear they prefer to see a solution where the householder can stay in their home paying an income-based rent.

"Neither the lenders nor the funds want to go down the repossession route and see Mortgage to Rent as playing a significant role in avoiding such outcomes."

Mr Cunningham estimates that a large percentage of Wicklow families deemed to be in serious arrears of two years or more could use the Mortgage to Rent route to solve their unsatisfactory mortgage situation.

"Our engagement with home-dwellers in mortgage distress has doubled

over the past year, and the growing success of the scheme nationally is in contrast to the tidal wave of repossessions that doomayers had been predicting. I can now see a situation arising where thousands of cases can be solved nationally, including many in Wicklow. However, for that to happen, politicians locally and nationally must make themselves more aware of the potential of the scheme."

Mr Cunningham appealed to families to grasp this opportunity by engaging with their lender, their local MABS officer or a Mortgage to Rent provider. "Society has a problem when we have 28,000 families in serious mortgage arrears, where many of them could potentially find a way out of this misery through Mortgage to Rent."

Council set to exceed 'Rebuilding Ireland' housing targets

County Council is on course to exceed its targets under the Government's 'Rebuilding Ireland' housing supply strategy by over one hundred houses, councillors were told last week.

Breege Kilkenny, manager of the council's Housing Capital Construction Programme, informed councillors last week that the Council's housing strategy will see 1,327 houses built during the period 2018-2021, surpassing the delivery target of 1,225 set for Wicklow by the Government in April 2018.

In 2018 the council delivered 83 new social housing units. By the end of this year Wicklow will have increased its social housing supply to 272 units. For the following two years, 2020 and 2021, Wicklow will see a further increase in its own social housing, delivering 557 housing units by the end of 2021.

"This demonstrates a sevenfold increase in the number of social housing units that Wicklow will construct in this two-year period," said Ms Kilkenny. "We have more schemes in the pipeline, but we haven't submitted them for approval yet, but they will be post 2021."

The Council currently has 11 housing schemes. Ms Kilkenny explained that "In the last year we had a review and realised we need to look at bigger sites and attempt to go through rapid build. This was discussed and brought forward through the SPC as a policy change, and we are now seeing dividends in relation to that."

"Our units were low last year because we were concentrating on the greatest need and infill sites, and we were only getting small sites, using the traditional build and construction."

"Our shift towards rapid build was necessary given the delivery target given by the Government of these 1,225 units."

There are five pillars of action to address housing and homelessness under the Rebuilding Ireland plan; pillar one is to address homelessness; pillars two and three is to accelerate social housing and build more homes; pillar four is to improve the rental sector; and pillar five to utilise the council's staff in a better and more efficient way.

Councillors were told that 1,420 HAP (Housing Assistant Payment) tenancies have been created in Wicklow since it was rolled out in 2018. Speaking after last week's meeting, Cllr Mags Crean (Ind) said "It is positive to hear that the council intends to meet Rebuilding Ireland targets by 2021 but there is also the issue that the housing list is increasing annually. Even if the council provides 1,025 houses by 2021, there will still be thousands left in need of social housing and growing numbers in need of affordable housing. "It is unfair to refer to these housing statistics as only a positive news story, as this type of argument negates people's real experiences of homelessness and housing need. Yes, there are positive aspects to what the council are doing but there are very real housing shortages especially in social and affordable housing and we need proactive local action".

The customer tip that led to €11.2m jackpot win

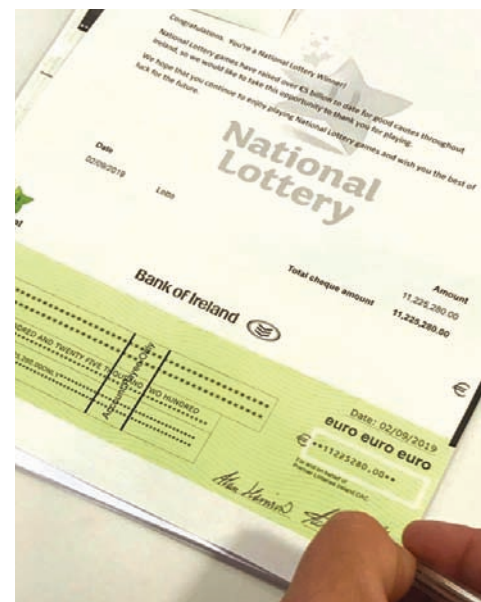
A Co. Wicklow man has described how he and his family secured a life-changing €11.2 million Lotto win after he stopped at a service station in Enniskerry, to pick up a chicken fillet roll with a €10 note he received as a tip from a happy customer at work.

The Wicklow family syndicate who officially became the 15th largest Lotto winners since the game began in Ireland in 1988 were in Lotto HQ last week to pick up their cheque for €11,225,280 - the highest Lotto jackpot prize in over two years.

The winners who wish to keep their win private bought their winning Lotto Quick ticket the Spar Service Station on Monastery Road in Enniskerry. One of the winning syndicate members explained how he only bought the lucky Quick Pick ticket because of a tip he received from a satisfied customer in work.

"I was at work that morning and a happy customer gave me a €10 tip so I decided to pop into the Spar garage to get myself a chicken fillet roll for my lunch and with the change, I got myself a Lotto Quick Pick - it was a simple act of kindness from a customer which led my family to a win of a lifetime. It's something I will always be grateful for," he said.

Despite winning Lotto fortunes beyond their wildest dreams, the Wicklow family have promised to stay grounded and will stay in their



ing my lunch on the following Friday while I was reading the paper and I overheard a conversation on the radio about the Lotto win in Enniskerry. My heart absolutely jumped out of my chest because I knew that's where I bought my ticket. I pulled my ticket out of my wallet and checked the numbers on the paper. I was absolutely speechless. I just sat there in silence. It was such a magical feeling, knowing that you've just won a life-changing sum of money as easy as that," he said.

He added: "I think everybody dreams about winning the Lotto. There are always constant reminders everywhere which gives you that hope. Coincidentally, my local rugby club recently has National Lottery funding which was obviously great for the community and it gave me an extra reason to buy my ticket. No matter how much you dream about winning the Lotto, you're never quite prepared for it when it actually happens. We've been getting some sound financial and legal advice to ensure we are best prepared for the next couple of months."

new oven!" he said.

The mega jackpot win is the 15th highest jackpot since the Lotto was launched in 1988 and the lucky ticketholders from the Garden County also became the 6th Lotto jackpot winner of 2019. So far this year, 14 brand new millionaires have been created by Lotto and Lotto Plus games. Despite winning the €11,225,280 on Wednesday 21st August, it was another two days until the family checked their ticket: "I was sitting in the car eat-

current family home and continue to work as normal.

"We're just a normal family and while the win is life-changing, it really won't change us all that much. We have no intention of giving up work just yet and we're currently making some plans to renovate the house. You always think that you're going to go mad and lose the run of yourself when you win the Lotto but at the top of our shopping list at the moment is a new dishwasher and a



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL MHANTÁIN
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REMINDER TO HOMEOWNERS & BUSINESSES TO INSPECT THEIR OIL FIRED HEATING SYSTEMS BEFORE THE ONSET OF WINTER

Wicklow County Council would like to remind all homeowners and businesses to inspect their Oil Fired Heating Systems before the onset of winter to ensure that they are in sound working condition and that there are no unintended leaks of Heating Oil.

Accidental Oil Leaks from heating systems can incur substantial financial costs to the homeowner or business in cleaning and remediating contaminated areas as well as causing serious Environmental Pollution by contaminating surrounding Soils, Groundwater and Surface Water Sources.

Wicklow County Council would like to thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Footfalls Walking Festival

Footfalls Walking Festival will be based in the Brockagh Resource Centre from Friday 25th to Monday 28th of September with many of the walks taking you through Wicklow Mountains National Park. The weekend offers a selection of walking choices such as Lugnaquilla. Please note: Walks may be changed on the day depending on weather conditions or the fitness level of the group at the leader's discretion. Contact info at 0404 45152.



Wicklow County Council

Bray Town Centre

Your say



Wicklow County Council is undertaking a Town Centre Health Check for Bray and we want to hear your views on how it is performing and how it can be improved.

You are invited to attend a Public Consultation Workshop as part of the 'Town Centre Health Check' for Bray, the details of this event are:

Where?

Royal Hotel and Merrill Leisure Club
Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow

When?

September 18th @ 7pm

The Bray Town Centre Health Check is an opportunity to consider the vibrancy and vitality of Bray. As we measure the current performance of the town, we will plan for future needs of residents and visitors in Bray. Businesses, residents and visitors with an interest in the future of the town centre are invited to participate in this public workshop. We look forward to seeing you!

It is also possible to contribute to this important process by completing a short online survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrayTownHealthCheck_PublicConsultation

We value your opinions and thank you for taking the time to participate!

If you require any further information please contact the Wicklow County Council project team on 01 2744900 or by email braymd@wicklowcoco.ie.

Contract signed for N81 Knockroe bend realignment scheme



At the signing of the contract for the N81 Knockroe bend realignment scheme were Aine Tynan (Kildare RDO), Colm Lavery, Cllr Patsy Glennon, Dr Eanna Fallon (Kildare RDO), Cllr Irene Winters (WCC Cathaoirleach), Frank Curran (CEO, WCC), Michael Flynn, and Eamon Stapleton (Clonmel Enterprises Ltd)

A contract for the N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment Scheme was signed with Clonmel Enterprises by Wicklow County Council on Monday last (Sept 2nd).

The Realignment Scheme involves the upgrade of the N81 National Secondary Road at Knockroe Bend over approximately 1 km.

This bend is situated on the N81 approximately 800m south of Hollywood Cross (Junction of N81 and R756) and approximately 11km south of Blessington between two sections of relatively good alignment and has been the scene of numerous collisions.

The scheme has been prepared to improve road standards, to implement an improvement in the road safety performance of this section of the N81 and reduce the occurrence

of collisions by realigning and widening the road at this location.

Site works commenced last week and it is anticipated the main works contract will take 72 weeks. Site supervision of the main works contract will be provided by RPS Consulting Engineers. The scheme has been funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Welcoming the news, Stephen Donnelly TD said "Upgrade works on the N81 can be counted as a success if they help to save even a single life."

Deputy Donnelly explained, "We've spent a long time trying to convince the authorities of

the importance of this work so I was very relieved to discover that on Monday Wicklow County Council had signed a contract with building and engineering company Clonmel Enterprises to widen the road at the Knockroe Bend south of Hollywood Cross.

"The plan to realign the stretch of the road is expected to take over a year - 72 weeks is the current estimate. It's being funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and it'll be money well spent if it helps to prevent even one crash.

"We know there have been many collisions at

this spot over the years and the upgrade is well and truly needed. Needless to say, however, there's a lot left to do in the area.

"We're trying to get nearby footpaths improved and more bus stops added, especially along the 132 route where the Hollywood Road meets the N81. In fact, public transport is one area where we're really lagging behind. We can't expect everyone to turn green and take the bus if we can't promise a decent service in return. My message to Government here is simple. The N81 upgrade is a good start. Now keep going."

Climate Adaptation Strategy adopted

Councillors voted last week to adopt Wicklow County Council's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Wicklow is among the first Local Authorities in the country to adopt such a strategy, and was the first to declare a 'climate emergency'.

The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy identifies current vulnerabilities for the county in relation to climate change and outlines key adaptation measures that the organisation can put in place to respond to climate risks.

Social Democrats Councillor Jennifer Whitmore, co-chair of the council's Climate & Biodiversity Action Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), said "I welcome the adoption of the Council's

Adaptation plan, as it will provide a very important framework for how the Council, as an



Cllr Jennifer Whitmore

organisation, will respond to climate change. Ninety-seven submissions were received in response to the Council's consultation on the draft strategy, which is the highest number of submissions received by any council across the country. I believe that this demonstrates how important this issue is to the people of Wicklow. Many of the submissions and feedback received looked at measures relating to biodiversity

and climate change mitigation.

"Unfortunately, these specific issues could not be dealt with under the Adaptation Strategy, as its scope was set down by the Department of the Environment and was very narrow in its remit. However, the Council staff did an excellent job in collating all the information and feedback and that will all now come to the Climate Change and Biodiversity Action SPC for further consideration.

"I am really looking forward to chairing this SPC. As the first SPC in the country that has been set up specifically to develop policy in relation to Biodiversity and Climate Change, I believe there is a huge opportunity for Wicklow to take the lead in addressing these environmental challenges. As Chair of this group, I want this to be a very outward looking policy group and involving our communities as much as possible. We have enormous talent and expertise both within our communities and our council staff, and I want to be able to draw on all

that knowledge when developing our policies. We are also the first group to specifically involve a young representative of Comhairle na nOg, to ensure that the youth voice is heard when discussing these important issues."

Cllr Whitmore continued "One of the first things I want the SPC to look at it is the adoption of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan. We also need to review our Biodiversity Strategy and look at developing a climate change mitigation strategy. In addition to these future initiatives, much work is already underway by the Council. For example, today the Council also approved the Part 8 planning for the installation of solar carports in County Buildings which will provide up to 40% of the electricity requirements of the Wicklow Town building. It's great to see climate change and biodiversity so high on the Council's and public's agenda and I look forward seeing what we can achieve over the 5-year term of the Council in this critically important area."

Council adopts Traveller Accommodation Programme

Wicklow County Council last week adopted its Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. Under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, the Council is responsible for meeting the housing needs of the traveller community (families who have been resident in Co. Wicklow for the last three years and who are on the council's list for social housing support).

The previous programme expired in June. The new programme was drafted in conjunction with the local traveller consultant committee, following an extensive period of consultation.

It states that "Wicklow County Council recognises Travellers' identity as an indigenous minority ethnic group and strives to accommodate Travellers in a culturally appropriate way. It is the policy of Wicklow County Council, within the resources available, to provide group and standard housing options as well as halting sites for the accommodation of Travellers who are on the list for Social Housing Support with Wicklow County Council."

Living accommodation and onsite facilities will be improved at existing sites such as Silverbridge, Ballintreskin, Rocky Valley, and Windgates. This will be subject to Government funding. Meanwhile, there are approximately 80 trav-

eller families deemed to be in need of housing. The new plan retains the 1:16 ratio, where 1 house in 16, in new housing schemes is allocated to traveller accommodation.

Speaking about the new Programme, Cllr Joe Behan, Chair of the

most definitely happening. That is why we need positive measures such as one in 16 housing units being allocated to a traveller family. It's essential we continue with that policy.

"Many young travellers may want to travel at certain times of the year, but they want to have a home they can call their own and one of the concerns that the traveller representatives on the committee indicated to us is that because of the extreme shortage of rental accommodation in this county at the moment, unless things change soon, we will be back to a situation of having to deal with illegal encampments around the county. That is a day we do not want to go back to. We have to make sure that travellers have every possible assistance to get housed on a permanent basis."

There are currently 254 traveller families in Co. Wicklow; 142 are accommodated by or with assistance from the council.



Cllr Joe Behan

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NeighbourWood

Laragh-Glendalough Tidy Towns association is developing a Mindfulness Walk in Ballard wood under the NeighbourWood scheme.

The location is excellent; it is close to Laragh village and will have wheelchair access. "Our community and its many visitors will be able to avail of this new facility once it is complete," they said.

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Rescued hens need homes

Would you like to have free range eggs fresh from your garden and perform a good deed into the bargain?

Animal charity Little Hill Animal Rescue and Sanctuary are looking for Wicklow homes for hundreds of rescued chickens and will bring them to Bray, Blessington and Baltinglass next week for collection.

Further locations around County Wicklow will be announced in the coming months. The hens are seeking homes as they have been producing eggs commercially for at least a year and have been replaced by younger more fertile hens. When this happens, the hens are routinely killed, so the Little Hill Sanctuary rescues them and re-homes as many as possible, so they can live out their lives in a caring environment.

Many people who have adopted in the past report that the hens flourish once they are cared for in the outside world. Anybody wishing to adopt some of the hens is advised to go to their Facebook page and send a private message to reserve hens. As free animals are often used to bait dogs or for commercial purposes there will be an 'adopt fee' of €6 per hen.

The sanctuary asks that interested parties do not reserve hens unless they are full sure they intend to take them. You will need to bring along cat carriers, or adequate sturdy cardboard boxes with lots of airholes, one box per two hens. Hens will not be given without these.

The hens are just over one year old and should lay for many more years at a rate of approximately five or six eggs per week. The hens will need a fox proof chicken coop or shed that can be locked at night and a small outdoor area to walk around.

To enquire, see the 'LittleHill Animal Rescue & Sanctuary' page on Facebook, or call 087 775 4399.

Public urged to be mindful of seals

Wicklow County Council is urging the public and particularly dog owners to be mindful of disturbing seals when they visit the coast this autumn.

The call comes after a seal pup washed up on the shore at The Cove beach in Greystones at the end of August. The seal was taken to the seal sanctuary in Courtown where it died.

September to December is a particularly important time for grey seals as it is the breeding season during which time the adults seek safe sites to "haul out" on land.

These are typically sheltered beach areas where the animals return year after year to breed, rest, moult and engage in social activity.

In the coming weeks seals will give birth to a single pup which is born with a white coat and does not swim. Mothers will stay close to their pup for a number of weeks until it is weaned, during which time the animals are very vulnerable to disturbance by humans and dogs.

Seal rescue Ireland (SRI) recommends that people and dogs stay at

least 100 meters or more from seals that are "hauled out" as coming close to them will cause stress and could cause a stampede possibly leading to injury, drowning or death to small pups in particular.

This can also lead to the abandonment of pups as mothers who are spooked by human contact will often not return for them. Orphaned pups have very little chance for survival and often SRI must intervene by bringing a seal into rehabilitation whereas without human disturbance the pup would have been successfully cared for and weaned in the wild.

It is important to note that "disturbance" includes any deviation from normal behaviour and even seals who become alert due to humans at a great distance are exposed to dangers from stress, waste of energy, loss of rest, and potential loss of feeding/mating/nursing or

evasion of predator opportunities.

"Most 'haul out' sites along the East coast of Ireland have public access", explained Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer, Wicklow County Council, "Therefore the behaviour of people visiting the coast is hugely important. The Municipal Districts of Wicklow and Greystones are working in tandem with Seal Rescue Ireland to raise public awareness of this issue by erecting information signs at known 'haul out' sites and restricting access to these areas as required."

She added: "Our natural world is under increasing pressure from human influence and the Council is pleading with beach users to act responsibly."

Speaking to *Wicklow Times*, Brendan Price, Founder of the Irish Seal Sanctuary in Courtown, said that the signage that the Council had erected at Lime Kiln Bay in

Wicklow, where there is a significant seal colony, is too close to the colony. He also believes that the council's marketing of the cliff walk as a tourist amenity is putting the seal colony in this area at risk.

"As soon as people's heads appear over the top of the hill, the seals retreat into the water," he said. "The council need to extend the cordon around the area. Adequate safeguards need to be put in place; at minimum a fencing off the bay and promonotory is needed, and a ranger should be present at critical times such as the current breeding season. Minister Josepha Madigan needs take corrective measures as necessary and the Irish Seal Sanctuary (ISS) has been lobbying her for NPWS oversight of multiple stakeholders engaged with seal welfare, ourselves, fisheries, seal science and seal tourism. The threat is

immediate so corrective actions need be prompt. We cannot afford to lose a seal colony like that one. I'm sure between the ISS, NPWS, and Wicklow County Council, we can find a solution."

Seals are legally protected under the Wildlife Act and it is illegal and dangerous to approach them or to allow dogs to do so. Grey seal mums will normally leave their pups alone on the beach for extended periods of time while they go off and hunt and will return to their pups to nurse. Just because a seal pup is observed alone on the beach does not necessarily mean the pup has been orphaned.

For any questions or concerns, the public is welcome to contact the SRI 24 hour hotline on 087 1955393 so that the team can assess and monitor the situation to determine if rescue is required.

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Senior feed

When your dog gets older, you should change to senior feed. Breed will make a difference as to when this happens, because larger breeds age faster than smaller ones. On average, you can change the food after eight years. An important component of senior food is that it contains very high quality protein to prevent muscular tissue from breaking down. Complete food contains less energy, because older dogs have lower energy requirements. Your dog can easily suddenly gain weight on the same food, because old animals often move less and become quieter.

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Blue September Appeal

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One in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point in their lives, but if caught early, prostate cancer has an overall 91% survival rate. You can get involved in the campaign by getting yourself a Marie Keating Foundation Stand Up for Your Prostate pin and wearing it proudly during September. The money raised from the pin will go towards supporting those going through prostate cancer, and those that have come out the other side. See mariekeating.ie/standupforyourprostate for details.

Bray.ie launches autumn tourism campaign

Bray.ie launched its autumn tourism campaign for 2019. The aim of the initiative is to achieve increased visitor numbers in order to help boost the local economy.

They said "Our long-term objective is to bring the Bray brand to life, we will do this through our award-winning website bray.ie, helping build a more engaged relationship with current and potential visitors showcasing the many incredible experiences that you can't get anywhere else."

Eugene Finnegan from Bray Tourism said, "Bray is the perfect staycation location, whether it's a mid-term family holiday or simply a weekend break. We're home to some of the best experiences in the country. In a nutshell, Bray won't disappoint you."

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Civic reception held to honour Special Olympics world summer games athletes



Clara Jenkinson and Pam Beacom with Aisling Beacom who was honoured by Wicklow County Council last week for her achievements at the World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi.

Baltinglass Golfers win Provincial Towns Cup

On Saturday 31st August the second leg of the final of the Leinster Provincial Towns Cup was played in Baltinglass G.C. The opposition were from Tullamore G.C., the club who beat Baltinglass in last year's Barton Cup final.

Given the club size it was David versus Goliath. The Provincial Towns Cup is a singles matchplay Leinster branch GUI event aimed at 9-12 handicap golfers. Teams enter from all over Leinster excluding the Dublin area (where an equivalent competition, the Metropolitan Cup, is run). Each team consists of 9 players; all matches are played off scratch on home and away basis. The final is played over two legs, home and away.

After the first leg Baltinglass trailed by 4 matches to 5, the first team to 10 would seal the victory. With a mixture of youth and experience on the team, 4 of the panel are under 16, 14-year-old inter pro TJ Deering was chosen to go out first. In a cracking match TJ just came up short where he was beaten on the 17th, 6-4 in favour of Tullamore. GAA legends Ned Cremen and Bryan Kilcoyne won their matches on the 13th, 6-6! Kevin Lord is up next, on the 16th tee he is 1 down, he gets up and down from an almost impossible angle to win the hole, hits a drive and wedge into the 17th to win it and pars the last to get an unlikely and well fought point. It's now 7-6 to Balto. Nathan Geraghty and 13 year old Neil Patterson win their matches 3 and 2, 9-6 in favour of the West Wicklow club. While Niall Doogue was winning his match on the 15th Michael O'Neill was closing out his match on the 18th. In the final game Sean McCormack was playing in a very tight match and was called in on a final score of 11-7. Let the celebrations begin! The scenes of joy and excitement around the club that evening will be remembered for a long time. Team managers Fergal Doogue and Sean O'Connor accepted the cup on behalf of the team and presented it to the Club Captain Martin Hennessy.

Baltinglass only won this competition once before in 1985. They were beaten in finals in 1937, 1987, 1988 and 1989. In the previous rounds the Baltinglass team played Borris, a nail biting match against Kilkenny. In the quarter final they beat the winners of the competition in 2017 and 2018 Enniscorthy. In the semi-final they faced the victors in 2016 Wicklow GC in miserable conditions. There are several links between the 2019 team and the 1985 team. Bryan Kilcoyne played in both finals and also had time to captain the Baltinglass football team to a Leinster football final that year. Kevin Lord's very proud dad David managed the team in 1985. Nathan Geraghty's grandad is the legendary Maurice Byrne who played on the 85 team and is also the holder of 9 different pennants for the club. Neil Patterson's granduncle Denis played on the 85 team also.

Baltinglass have played Tullamore in 4 matches, 2 major finals over the last couple of years and all matches have been played in the true spirit of the game. The other members on the panel were father and son Colm and Eoghan Cooney, Tommy Keogh & Bernard Bowes. The dedication of the squad of players has to be admired for the amount of practice they put in at home and all the times they travelled to the away courses to get familiar with the lie of the land. Victories like this don't come around very often as the last time the club won a provincial pennant was 1993. It was a very proud day for the club.



The Baltinglass winning team with the Leinster Provincial Towns Cup.

Wicklow athletes who represented Ireland at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games earlier this year were honoured last week with a Civic Reception hosted by Wicklow County Council.

In March 91 athletes competed with Team Ireland at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. They returned to a hero's welcome with an outstanding 86 medals (30 Gold, 29 Silver and 27 Bronze) along with 46 placed finishes and many personal bests.

Wicklow was represented by local athletes Aisling Beacom and Rukki Atiyota from the Blue Dolphins Special Olympics Club in Wicklow Town and Padraig Reilly from KARE Blessington.

Aisling competed in swimming and won Gold in the 800m Freestyle, Bronze in the 1500m Open Water Swimming and came 4th in the freestyle relay. Rukki was on the basketball team and was placed 4th overall. Padraig competed in bowling and was placed 8th in the Singles, 6th in the Doubles and 4th in the team competition.

Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Irene Winters, said the reception was held to recognise the fantastic achievements of the athletes and also to highlight the great support structure in place for all of



Anita Atiyoto with Rukki Atiyoto who was honoured by Wicklow County Council last week for his achievements at the World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi.

these athletes in order for them to reach their full potential.

She stated: "Volunteers are the backbone of the Special Olympics. Without their commitment, enthusiasm and selfless giving of their time, the clubs would not be as successful as they have become".

Council Executive, Mr Frank Curran, acknowledged how well the athletes represented Wicklow at the World Games, saying: "We are very proud of how these athletes have performed at the recent World Games and are delighted to have them as sporting ambassadors for

our county."

Mr Brendan Whelan, Chairperson, Special Olympics Ireland, pointed to the exceptional support of local communities in Wicklow for the Special Olympics Clubs and athletes and how the "Blue Dolphins Club is one of the leading clubs in both Wicklow and Ireland".

Co. Wicklow racing news

Adam Short rode a winner on his first ride for Athenry trainer Val O'Brien when partnering Northern Emperor to a narrow success in the 2m6f handicap hurdle at Ballinrobe on Tuesday, 27th August.

On an evening that punters certainly enjoyed the upper hand, the 20/1 chance came to the rescue of the bookmakers with a narrow success over 11/4 chance Le Hachette. It was Short's eighth winner of the season.

Short got a second winner when he landed the mares' hurdle at Bellewstown on Thursday with Efferdock Fizz, trained by Curragh trainer Katy Brown. The four-year-old was recording her third win over hurdles for the summer when landing the Racing Post Mares Hurdle at Bellewstown on Thursday.

Ridden from the front by Adam Short, the 8/1 chance kept plenty in reserve and the filly found plenty from the final flight to see off the challenge of 9/10 favourite Caer by four lengths. She could well run in a Premier Handicap at Leopardstown on Longines Irish Champions Weekend next.



Newtownmountkennedy jockey, Adam Short

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Community pharmacies are the most accessible part of the healthcare system with pharmacies situated in nearly every town and villages throughout the County. They are also the most visited health service provider with 85 million visits made to pharmacies every year representing 19 visits for every man, woman and child in the country.

The public not only visit pharmacies to fill a prescription but also to seek advice on medicine/health issues or to purchase toiletries and cosmetics.

The role of the pharmacist has changed significantly over the years with more pharmacies providing healthcare services as well as dispensing medicines.

Many pharmacies provide a significant number of services to patients including the flu vaccination, an emergency hormonal contraception service, smoking cessation services, blood pressure monitoring, cholesterol measurements, diabetes management and much more.

Many people believe that a pharmacist's job is just to dispense medicines, however your local pharmacist does a great deal more than meets the eye. Pharmacists can also advise patients on: How to treat minor ailments, such as coughs, colds, stomach upsets and hay fever; How to

manage chronic illnesses, including diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular disease.

Indeed, the role that

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healthcare professional who can assist you with your health concerns quickly. They can offer you informa-

"The role of the pharmacist has changed significantly over the years with more pharmacies providing healthcare services as well as dispensing medicines"

Irish pharmacists and their staff play is vital. Pharmacists are committed to delivering a quality, accessible, personal and professional service that puts the patient first. There are over 1,500 community pharmacies in the Republic of Ireland and with the typical person visiting a community pharmacy 19 times a year, pharmacists are the first port of call within the healthcare system.

Ask your pharmacist about the services they provide. In the future, the Irish Pharmacy Union (IPU) hopes that the role of the pharmacist will expand even further. For example, a Pharmacy-based

free of charge directly from their local community pharmacy in a timely manner and without the need for a visit to the GP.

A New Medicines Service would help people who are prescribed a new medicine for certain long-term conditions to manage their condition and to improve their medication adherence through providing clinical support at the outset of taking new medication. A pilot carried out by the IPU showed that adherence increased from 37% to 77% after the intervention and support of a community pharmacist.

Your pharmacist is a

tion about treatments, explanations on medications interactions and much more. They will also guide you to other health professionals or community services, if required.

Pharmacists in Ireland, in co-opera-



tion with GPs, are also able to support you through longer-term health issues such as diabetes and asthma.

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Lifestyle concerns including weight management

Pharmacists supply medicines every day to patients. It is a normal pharmacy activity with pharmacists providing advice and recommendations regarding these medications.

Pharmacists are qualified to deal with a number of ailments including colds and flus; allergic rhinitis; cold sores; constipation; dermatitis and mild eczema; headache; heartburn; migraine; nausea and vomiting and pain, among other conditions. In the event that the patient requires additional treatment a pharmacist will always refer the patient to another healthcare professional including GPs.

All pharmacists have a consultation area where patients can talk to their pharmacist in private and discreetly.



Community pharmacy is at the frontline, delivering a patient-focused health service

Pharmacists are part of a continuum of care that is an essential part of our health service. In addition to the widely recognised role of dispensing medicines and advice, community pharmacists undertake a range of other primary healthcare roles. These include:

- *cross-checking prescriptions to minimise the risk of adverse drug reaction;
- * providing detailed information and support on medicine use and management;
- * promoting awareness of general health issues, e.g. diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure; promoting medical compliance, with favourable implications for patient outcomes; providing advisory services on minor health problems to the general public.

As the most accessible part of the healthcare system, open on average six days a week, pharmacies are available to provide healthcare information and advice to members of the public without the need for an appointment or the cost of a GP visit. Community pharmacies are constantly increasing their services and are seen by the public as being very good value for money, which was identified by 86% of the public to a recent Behaviour and Attitudes survey.

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TALK TO YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY

SCHOOLS ARE BACK AND SO ARE HEAD LICE, WARN PHARMACISTS

Schools aren't the only thing that will make an unwelcome return for Irish children this month. According to pharmacists, head lice rates are set to increase as we hit the annual 'headlice season'. The Irish Pharmacy Union (IPU) has issued advice to families about how to avoid head lice.

IPU spokesperson and community pharmacist Tomás Conefrey said, "Eliminating the risks of head lice is not always possible and it is estimated that 1 in 10 children will suffer from head lice at some stage, with 80% of head lice infestations occurring in children between the ages of four and 16. However, identifying an infection early makes treating it far easier and prevents the spread of infection through the classroom or among a family.

"Headlice infections among children of are most common school-going age (4 to

12). Therefore, our advice to parents is to check their children's hair regularly, ideally once a week.

"While some may feel there is a stigma

associated with lice it really is nothing to be embarrassed about; if an infection is detected parents should seek advice as early as possible.

There is a range of treatment options available and you should speak to your pharmacist about which is the most appropriate for your child.

This is particularly important for any child suffering from asthma, allergies or have a pre-existing skin condition as they are the most likely to suffer a reaction."



Head Lice - Advice from Pharmacists:

Check children's hair for lice regularly, ideally once a week. Use a wet comb made for the purpose. Combing through wet hair makes the process easier. Good light is important.

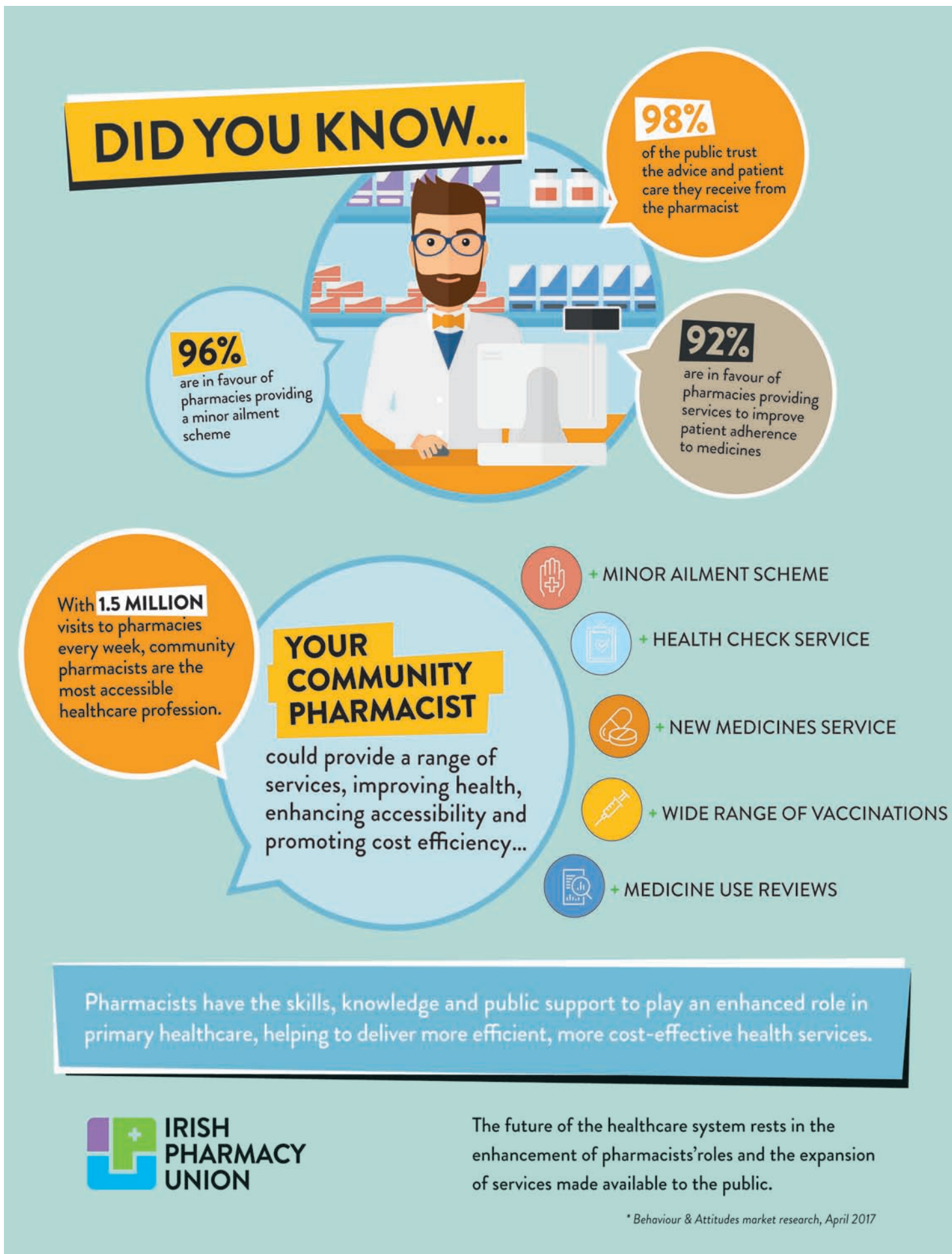
Itching and scratching are common signs of head lice. As well as live lice, which crawl around the head, look out for nits which are tiny eggs that may look like dandruff but cannot be flicked off the hair.

Check close to the scalp, behind the ears, around the nape of the neck, top of the head and under the fringe.

Treat the hair only if live lice or unhatched eggs are present. Treat the child as soon as possible. Always ask your pharmacist for advice on the most appropriate treatment to use.

Inform the school, contacts and friends when your child has head lice. The school can then inform other parents that there is an outbreak, so everyone can check and treat their own children.

Always follow the instructions on the treatment pack and any advice given by your pharmacist. Products used to treat head lice do not prevent the infestation from occurring and should never be used "just in case".



TOP OF THE HOUSE

With up to a third of the total capacity of a house lying immediately beneath the roof, an attic conversion offers huge potential for additional living space. A new bedroom, playroom, study, a second bathroom or simply some extra storage space could be yours within weeks, and unlike adding an extension, you won't have to forsake valuable garden space in your quest for a bigger home.



As with all home projects of this scale, it is critical to seek the help of experts and professionals in dealing with matters of electricity, flooring and insulation.

As heat rises, much of it escapes through the roof of your house and so it is recommended that you insulate your attic to keep your home warm and your heating costs low. Unlike wall insulation, however, the cost of attic insulation tends to be more affordable. Methods of insulating your attic include quilted insulation and an insulation fibre, along with the floor between the

ceiling joists. You should talk to the experts about what method of insulation is right for you. Remember that too much insulation can lead to no heat escaping into your attic, which in turn can lead to frozen pipes and other problems.

There are other things you might consider too, such as draught-proofing the attic hatch, insulating pipes, wrapping tanks, installing flooring, lights, skylights and much more to turn your attic into a liveable space.

Many people simply can't afford to up sticks

and move to a bigger house as their family grows. Converting the attic might be a solution to the lack of space in the house, representing a more economical alternative to moving.

The attic is a perfect setting for that study you've always longed for. Its quiet location and bright skylights give it a calm and relaxing atmosphere which is very conducive to work. It's also perfect for the person who works from home and doesn't want their dining room taken over with cables and filing cabinets.

With the fast paced

lives that we lead these days, many people would love a relaxation room where you can get away from it all. An attic conversion could be the ideal place to kick back, read, listen to music or enjoy some quality 'me time'.

But remember that this is an area where calling in the experts is a must. Attic conversions must comply with building regulations and unless you're a tradesperson by profession, leave it to the experts.



Don't neglect the roof over your head

One of the most common, costly and often times ignored household maintenance projects is the roof over your head.

Another important area to maintain is your gutters, which can become blocked and clogged up with debris, especially as the inclement weather starts to creep in.

Unless you've had water dripping on your head, it's easy to put it on the back burner until it comes up and really take a bite out of you and your bank balance.

Regular maintenance is the key to looking after your roof and gutters. It detects small, inexpensive problems and fixes them before they become big and expensive.

Ideally, roofs and gutters should be inspected twice a year - at the start and end of winter and also after any significant weather like high winds or storms. If you don't have a ladder and a head for heights, one easy, safe way to do this is to ask a neighbour if you can look from their house.

What you should be checking for includes:

Cracks, Stains, Spots On Roof

Check for signs of deterioration such as cracks, stains, rusting, watermarks, wet spots or other signs of excessive moisture or deterioration.

Check The Walls

Look for cracks in a wall which could be an indication of possible cracks in the roof system or flashing.

Fascias and Edging

Are overhangs, cornices, fascias and edging in good condition? Breaks in roof edge elements can cause leaks and let wind and allow our ever present Irish sideways rain to get under the roof membrane and cause problems.

Gutters and Downspouts

Are gutters and downspouts free of debris? Damaged or clogged gutters, and roof drains and downspouts can cause water back up on the roof which can lead to additional problems.



Damp patches inside

From inside look for damp patches on upstairs ceilings or light between the loft rafters signal a leaking roof.

Overhanging tree branches

Check if you need to trim back any overhanging tree branches.

If you are worried about some aspect of the roof or just want peace of mind before the winter, use an experienced roofer to carry out a full inspection.

Remember that the key is to detect and repair any defects before it allows moisture to enter the roof system or interior.

Remember from a financial standpoint, your home is probably your most valuable investment. The roof which covers it usually represents 5-7% of the homes cost but covers and protects 100% of the structure itself and your contents.

Think of it as annual doctors checkup for your house. In fact, when I'm finished writing this article, I'm going outside, looking at the roof and getting a ladder to check the gutters for leaves!

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Clean your chimney

Keeping your chimney clean is one of the main steps in preventing chimney fires. How often you clean your chimney depends on how much you use it. It's a good idea to have chimneys cleaned at least once a year, usually before the cold weather sets in.

Getting your chimney cleaned in Autumn will clean anything that might have fallen into the chimney during the Summer.

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TOP OF THE HOUSE

Your roof is your first protection

Autumn is here which means the winter months are not far away. The weather is still nice however and the evenings still long, so there has never been a better time to check your roof and ensure that it is sturdy enough to endure the winter months.

It is vital that you check your roof for damage and holes to make sure it is in good condition and properly sealed so that the risk of leaks will be minimised. Even a little damage, if left unrepaired, can worsen over time to create a much larger and more expensive problem to deal with.

A problem such as loose or dislodged slates as a result of strong winds, as well as being an annoyance with noise, can pose a danger and very real safety hazard if they were to fly off the roof into the garden or onto a road.

Whether you have tiles or shingles, or wish to switch from one to the other, it is important to keep protection against the elements as a main priority. There are many different types of tiles and shingles to choose from, from a variety of



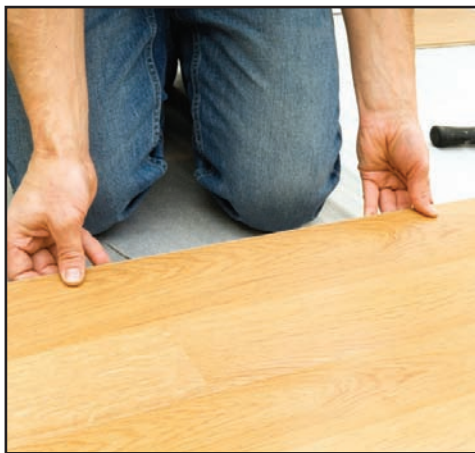
materials, and it is important to choose the one that's right for you and your home and which will divert heavy rainfall most effectively.

Good-quality shingles or tiles will not only offer protection and leave you content in the knowledge

that your family will be safe and comfortable for the winter, but it will also improve the aesthetic of your home.

Remember, whether

re-roofing, having repairs carried out, gutters installed or getting an estimate, it is important to seek the advice of experts and professionals.



FLOORS & CARPETS IN YOUR HOME!

Flooring is such a fundamental but often overlooked part of a room - we use it regularly throughout the day but it is often the last thing we think about when it comes to redecorating. If you are currently deliberating over an overhaul of your home or office, remember that revamping or replacing floors could have a dramatic impact on the appearance of your space.

Just changing or updating your flooring can make a room seem larger, more open and fresh. And today the choices are endless whether you want to opt for wooden floors, carpets, tiles or stone, the sky really is the limit. When considering changing your flooring it's important to think of a few things.

When trying to decide on what type of flooring to use in a particular area, think of the space available to you. While it may seem an obvious question many people have got caught up in the impulse of buying and living to regret it afterwards. Perhaps the carpet is looking a little shabby and needs replacing but your budget is tight. Is there much point in scrimping on the budget and buying a lesser quality carpet?

If you choose a look that's too 'trendy', you could be left with an eyesore in years to come, so stick to the classic look.

It is probably best to start off with a realistic budget in mind, compare prices and as the old consumer's mantra goes 'shop around'. There is value to be had everywhere and to save yourself some money, all it takes is a little bit of time and effort.

Wooden Floors

This is one area of the flooring market that in recent times has experienced a phenomenal growth in popularity. Wooden floors may have advantages. Not only do they give a home a classic timeless beauty, but also they are really durable. There are numerous species of timber used in flooring from the hardwoods like oak, maple and ash to softwoods like birch or pine. Speciality woods like bamboo are also available.

Carpets

The main plus point of carpets is choice. There are endless colours and patterns of carpets available now that can suit any colour scheme or décor. The range in price is also phenomenal. So, whether you want a cheap short-term fix, or some plush padding for your paws, there is endless choice.

Tiles

Tiles are ideal flooring options for the kitchen and bathroom in the home as they are impervious to moisture and are very easy to clean and maintain. There are three types of tiles: ceramic, porcelain and glass. The difference between the three is how they are made, there is not much difference in price or durability of ceramic versus porcelain.

So remember, choose wisely and pick a floor that you can live with.

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Wicklow Film Festival: 19th - 21st September

Mermaid Arts Centre has revealed that the theme of the Wicklow Film Festival this month is **Turning Points**. Originally founded by Wicklow artist Brigid O'Brien, this year's festival is a collaboration between Mermaid Arts Centre and Noel Mac Aoidh, Head of Film Department at BIFE (Bray Institute of Further Education).



Philip Seymour Hoffman in 'Almost Famous'. See it in The Mermaid as part of the Wicklow Film Festival

Coming up at the Mermaid Theatre, Bray...

Tiny Dancer

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Let's dance. It's time for the kids to throw some shapes and bust out their best moves as DJ Donal Dineen hits the decks at The Mermaid for a special musical rollercoaster ride.

Expect dance tunes from every era and every corner of the globe. So if you're ready to get into the groove, lace up your dancing



shoes and grab those glowsticks. Kids just wanna have fun!

Commissioned and premiered by TRACKS: an initiative of Cork Midsummer Festival, Dublin Fringe Festival and Baboró International Arts Festival for Children

Saturday 28th September, 3pm. Tickets: €7 Adults; €5 Kids. Age Suitability: 0-9 years | Duration: 45 mins (Under 1's go free but if you're dancing you need a ticket)

Turning Points is an attempt to explore the transformative effect of cinema. Six film makers will each present a film that affected their lives and helped fashion their careers.

Screenings will include **BLADE RUNNER: THE FINAL CUT**, the definitive final cut of Ridley Scott's legendary sci-fi classic; **PERSEPOLIS**, a French-Iranian adult animated film that follows a young girl as she comes of

age against the backdrop of the Iranian Revolution; **HOOP DREAMS**, an intimate portrayal of two inner-city teenagers pursuing their dreams of NBA glory; **MARS ATTACKS!**, our Culture Night screening featuring flying saucers and an alien invasion in Tim Burton's sci-fi cult classic; **ALMOST FAMOUS**, a coming of age story conveying a pivotal time in the 70's as the age of rock and roll is drawing to an end, and

THE FALL, a tale of five mythical heroes is told in hospital by an injured stuntman to his fellow patient. Screenings will be accompanied by an engaging post-film discussion with the film makers afterwards.

"Film is frivolous, serious, absurd and combines every emotion that we can experience. A good movie can transport us to a fantastical world or wake us into action in one. We all have a favourite film or

story that reminds us of a place or a person we love," said Noel Mac Aoidh.

Turning Points is about how these films changed/shaped the lives, careers and journeys of six film makers; Noel Mac Aoidh, Janna Kemperman, Kate McCoullough, Sal Stapleton, Michael Donnelly and Karla Healion. Screenings will be accompanied by an engaging post-film discussion with the artists.

Local artists shortlisted for National Gallery's Zurich Portrait Prizes

Portraits by talented artists from 10 Irish counties including Wicklow go on display in the National Gallery of Ireland on 5th October.

Artists have been shortlisted for the Gallery's prestigious Zurich Portrait Prize 2019. A total of 26 artists working across a variety of creative disciplines have made it through to the final stage of the competition, which received over 300 entries. And for the first time, the work of 20 young artists, ages from 3 to 7 years old, from Dublin, Meath, Cork, Kerry and Louth, have been shortlisted for the Zurich Young Portrait Prize.

The entries from Wicklow are from Oisín McFarland Smith (Granny Annie, photograph, Kodak Portra 400 taken on Bronica ETRS), who has been shortlisted for the Zurich Portrait Prize, and six-year-old Rita Ruitong Chen (School Girl, pencil on paper), who has been shortlisted for the Zurich Young Portrait Prize.

The winner of the Zurich Portrait Prize will receive a prize of €15,000 and a commission worth €5,000 to create a new work for inclusion in the National Portrait Collection. There will also be two awards of €1,500 for highly commended works. An exhibition of the shortlisted works will open at the National Gallery of Ireland on 5 October 2019. In a new part-

nership, the exhibition will run at Crawford Art Gallery from January to April 2020.

Sean Rainbird, Director of the National Gallery of Ireland, said, "Through these competitions, the Gallery aims to foster an interest in contemporary portraiture amongst artists and art lovers alike. The exciting shortlists offer our visitors the chance to see incredible new work at the Gallery in the Autumn. We're also delighted to develop our important partnership with Zurich this year as we celebrate the inaugural Zurich Young Portrait Prize."

Neil Freshwater, CEO of Zurich, said, "Zurich is pleased at the high standard of the shortlisted works for the Zurich Portrait Prize 2019 at the National Gallery of Ireland. We really look forward to the shortlisted works being unveiled at the National Gallery in October before moving to the Crawford Art Gallery in Cork in 2020. Another first for this year is the inaugural Zurich Young Portrait Prize which brings a new dimension to our association with the Gallery. There is a freshness and vibrancy to these works which make us excited for the future talent which this competition is intended to foster."

Culture Night Wicklow 2019 ALL FOR FREE!

Where / What	Venue	Event Name	Time
Arklow	Arklow Library	An Evening with Oscar Wilde compiled and performed by actor Richard Lynch	7.00pm
Ashford	Nuns Cross Church	Alchemy Music presents Culture Night Concert	7.00pm
Baltinglass	St. Joseph's Church	West Wicklow Voices present The French Connection	7.30pm
Bray	Fran O'Toole Bridge	Meet Artist David Beattie Launching the new Artwork on River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme	7.00pm
Bray	Signal Arts Centre	Hands on workshop and artist exhibitions on the theme of Environment	4.00pm
Bray	Bray Town Hall	An Evening of Reading and Music	7.30pm
Bray	Mermaid Arts Centre	Movie Night - Mars Attacks!	5.30pm
Bray	Bandstand	"Shorts" by Mr Sands Youth Theatre	6.00pm
Blessington	Blessington Library	Author Declan Burke - Crime Fiction	7.30pm
Blessington	Russborough House & Parklands	Dancing with Paint in the Hippodrome!	5.00pm
Blessington	Russborough House & Parklands	West Wicklow Festival presents International pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason	8.00pm
Enniskerry	Enniskerry Library	Poetry & Music with Nell Regan and Mary Barneclutt	6.30pm
Greystones	Greystones Library	Author of I've Found My Tribe Ruth Fitzmaurice in conversation with Broadcaster Dr Ciara Kelly	8.00pm
Greystones	The Whale Theatre	The Landscape as Witness; 'Snapshots of Greystones', slides and song with Rosemary Raughter, Greystones Players and the enchanting voice of Jade Phoenix Making Waves Youth Theatre, Fourfront Games' launch of their exciting new Portable Escape Room Wicklow's young music talent, including Music Generation's Elevation Project followed by singer/songwriter Nicolaas Walle	6.30pm 7.45pm 8.45pm
Tinahely	The Courthouse Arts Centre	Oíche Ceoil Children's Event	5.30pm
Tinahely	The Courthouse Arts Centre	Oíche Ceoil Concert	8.30pm
Wicklow Town	Kilmantin Arts Centre	Interactive Art Event: Workshop and Exhibition	6.00pm
Wicklow Town	The Old Forge	Oíche Traidisiúnta The Boathouse CCE	7.00pm
Wicklow Town	The Boathouse	Oíche Traidisiúnta The Boathouse CCE	8.30pm

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JOIN THE CLUB



There are a huge amount of clubs of all types and sizes around Co. Wicklow that can accommodate a myriad of interests. Joining a club is a great way to meet new people while building your confidence, learning a new skill or taking part in a sport.

There is an obvious social aspect to most clubs as well, with many members meeting up in their own time. Joining a club is a great way to expand your knowledge and experience in a particular sport or hobby you are passionate about.

Joining a club also looks good on your CV, showing you to be a sociable and active person, and is a great chance to make friends who share your specialist interests.

From children to senior citizens, there should be something in the area to fit the bill. Many clubs in the garden county are formed around various sports but there are clubs for everything from public speaking, reading, chess, gardening, to more business oriented groups that meet for professional reasons. Sometimes membership can be free, or paid monthly or weekly in a payment plan.

For those into sports, there are a wide variety of options available, and Wicklow boasts a multitude of active and thriving sports clubs. From outdoor sports such as tennis and football, to indoor sports such as badminton and table tennis, there is sure to be a local sports club nearby where you can participate in your preferred pastime.

For those who might be less passionate about sports but who still want to keep fit, joining a fitness club might be an alternative option to take. If your passion is dance, joining a dance class is the way to go.

There is a large variety of clubs in Co Wicklow to choose from for people of all ages, interests and abilities. Every kind of club from sports to social are right under your nose so why not turn off the television and sign up today. Take a look at the adverts below to see if any of these clubs fit the bill for you.



Royal Bridge Club

The Royal Bridge Club was founded by Dolores Heatley and Phyllis Kavanagh.

The club started to cater for Beginners and the need in the area for a Beginners Club. They started with 3 Tables of Beginners and now cater for over 150 members who play over 3 nights and Friday morning with ArcScorer Tablet Computer results (first in Ireland to buy them).

Classes take place on Thursday Nights. "We are the only club, following the classes, offering the Beginners help to play together at their own level on Thursday nights. You will enjoy learning the great skill with a love for the game. There will be a Saturday workshop in October catering for beginners and improvers."

The standard of knowledge and experience of teaching with humour and patience from Phyllis who has worldwide knowledge teaching on cruise ships together with Dolores who is teaching 20 years, both certified CBAI teachers, is a testimony of the Clubs success.

Membership bonding is also very important to ensure the community spirit of the club, and to this end one of the main events is having a Bridge Weekend away. Also very important, is their Charity Nights. Friday Mornings are unique with freshly brewed coffee and coaching in the kitchen.

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Pictured are Martin Corry, Enterprise Ireland, Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Ross Lawless, Pat Breen, T.D., Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, and Oisín Geoghegan, Chair of the network of Local Enterprise Offices.

Wicklow Chamber launches the 2019 Wicklow Business Awards

Wicklow Town & District Chamber has announced the launch of the Business Achievements Awards which recognises excellence in business in the Wicklow Town and District area.

Wicklow Town & District Chamber are calling for the public and all businesses in the following 4 Categories and that are within Wicklow Town and surrounding areas to get involved and participate in these Awards.

The awards include - Best New Business Award, Best SME Award,

Best Eating/Hospitality/Pub Award and Best Retail Award. The winners will be revealed at the Chamber Dinner Dance on Friday, 4th October. During the ceremony there will also be the following awards which have been chosen by the Awards Committee.

- Honouring Excellence in the Community
- Honouring Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Special Recognition Award

Nominations are now officially open - Public Voting is

very simple; Just chose your Leading Business and let us know why you are nominating them. Get your entries in by voting online at www.wicklowchamber.ie by emailing susana@wicklowchamber.ie or by texting your nominated business to 086 089 7702 before 9am on Monday 16th September.

Wicklow Town and District Chamber are asking all businesses within Wicklow Town & District to take part as this provides an opportunity for you to promote their business. Robin Bradley, Chamber President, said that the "award winners will automatically be promoted by extensive media exposure which will enable their business to gain a higher public profile."

Tickets are now on sale - please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost €75 or a table of 10 €700. Tickets can be bought on www.gr8events.ie/chamberball

Both members and non-members are welcome to attend the evening.

For more information, please contact Susana Costello on (0404) 66433 or at susana@wicklowchamber.ie.

Young entrepreneur finalist meets with ministers

The Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) National Finalist from Wicklow Local Enterprise Office, Ross Lawless, was in Dublin last week to meet with Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys, T.D. and Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Pat Breen T.D. They were joined by the rest of the 24 Finalists at Government Buildings in the lead up to the IBYE National Final.

The finalists had the opportunity to discuss their businesses and ideas with the Ministers ahead of the IBYE Final which will take place on the 15th September in Google HQ in Dublin. The IBYE programme is run by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) in local authorities, funded by the Government of Ireland with the support of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and Enterprise Ireland.

The 24 entrepreneurs also attended a pitch training day at Google HQ in Dublin where they were given extensive pitch training and they had the chance to meet their fellow finalists for the first time.

Ross co-founded CALT Dynamics to create technologies that have positive global impact. He is currently working with Stanley Black and Decker in the US to develop a new generation of low cost, high quality 3D printers that can be built at any scale. With a drive for entrepreneurship Ross has helped grow CALT Dynamics into an international company.

Vibeke Delahunt, Head of Enterprise, Wicklow Local Enterprise Office wished Ross the best ahead of the final; "Ross has been an exceptional entrepreneur to work with right through the IBYE process. He has an excellent attitude to furthering his business and that makes our job a lot easier. He is a credit to Wicklow and a further example of how the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in the region. We wish him the very best of luck in the National Final and we look forward to continuing to work with him beyond the Final to help him grow Calt Dynamics."

The finalists for this year's Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur include a recent BBC

Dragons' Den participant, an entrepreneur using artificial intelligence drones for river rescues, a serial entrepreneur bringing shopping from your phone to your door, a 19-year-old whose skills learned in transition year now sees her employ 23 people, an entrepreneur using plant based nutrition to combat MS and diabetes and a young woman who is revolutionising the methods by which horses are bred.

The 24 IBYE Finalists for 2019 will be competing for a 100,000 fund across the three categories. The winner of the Best Business Idea will receive a €15,000 investment with the runner up securing a €5,000 investment. The Best Start-Up Business and Best-Established Business winners will receive a €25,000 investment each with the runners up in those categories receiving a €5,000 investment, while the 2019 Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur selected from the three category winners will receive an additional €20,000 investment.

The winners of the 2018 Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur awards were Conor O'Loughlin of Glofox who won the Best-Established Business and the overall IBYE Award for 2018. Alan Hickey of Vromo (formerly WeBringg) in Fingal, Dublin was the Best Start Up Business winner, while Brendan Boland of Loci Orthopaedics in Galway won the Best Business Idea for 2018.

The Final of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur takes place on Sunday 15th September at Google HQ in Dublin. For more information on the competition go to www.IBYE.ie and for additional information on Local Enterprise Office supports and programmes go to www.LocalEnterprise.ie

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Volkswagen's new Grand California - the Campervan for Wicklow

By Martin McCarthy



Campervans were a complete rarity in Ireland up to 20 years ago, but today there are 11,000 registered, here, many in our own beautiful county of Wicklow. Over 60% of these have been imported used, mainly from the UK, where people understand the fun, freedom and lifestyle options that a Campervan gives.

While Campervans have a high first cost, they are cheap in Ireland due to low road tax (commercial road tax of €102) and insurance (thru the Campervan Club for less than €500.). VW

Commercials recently unveiled their line up at the Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, not too far from the assigned Campervan Specialist covering Wicklow and Dublin -

Frank Keane, Naas Road.

In days gone by, car and van makers provided a chassis and drivetrain and the Custom builder did the rest. Up until 2003 VW partnered with Westphalia,

but since then they have brought production in house.

This means that VW guarantee every element of the vehicle and that it is supported by VW specialists throughout Europe.

Of course, the heritage of the VW Campervan goes back to the iconic VW Microbus in the 1960s USA, but today's machines are so sophisticated it is hard to imagine that relationship.

There are three models in the VW Campervan line up - the California, which starts at €52,820, the Grand California at €74,995 and long wheelbase Grand California 680 at €79,995.

With the Grand California, Volkswagen is extending its range of campervans by adding a model in the six-metre class, complete with a bathroom. In addition to the large sleeping area in the rear, the Grand California will be available with a high bunk

bed for children.

There is a vast array of standard fittings and fixtures - plus an even vaster array of optional extras - such as four-wheel drive.

Commenting on the new model, Alan Bateson, Managing Director at Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles said: "The California brand is key to Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles and has been so successful in Ireland over many years, with the new

Grand California we aim to extend the appeal of our brand in the lifestyle vehi-

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PLANNING

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Yuriy Shparuta seeks Permission for new 3m vehicle entrance with gates at 20 B Boghall Cottages, Bray, co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Noel Prendergast seeks Planning Permission to demolish existing sheds and construct a Two Storey Dwelling and a Single Storey Garage with a new site specific treatment unit and percolation area replacing an existing septic tank and soak pit, a new site entrance and all associated site works at Newcastle Middle, Newcastle, County 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 Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in 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.

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask you this very special one. (Mention request) Take it, dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your broken Heart where your Father sees it. Then, in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. St Anthony and St Jude, helper of the hopeless, aid me in my distress. Amen. Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and favour will be granted. Never known to fail.

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THE LICENSING ACTS, 1833 TO 2013, THE LICENSING (IRELAND) ACT 1833, SECTION 6 THE LICENSING ACT (IRELAND) 1874, AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE COURTS (NO. 2) ACT 1986 AND THE DISTRICT COURT RULES 1997, ORDER 79

AND IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY:

BRENDAN DUGGAN AS NOMINEE OF H.T. CARROLL LIMITED - APPLICANT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF ON-LICENCE

TAKE NOTICE that Brendan Duggan as Nominee of H.T. Carroll Limited having its registered office at Laxton, Novara Avenue, Bray in the County of Wicklow intends to Apply to the Annual Licensing District Court on the 26th day of September 2019 at 10.30am in the forenoon, or so soon thereafter as this application may be taken in its order in the Court list for the TRANSFER of the Seven Day Publican's On-Licence currently held in the name of Fairymount Taverns Limited and attached to the premises known as The Vevay Inn, Vavay Road, Bray in the County of Wicklow and in the Court area and district aforesaid.

Dated this 3rd day of September 2019

Present when the Common Seal of H.T. Carroll Ltd was affixed hereto:

Signed: Brendan Duggan, Director of Applicant Company. Conor Duggan, Director of Applicant Company Benville Robinson, Solicitors for the Applicant, Riverview House, Seapoint Road, BRAY, Co. WICKLOW.

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TO: The Chief Fire Officer
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Boghall Road,
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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Stephen Smith and Morgane Lemarie seek outline permission for new single-storey dwelling, site access onto road and new wastewater treatment system and ancillary site works at site at Kilmullen Lane, Killadreenan, Newtown Mt Kennedy, 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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