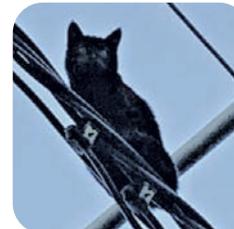




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# WICKLOW WATER 'NOT GREAT'

## 80,000 PEOPLE IN COUNTY WICKLOW DRINKING WATER ON EPA REMEDIAL ACTION LIST

The EPA Drinking Water Quality in Public Supplies Report, released last week, shows that the quality of drinking water in public supplies remains high with 99.9% compliance with microbiological parameters and 99.6% compliance with chemical parameters.

However, the report highlights that the incidence of Cryptosporidium detections has increased in the past three years, posing a serious risk to human health.

In County Wicklow the EPA has included eight supplies on their EPA Remedial Action

List, following its audits of drinking water plants due to the presence of Trihalomethanes (THMs). Irish Water has to prioritise sites on the EPA Remedial Action List and develop action plans for improvements to be completed, by set dates.

Trihalomethanes (THMs) are formed when organic material in treated water reacts with chlorine. THMs are chemicals which may be found in water treated with chlorine. High levels of trihalomethanes can be dangerous and are formed as a by-product predominantly when chlorine is used to

disinfect drinking water. They result from the reaction of chlorine or bromine with organic matter present in the water being treated

At elevated levels, THMs have been associated with negative health effects such as cancer and adverse reproductive outcomes.

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Danielle Byrne enjoying Greystones South Beach Playground, which has been cited as an example to follow in a bill going through the Seanad. See story on page 8

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your liver and kidneys. Large amounts of chloroform can cause sores when the chloroform touches your skin.

Andy Fanning, Programme Manager, EPA's Office of Environmental Enforcement, commented: "At the end of 2018, the number of supplies on the EPA's Remedial Action List had decreased. Unfortunately, that downward trend has been reversed in the first six months of 2019, when we added eight supplies to the Remedial Action List.

"These additions highlight that there are still significant problems at many of Ireland's water treatment plants, with the potential to harm people's health. The EPA is particularly concerned about supplies where we have

seen poor operational practices at water treatment plants. Consumers must have confidence that their water supply is not just safe to drink today but will also be safe in the long term."

The EPA has identified the following priorities for Irish Water to address on a national level to protect and improve public water supplies: Progressing action programmes for all Remedial Action List schemes; Prevention of long-term boil water notices by providing robust disinfection systems; Minimising harmful disinfection by-products such as Trihalomethanes (THM) by providing treatment that adequately removes organic matter in the water; Eliminating lead from our drinking water

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John, Hannah, Tommy and Eilis Murray at the Wicklow Hospice Foundation's 'Glen to Glen walk', a hike from Glendalough to Glenmalur

## Greystones 2020 Public Realm Plan goes to public consultation

Greystones 2020 (The Greystones Town Team) have achieved funding for a Public Realm Plan for Greystones. Following a competitive procurement process, the Paul Hogarth Company have been appointed.

The area covered will be from the South Beach Car Park, down Church Road to the Harbour. The aim of the project is to develop a strategy for the town's public realm, which can be used to identify and provide guidance for individual detail design projects. The plan will be visual and identify both short term and longer-term projects. Chairperson of Greystones 2020, Gráinne McLoughlin said "It is

intended that the plan will stimulate interest and activity among all the community in carrying out activity to enhance the town of Greystones, and that all stakeholders will be involved in developing a shared vision for the development of the town centre. It includes the parts of the town (whether publicly or privately owned) that are available without charge for everyone to see, use and enjoy, including streets, squares and parks". This plan will indicate, in broad terms, the role of the public realm including key urban spaces designated for enhancement, pedestrian priority linkages and the nature of restraint in remaining trafficked areas (speed reduction, space sharing, calming, lane restrictions, vehicle restrictions, bus priority). It will contain an overall design statement which will inform the development of the

public realm. "it is very important that the public have their say as this plan will inform the basis of the future Area Plan for Greystones. Open public consultation with the consultants will take place on Thursday 19th September from 5pm to 9pm in the Whale Theatre. We want everyone to drop into the Whale Theatre anytime during this period and have their say."

### St. Mary's celebrates 160th anniversary

St. Mary's Parish Church in Enniskerry are celebrating their 160th anniversary this month.

On 20th September there will be a presentation by local historian Michael Seery on 'Fr. Thomas O'Dwyer and the building of his church in Enniskerry, at 7:30pm. On 22nd September all families in the parish are invited to participate in a celebratory family Mass at 11am (refreshments will be served afterwards). Also beginning on 20th September and continuing throughout the following week there will be a display of floral decorations in the Church, with the theme 'The Four Seasons'. The Church will remain open each day and all are welcome to view the displays and spend some time in prayer or reflection.

### Soup and sandwiches

The Soup and Sandwich lunch returns after the summer break on Wednesday, 25th September from 12:15 until 2pm in Kilian House Family Centre, Greystones. As structural work is being carried out on the roof of the church during September, please access the Centre from the Car Park at the rear of the church. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy good home-made food and a friendly chat. Suggested donation €5. All proceeds are given to local charities.

## Bray Literary Festival presents An Evening with John Boyne & Jess Kidd

Join award-winning authors John Boyne (*The Heart's Invisible Furies*; *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*; *My Brother's Name is Jessica*) and Jess Kidd (*The Hoarder*; *Things in Jars*; *Himself*) for an intriguing evening of readings and conversation with authors Tanya Farrelly and Edward O'Dwyer on Saturday 28th September in Mermaid Arts Centre.

Tickets cost €12/10 and are available from box office on 01-2724030 or at [www.mermaidartscentre.ie](http://www.mermaidartscentre.ie).

For further details of this and other events of the Bray Literary Festival 2019, see [www.brayliteraryfestival.com](http://www.brayliteraryfestival.com).

### Talk on public health

There will be a talk on 'Public Health and the Use of Wireless Technology' on Monday 23rd September at 8pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre, Little Bray. The talk will be about how to use wireless technology more safely in the workplace, at home and in public places.

### Aughrim and District Active Retirement

There is a fashion show on Friday 20th September in Fishers, Newtownmountkennedy, followed by lunch in the Parkview Hotel. A visit to the Tenement Museum and Hugh Lane Gallery is being planned for Wednesday 9th October. Admission to the Museum €6 and the bus is extra. Payment to be made by 20th September. A visit to Castle Howard and Gardens is planned for Thursday 26th September. Entry is free and lunch will be in Jacobs Well in Rathdrum. Bus will leave at 10.30am. There will be line dancing classes on Friday mornings, the first one will take place on the 27th September.

### Bray Guided Meditation Session

Learn and practice advanced guided meditation techniques to help enhance physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, reduce stress and feel calm and in control of your thoughts and emotions. Open to all over the age of 18. September session will take place in Ballywaltrim Community Centre, Boghall Road, Bray, 7-8pm on the last Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 24th. No fee to attend (donation box only). For details ring/text Shideh on 0876710903.

### Newcastle road works

Road recycling works are taking place in Newcastle this week on Monday and Tuesday at Blackditch/Five Mile Point. Works took place last week at Leamore Lane, and Sea Road.

### Greystones Active Retirement

The next GARA coffee morning will take place on Friday 27th September at 10:30am.

The AGM will be held on 24th October in the Hall at 2:30pm. On Mondays Keep Fit takes place in the hall from 1pm-2pm (resuming 23rd September; Art takes place in Room 2 from 2:15pm-4:15pm; Aqua aerobics takes place in the Shoreline from 12pm-1pm. On Tuesdays there is Bowling in the hall from 10:45am-12:45pm; Bingo is in room 2 from 2:15pm-4:15pm; On Thursdays there is bowling in the hall from 2:30pm-4:30pm; Coffee mornings are on the last Friday of the month in the hall from 10:30am-12pm.

### Stress Reduction Course

Greystones Family Resource Centre is running an 8-week training course teaching mindful meditation and mindful movement in order to increase a sense of well-being.

Learning to be more mindful can help us: Understand and know ourselves better; Help us to live more fully now; Manage our stress, worry or anxiety; Slow down and choose how we react to situations; Be more present to the people in our lives; Be more compassionate with ourselves. To find out more information about the MBSR course please phone Greystones Family Resource Centre on 087 751 4578 or [development@greystonesfrc.ie](mailto:development@greystonesfrc.ie)

### Daffodil nurse

This month Arklow Cancer Support will be hosting an evening on the supports and services provided by a Daffodil Nurse. Olivia Merrigan, a Cancer Nurse at the Daffodil Centre at St James Hospital will deliver a presentation on Wednesday 25th September at 7:30pm at Arklow Cancer Support Centre, 8 St Mary's Road. All are very welcome to attend.



LiMargaret Byrne and Pauline Fahy prepare for the car boot sale at the Brockagh Centre in Laragh last week

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# Irish Water to implement measures at Murrough Sewage Treatment Plant

**The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has informed Irish Water that they need to implement at the Murrough Sewage Treatment plant in Wicklow Town.**

The measures are outlined in a comprehensive report by the EPA which was compiled on foot of a complaint Deputy John Brady lodged with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in relation to foul odours emanating from the Sewage Treatment works.

Speaking after receiving a copy of the report from the EPA that was compiled following a number of inspections that were carried out, Deputy Brady said "In July I lodged a complaint with the EPA in relation with the serious ongoing foul odours coming from the wastewater facilities in Wicklow Town. This complaint was subsequently followed up by inspections by the EPA, both the pumping station and the Treatment plant were inspected twice. On foot of those inspections the EPA compiled a full report and Irish Water has been instructed to carry out a number of actions to address the problem without delay.

"The EPA has instructed that Irish Water provide a local liaison contact to the local community and to arrange a meeting with the community to discuss the foul odour issues and to inform them on how and when Irish Water will address them. Irish Water has also been instructed to carry out a number of other actions, including accessing the suitability of the existing foul odour abatement systems to determine if they are adequate to prevent odour nuisance in the local community.

"The EPA inspector has also requested that Irish Water forward information on the frequency of carbon changes in the odour units. There were no records on site to confirm what dates the odour abatement media was changed or when maintenance was carried out on the extraction units."

Deputy Brady concluded "I welcome this report and the progress to date; I hope the actions that the EPA have informed Irish Water to carry out at the Murrough will resolve the ongoing issue of foul odour coming from the facilities. I will continue to work with the local community to ensure that the serious problem is resolved."



Casey Byrne, Joe O'Brien and Lily O'Brien at Annick Garnier's art exhibition in the Brockagh Centre, Laragh.

## WICKLOW WATER 'NOT GREAT'

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our drinking water networks; Preventing pesticides from entering

our drinking water sources; Managing risks to our public water supplies by adopting

Drinking Water Safety Plans for all supplies. There are an estimated 80,000 plus

people affected by THMs in County Wicklow water primarily in the following water supplies:

**Aughrim / Annacurra**  
Population Served: 1,594

Proposed Action Programme: Abandon source of the water supply and replace with new borehole source and new treatment to be installed

**Newtown Newcastle Kilcoole Water Supply**  
Population Served: 12,724

Proposed Action Programme: Upgrade of Vartry Water Treatment Plant

**Upgrade of Vartry Water Treatment Plant**

**Enniskerry Public Supply**  
Population Served: 2,667

Proposed Action Programme: Upgrade of Vartry Water Treatment Plant

**Avoca / Ballinlash Public Supply**  
Population Served: 1,343

Proposed Action Programme: Upgrade of water treatment plant

**Greystones/Windgates/ Templecarraig Water Supply**  
Population Served: 16,380

Proposed Action Programme: Upgrade of Vartry Water Treatment Plant

**Bray Water Supply**  
Population Served: 28,934

Proposed Action Programme: Upgrade of Vartry Water Treatment Plant

**Wicklow Regional Public Supply**  
Population Served: 15,598

Proposed Action Programme: Upgrade of Vartry Water Treatment Plant

**Kilmacanogue Water Supply**  
Population Served: 1,237

Proposed Action Programme:

## Extra €2.5m health funding for Wicklow projects

Minister for Health, Wicklow Deputy Simon Harris last Friday announced that Wicklow is to benefit from over €2.5 million in funding for nine projects through the Sláintecare Integration Fund. Minister Harris said the projects are designed to move more care into the community and will lead to improvements for patients with chronic conditions, Diabetes and heart failure, as well as supporting older people to be cared for in their own homes.

"Sláintecare is our plan to reform the health service, dismantle the HSE and deliver more care close to home. This will take time but we want to start rewarding people who are embracing the Sláintecare vision and encourage everyone to think how we can provide more integrated care. That's why I established the Sláintecare Integration Fund and I am delighted we are now announcing the successful applicants with €20 million in funding for 122 projects across the country.

"Wicklow patients are set to benefit from €2.5 million for successful applications such as from CHO6 for Diabetes and chronic disease projects and from the Bray Area Partnership for a social prescribing project to help people manage their own health and wellbeing in the community, rather than a clinical setting. Integrated care projects led by St Vincent's and Tallaght

University Hospital will benefit heart failure patients across Wicklow as will community based projects for patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD).

"I am particularly pleased for older people that funding is being provided for a Wicklow Frailty First Response Team which is all about moving the care of older people from hospital environments to their own homes and better linking patients to health resources in the local community.

"These projects show how joined-up thinking and working in partnership can help us reach Sláintecare's goals of shifting the majority of care to the community, reducing waiting lists and improving experiences for patients and staff across the health and social care service in Ireland."

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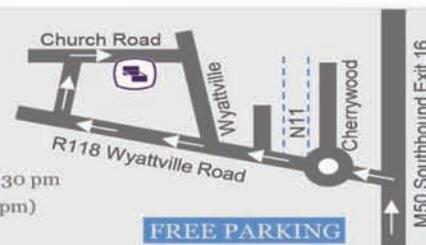
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# Protests held over use of Ashford community centre



Ashford Community Group hold a peaceful protest outside the Community & Heritage Centre

## World's biggest ocean cleanup is happening this September

The Big Beach Clean is an annual call to action run by the Clean Coasts programme. It takes place this year from September 20th-22nd and is part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), operated internationally by Ocean Conservancy.

Last year was the first time in the International Coastal Cleanup's history of 34 years where participants reached above one million volunteers worldwide and we are excited to see the momentum grow.

To date over 100 volunteers are signed up to run beach cleans on beaches along the Wicklow coast on beaches in Bray and Greystones and Wicklow Harbour.

Worldwide, over one million volunteers in more

than 120 countries collected nearly 23.3 million pounds (or 10.6 million kilograms) of trash during last year's ICC. Since the first ICC over 30 years ago, more than 15 million volunteers have removed nearly 315 million pounds of trash from beaches and waterways worldwide. During this weekend volunteers are asked to record and report on the types of litter they collect, this information gives us a better understanding of what material is in our oceans and how we can tackle the issue. As in previous years, cigarette butts-which contain plastic filters-topped the list at approximately 5.7 million collected; with food wrappers (just over 3.7 million), plastic straws and stirrers (just under 3.7 million), plastic cutlery (nearly 2 million), and plastic beverage bottles (nearly 1.8 million) rounding out the top five.

The Big Beach Clean, as part of the International Coastal Cleanup, focuses on citizen science to gather this information. During your beach clean we will ask all participants to fill in our Marine Litter Data Card. It is really easy to fill in and can be done alongside your cleanup. The information we are looking to gather is what litter items you are finding and the quantities of them. Once you have filled in the data card, you can visit our website and input your results or post the data card back to Clean Coasts programme office. The information you gather will be sent to the Ocean Conservancy where data from all around the world will be compiled.

Last year in Ireland over 3,400 Clean Coasts volunteers took to Irish beach and removed over 32 tonnes of rubbish during 194 beach cleans as part of this international effort. We are on track to break this record with already 200 clean ups registered.

Register now at [cleancoasts.org](http://cleancoasts.org) and receive your free beach clean kit.



## Climate strike to take place in Greystones

Students from Greystones are planning to take part in the Global Climate Strike on Friday, 20th September.

The students, who are following the lead of famed 16-year-old climate campaigner, Greta Thunberg, will gather in Burnaby Park in Greystones at 1.30pm to call on world governments to stop burning fossil fuels and to ensure a rapid energy revolution. The protests will coincide with the UN emergency climate summit.

Deputy Stephen Donnelly expressed his support for the students, stating: "Climate change is the most urgent challenge that our society has ever faced. The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre announced today that more than 7 million people have been displaced by extreme weather events worldwide such as severe flooding in Bolivia and cyclones in Africa.

"In a time where evidence of the devastating impact of climate change is becoming incontrovertible, our ability to come together and offer realistic solutions to the challenges it poses, such as the Amazon wildfires, seems to be diminishing as more and more leaders ignore their environmental responsibilities.

"Sadly, the most serious issues presented by climate change won't materialise in the short term and will disproportionately affect younger generations, who will be forced to grapple with challenges such as famine, drought and climate migration on a huge scale. Ironically, it is exactly the group that will be left to face these challenges that are currently being left out of the climate conversation.

"For that reason, I wholeheartedly support the students across Wicklow who will gather in Greystones join their peers in towns and cities around the world to campaign for a genuine solution to the climate crisis. Looking back on this critical period in the fight for climate justice in 30 years time, I suspect few will mourn the loss of an afternoon's lessons," concluded Donnelly.

Peaceful protests have been taking place outside Ashford Community & Heritage Centre over a local group's desire to use the facility for Bingo on Thursday nights.

The protests have been organised by Ashford Community Group, who say that Ashford Development Association are denying them use of the facility on Thursday nights for 50 weeks of the year.

In a statement, Ashford Community Group said "The main object for which the we were established is care of the aged and infirm in the local community of Ashford, Glenealy and the surrounding areas. This will be achieved by raising funds to provide annual events, visitation, the financial aid and any further assistance that may be required by senior citizens in the locality on a day to day basis.

"As part of our fundraising we hold a weekly bingo and at present are in the GAA hall in Ashford. As this premises have stairs it is not suitable as we have a number of older people attending. While we are very thankful to the GAA for allowing us use their premises, the stairs are a big problem.

"We have made numerous approaches to Ashford Development Association for use of Ashford Community & Heritage Hall to hold the bingo on 50 Thursday nights a year but they have refused. They say they don't let anyone have the hall for that number of nights but we are aware of a private business using the hall twice a week every week and a commercial business upstairs.

"As a group who are not for profit and all our funds go to providing social services to the older people in the community, we are finding the denial from Ashford Development Association very frustrating. When the hall was being built the local community raised a lot of funds for

the project and it is now the opinion of a lot of local people that the displaying and sale of art work by a local artist with a price tag of thousands of euro is more important than the children or older people of the community."

Ashford Development Association responded: "In relation to the use of Ashford Community & Heritage Centre, by the Ashford Community Group for Bingo, the Ashford Development Association Ltd. ("Association") wishes to point out that the Association is a registered non-profit organisation run by an un-paid, voluntary board and registered as a charitable trust. As such, and in compliance with the legal requirements, the accounts of the Association are filed and published with relevant authorities.

"In 2011, the Association undertook the redevelopment of the former national school for the benefit of the community and in 2014 the Ashford Community & Heritage Centre opened its doors to the service of the people of Ashford and beyond. The Centre is managed by the Association and the Association uses all reasonable efforts to make the Centre available to all local groups who request to use it. Since 2014, the Association has managed to reasonably accommodate competing requests to use of the Centre for a wide range of activities, in the service of the community and notably absent of any controversy.

"Today the Centre is used (to name but a few) by UniSlim, Ashford & District Bee Keepers Association, Ashford Irish Country Women's Association and Move4Parkinson's Choir & Exercise. Indeed the



Lily Melia of the Ashford Community Group at a recent protest.

Ashford Community Group does in fact presently use the Centre for certain of their activities and have done so since the Centre opened its doors.

"Due and appropriate consideration was given to the Ashford Community Group's request to run Bingo sessions at the Centre for 50/52 consecutive weeks of the year. Put simply, the Centre could not reasonably accommodate such request principally due to other activities (as being already booked). We wrote to and met with the Ashford Community Group (in advance of that recent 4 day protest) in a good faith effort to find middle ground and to reasonably accommodate Bingo.

"We respect the Ashford Community Group, its members, the work they do and community benefit which they bring. Equally however as a registered charity we too must balance the demands of the Ashford Community Group

against those legal responsibilities and other interested groups' use of the Centre. The narrative presented of a Centre who 'the displaying and sale of art work is more important than older people of the community' is simply baseless, unfair and fundamentally contrary to the very nature of those groups and activities which take place at the Centre.

"The nature of the dialogue specifically on Social Media, as directed at members of the Association, is both offensive and deeply divisive. This is viewed with great regret and is not in keeping with a sense of community which we know both the Ashford Community Group and the Association espouse to. We hope that through respectful dialogue this matter can be resolved. In this regard, the Association is open to further talks on the matter and would be happy to enter mediation, if desired, to find a satisfactory solution."

## Annual Ashford Honey Festival

There will be plenty of honey, bees, wildflowers and family fun in Ashford this weekend! If you want to learn more about our native Irish honey bee and what flowers and plants they love best, then come to the 3rd annual Ashford Honey Festival on Saturday 21st September.

The Heritage centre and its surrounding grounds will be transformed into a hive of activity by the members of the Ashford & District Beekeepers Association who will share their knowledge of bees and pollination while you enjoy a fun-filled family day out.

Taste the local beekeepers' honey, harvested this season - will your favourite be multiflower or the premium heather honey, runny, cream or cut comb? All varieties and types will be there for you to taste and purchase if you like, on the day.

In the Beekeepers Hut, watch the bees close at hand with the observational hives and talk to the experts. Jane Sellers will demonstrate skep making, a traditional bee hive made of twisted straw. And if you are not inclined to become a beekeeper yourself, but would like to learn more about the plants and flowers that will attract them in your garden, Eanna Ni Lamhna, biologist extraordinaire is the guest on the day. She will speak about the importance of pollinating insects for biodiversity, how bee keepers are vital for the survival of the native Irish bee colonies, which have been destroyed in the wild by the varroa mite. She will also talk about how climate change is having an impact on our flora and fauna and why planting for pollinators was never more important.

Browse the lovely organic stalls with homemade cakes, produce, plants and bee friendly products to buy. There will be a choice of hot food and refreshments for all tastes. There are raffle prizes galore and entertainment to keep the kids happy while you browse, including face-painting, a quiz and some improvised play-acting which will include a bee story!

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# Bray Sailing Club's 'Inclusion in Sport' programme concludes after another great season

**B**ray Sailing Club's Inclusion in Sport programme for the 2019 summer season concluded last week with their final 'Lakers at Sea' session. A large part of the club's inclusion programme revolves around their partnership with local club Lakers (a sports club for children and adults with intellectual disabilities). This partnership, which was forged two years ago, has grown from strength to strength since formation.



Bray Sailing Club instructors and Lakers members proudly showing off their certs

After two successful seasons of growing their Inclusion programme, which saw BSC scoop awards from Irish Sailing and becoming a finalist in the Sports Club Category at the Cara National Inclusion Awards last year, the club was keen to hit the ground running this year. In preparation for the season ahead, a number of BSC's volunteer instructor team completed pre-season training courses - these included Cara's Autism in Sport training and also Epilepsy training. In house training courses on helping novice sailors with disabilities were also arranged for this year's new instructors.

This summer, twelve Lakers members enjoyed regular fortnightly sailing activities as part of the 'Lakers at Sea' programme. This allowed the new sailors to build on

and progress their sailing skills while also trying out various types of boats as well as building their water confidence and finding their sea legs. In addition to the regular Lakers at Sea schedule, a 'Try Sailing' course was also run, which saw six brand new Lakers members experiencing the thrill of sailing for the first time.

Ideal weather conditions with sunshine and light breezes made for ideal conditions for the final Lakers At Sea sessions. The season closed with a BBQ in the clubhouse for friends and family where the Lakers members were presented with certificates to mark their progress this year.

While the Lakers Partnership with Bray Sailing Club may be the most obvious aspect of the club's Inclusion in Sport programme, it is only one part of it. BSC regularly opens its doors to participants of varying ability levels as part of their Junior Training programme, which saw close to 160 juniors on the

water this summer. The club also welcomes adult members with disabilities. One member, who was born without arms, recently competed in the national championships for her boat class, finishing as the second highest ranked boat in Leinster. For her efforts in challenging conditions, Mary Duffy was presented with the Spirit of Sailability trophy at the event.

The club-wide spirit of Inclusion in Bray Sailing Club was further evidenced by twenty club members volunteering their services at the Irish Sailing Watersports Inclusion Games in Kinsale at the end of August. This massive event saw over 250 people with physical, sensory, intellectual and learning disabilities taking part in a wide range of water activities, including sailing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, rowing, surfing, water skiing, and powerboating. The volunteer team from Bray played a major part in running the sailing aspect of the games and are

already looking forward to volunteering at the games next year.

BSC's Senior Sailing Instructor, Jack Hannon, commented at the conclusion of the season, "I am extremely proud of not only the club's volunteer instructor team, but the membership as a whole. All club members, from our youngest to the oldest, have fully embraced our inclusion programme and have helped to create the fully inclusive environment we now have in the club. With the aid of a generous grant from Wicklow Local Sports Partnership we were able to purchase a new floating platform, which has made getting our sailors on the water not only easier, but also safer. I couldn't be prouder to be a part of this team who showcase how sailing is not only a sport for all, but also a sport for life! We look forward to further exciting plans next year to get even more new participants out on the water and enjoying sailing".

## Cat causes power cut

A small lost cat was responsible for stopped traffic and cut power on the Sidmonton Road in Bray last week.

The little black cat was first spotted by passers by resting on wires at the top of an ESB pole around lunchtime on Saturday. A number of people made calls to the fire service and ESB but it was assumed that the cat would find its own way down. However by 8pm it had become clear that help would be needed.

Councillor Steven Matthews was passing and took photos of the scene as a crowd gathered. He said the group, including a number of excited but concerned children, discussed options but realised there was no safe way of rescuing the cat and they would have to wait for the ESB to arrive.

Eventually the crew arrived and set about assessing the situation. A crew member isolated the overhead cables and cut the power, momentarily plunging Sidmonton Road into darkness.

A second crew then came on the scene with a cherry picker. Meanwhile suggestions were made among the crowd as to options for removing the cat including 'poking the cat until it falls and catching it with a duvet'. However the cartoon like manoeuvre was not needed as two ESB crew members reached the cat in the cherry picker to the applause of the gathered crowd, which by that point had reached around 30 people. The exhausted kitty was transferred into a cat box and handed to a local family who had been caring for the stray. It is thought that the family plan to care for the cat until it finds a permanent home.



## Bray man named as Unislimmer of the Year finalist

Bray man Gary Finane has been named as a finalist in the Unislimmer of the Year Awards.

In his Bray Unislim class, under the guidance of class leader Jean Kelly, Gary lost an amazing 4st and 6lbs. Jean herself was named Unislimmer of the Year in 2013/14 when she lost 7 stone.

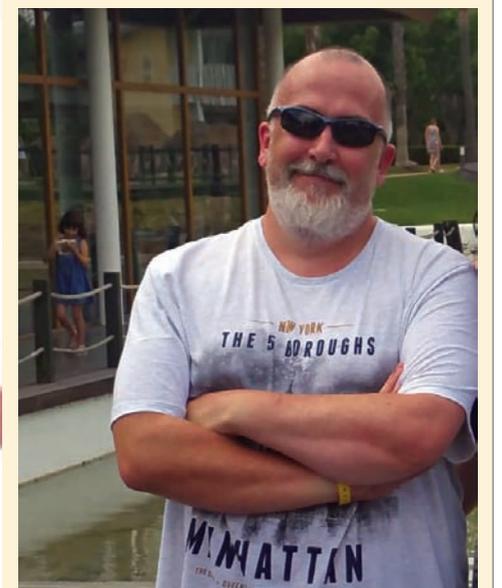
The weight gain crept up on Gary after he changed jobs and was no longer cycling to work. He joined the Bray Unislim class in January of this year.

Gary says that he found walking to be the easiest way to get exercise (making sure he takes at least 10,000 steps a day), and he's also been playing indoor football. He credits small changes, such as sharing one dessert between two, with making a big difference also.

As the weight has fallen off, Gary says he is more confident, sleeps better, and has a lot more energy during the day.



Gary after



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# PATRONAGE PROCESS OPENS FOR NEW POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents and guardians are being asked to give their views on the patronage for the new post primary school in the Greystones-Kilcoole catchment area, which is due to open its doors next year.

The new post-primary school, which will serve 800 pupils, is being established in September 2020 and the online survey for parents can be accessed on the website [patronage.education.gov.ie](http://patronage.education.gov.ie). It will remain open until 4th October.

Parents and guardians can use the online survey to select which model of patronage they prefer and whether they would prefer English or Irish as the language of instruction.

So far, An Foras Pátrúnachta, Educate Together, the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB), and Scoil Sínead Limited have all applied for patronage of the new school.

The new post-primary school to serve the Kilcoole & Greystones school planning area as a

regional solution was initially announced to be established in 2021. Due to increased projected enrolments and capacity constraints in the area, the school will now open in September 2020.

Speaking to the *Wicklow Times*, Minister Simon Harris said "I was really delighted that the department of education listened when I met Minister McHugh and the decision was made to move forward the opening of the school by a year.

"The department of education have now opened the patronage process which means parents in the school catchment area can go online and vote on their preference for the new school patron. This is a new process that ensures schools reflect the requirements

of the community. I would encourage all parents in the area to make their views known by voting via the Department of Education website."

Minister Harris continued "We have fantastic primary and secondary schools in our community and this new school will be a very welcome addition as the community."

Welcoming the start of the online patronage process, Cllr Jennifer Whitmore said "I welcome the fact that the Department is moving very quickly on setting up this new school. In order for the school to open for 2020, considerable work will need to be done in establishing the Board of Management and hiring staff over the next year, so I am pleased that the

process is moving quickly. I would also imagine that this will bring much comfort to parents whose children don't have a place yet for 2020 as they can now see progress being made.

"However, as the survey is open until 4th October, I would recommend that parents and guardians wait a little while before completing the survey, as I know some of the patrons are planning public meetings and information sessions and this may help inform their decision. It is also important that parents are aware though that once a patron is chosen, they will still need to enroll in that school once it has been established ie completing the survey only indicates your preference of patron, it does not mean you have enrolled."



Louise Hogan from Blessington graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Business from the University of Limerick.

## 'New Greystones secondary school welcome but don't forget about existing schools'

Fianna Fáil TD Stephen Donnelly has warned that the Government can't be allowed to forget about existing schools in Wicklow, just because it's promised to accelerate the building of one new secondary for the Greystones and Kilcoole area.

Deputy Donnelly explained, "It's genuinely great that the opening date for the school at Charlesland has been brought forward by a full year to 2020 and I'd like to thank each and every parent who signed our petition to help make that happen. We spent a very long time trying to convince the Education Minister how important the new school was for the community and it's clear all that hard work has finally paid off. However, we need to put the latest announcement in its proper context.

"We're used to hearing Government promises that are loudly made and quietly broken. Think about it. Cutting the ribbon on a brand-new school provides a great photo op for the Education Minister, compared to the much less glamorous task of refurbishing our existing school buildings.

"There may not be a fanfare when St David's

and Temple Carrig get their long-overdue extensions, but they're equally as important for the pupils who go there. Similarly, there won't be much media interest if Coláiste Chraobh Abhann at last gets permission to expand, but it's another crucial development needed to make sure our children get the

standard of education they deserve.

"No doubt the new secondary school will provide some peace of mind for parents who had been worried about the severe shortage of school places that my presentation to the Minister highlighted this summer. But we need to remember that it's just

one part of a much bigger picture. Building schools is important but maintaining them is equally so. Let's all try to keep the pressure on the Education Minister to make sure he doesn't forget about our children when the publicity fades away", concluded Deputy Donnelly.

## Pupils at another three Wicklow schools to benefit from increased creative activities

From this month, pupils at three more schools in Wicklow will join existing schools from across the county to begin their 'Creative Schools' journey. The additional schools chosen to participate in this initiative, from September, are Blessington Educate Together, St. Brigid's National School and Moneystown National School.

Last week, the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, TD, and the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, TD, announced that 150 additional schools all across Ireland, and reflecting all types of education settings, have been selected to participate in the 'Creative Schools' initiative. These schools were chosen from over 300 applicants - each one required to explain how their participation would support learning and development in the

arts and creativity.

Each school selected for 2019-20 will be provided with a package of support which includes funding and the expertise of a Creative Associate to work with them directly to enable them to explore the potential impact of the arts and creativity on school life.

Initially launched in 2018, 'Creative Schools' is led by The Arts Council in partnership with the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The initiative was developed to help children and young people explore and develop their creative sides, and to link them with the arts and creative infrastructure in their local community and nationally.

Orlaith McBride, Director of the Arts Council said "The Arts Council is committed to providing children and young people with more opportunities to participate in, and enjoy, the arts. The Creative Schools initiative has been a really successful way of inviting thousands of young people all across Ireland to explore their creativity, guided by the expertise of artists and other creatives in their own communities. We are delighted that this year the initiative will be supporting a further 150 schools and that many more children and young people will have this opportunity to participate in the arts in a very tangible and meaningful way."

### Footfalls Walking Festival Glendalough

Footfalls Walking Festival will be based in the Brockagh Resource Centre from 25th to 28th October with many of the walks taking us through Wicklow Mountains National Park.

All walks are led by experienced walking leaders who will enhance your day with information on local history and flora and fauna. The weekend offers a selection of walking choices such as Lugnaquilla (925 m), a night walk, moderate to easy walks throughout the weekend. 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, [info@walkingireland.com](mailto:info@walkingireland.com), [www.walkinghikingireland.com](http://www.walkinghikingireland.com).

# DREAM BEDROOM MAKEOVER FOR POPPY

Make-A-Wish Ireland hit a milestone last week by granting the organisation's 2,500th wish. The children's charity granted the one true wish of Poppy (aged 5), from Rathnew, who lives with Acute Flaccid Myelitis, an inflammation of both sides of one section of the spinal cord which means that she is paralysed and in need of 24-hour care.

Poppy at two and a half years old, developed a virus which at first presented with flu-like symptoms. The virus progressed rapidly and by day 4 it had severed Poppy's motor neurons leaving Poppy paralysed. Poppy wasn't going to let her condition define her. At 5 years old she has a wonderful personality and

is very articulate and knows what makes her happy.

Poppy wished to have her own disco-themed bedroom and her bedroom makeover was specially designed to transform her environment to look less medical and more like a sanctuary for Poppy to move around in her wheelchair, enjoying her

toys, dolls, music and lighting. What Make-A-Wish aspired to was to create a haven for her to be a child again.

Poppy's room makeover now provides a lot more comfort and convenience and includes bespoke built in units which house all her medical equipment and supplies. This gives the room

a lot more space for Poppy to move around in and it also makes the room much softer. In addition, the new look room includes new floors, mirrored wardrobes, sensory lighting and a mural, disco lights, a built-in window seat and shelves to display her teddies and toys.

Poppy managed to keep

away from her bedroom in advance of the big reveal and she was thrilled that all the medical equipment now has a home behind purpose-built units. She loves the disco vibe, new colour theme, the amazing mural - which shows silhouettes of popstars on stage singing - and spectacular disco lights. The makeover also includes a comfortable chair for her overnight carer.

Poppy's Mum, Jennifer said: "We are honoured to be the 2,500th Make-A-Wish recipient and it means the world to us. The look of sheer delight on Poppy's face says it all, Poppy adores her new look bedroom. When you're living through an illness, you're not thinking about whether a bedroom looks pretty, however now that I see the

finished results, I know that Poppy now has an amazing space for her to call her own. The room is full of her favourite colours and is full of positive vibes and imagination. We know that Poppy's carers will love it too." Jennifer went on to explain, "A lot of how well Poppy is doing is to do with her personality, and this bedroom makeover sums up her personality perfectly."

Susan O'Dwyer, CEO of Make-A-Wish Ireland, said: "Granting our 2,500th wish is a major milestone for the charity and we are delighted to have made Poppy's wish a reality. Creating Poppy's bedroom makeover has been a labour of love for everyone involved. A bedroom is a haven for a child at any time, but for a sick child, it's so much more. The room is now transformed into a little girl's room and to see the joy and happiness on Poppy's face when she

first saw her brand-new bedroom has made it all so worthwhile. We are very grateful to all of the suppliers who made this happen - thanks to their generosity and dedication, as well as the support of our wonderful donors, we have made a special bedroom for Poppy and her family."

Susan continued: "The one thing that gets me and our staff up every morning is being able to continue to grant wishes for all children who are living with life threatening medical conditions throughout Ireland. We have been granting wishes for 27 years now, and the 2,500 Irish wish recipients have been as young as 3 and as old as 17. We do not receive any government funding and the organisation is solely dependent on the generosity of the general public and donors."

Neil O'Dwyer, the artist who created Poppy's mural from murals.ie said,

"To witness Poppy when she saw her mural for the first time was a very special moment for me. My job was to put a smile on Poppy's face with a unique, innovative disco themed mural that was everything she had dreamed of! Poppy is a very special girl bubbling with personality and to see her face light up like that makes my job all the more rewarding."

This wish was made possible thanks to the generous support of Neil O'Dwyer of murals.ie; The Wardrobe Man, Deansgrange, Dublin who built and fitted the bespoke window seat and wardrobe and FORBO, Deansgrange who supplied the heavy duty flooring - to accommodate Poppy's hospital bed and allow for wheelchair mobility - and Kilcoole Flooring for fitting the floor.



Poppy in her new look bedroom with her mum Jennifer, dad Ed, and sister Isabelle

## Greystones playground sets national example

Greystones South Beach Playground is being held up as a model of inclusivity in Leinster House and should form a template for how similar facilities throughout Ireland can cater for children with a disability, according to legislators.

The playground has been cited as an example to follow in a bill going through the Seanad. The Disability Bill 2019 has reached committee stage and seeks to ensure better provision of public services for people with a disability. It is sponsored by a number of leading disability campaigning Senators including John Dolan, Alice-Mary Higgins, Victor Boyhan, Ivana Bacik, Frances Black and Lynn Ruane.

If passed, it will require local authorities and other developers building playgrounds to apply the inclusive principles incorporated at South Beach. These include a music area designed to allow for self-expression, a quiet area to allow children on the autism spectrum to relax and recharge, as well as an ability swing, a sensory path, a toddler play area, and a wheelchair-accessible sand factory. All of these facilities are intermingled to ensure all children play together.

South Beach Playground celebrated its first birthday this year. It is now regarded as Ireland's most inclusive playground, meeting the needs of children on the autism spectrum and those with motor co-ordination difficulties.

Construction of the playground was funded

through a huge campaign involving local voluntary donations and businesses including Bray Retail Park and Wicklow County Council. According to Emma Leonard, asset manager of Bray Retail Park, "it is wonderful that this facility, which businesses at Bray Retail Park financially contributed towards, is being highlighted in this way."

The playground is designed to allow children of all abilities to enjoy its facilities, including those with invisible disabilities such as autism, mobility issues, and hearing and visual impairments. South Beach Playground is chal-

lenging and fun for all children and was finally opened last August after two years of campaigning by the Greystones South Beach Playground Committee.

"We are delighted to be cited as a model of inclusivity for our support of side-by-side play as we celebrate the first anniversary of South Beach Playground," said Committee Chair, Niamh Egan.

"It has proved a wonderful success and is a fabulous resource for children of all ages and abilities. It's all about a simple change of perspective, which means so much to a

child who may spend a lot of their time watching rather than taking part.

"Side-by-side play is the core principal of this playground, allowing families and peers to play together and learn from one another. Compassion, kindness, understanding, respect and acceptance, these are a few of the social skills that are being learned by the next generation in this playground, whilst they are having fun and feeling safe. Let's hope more families and children can experience such playgrounds in their own locality."



Enjoying Greystones South Beach Playground are (l-r), Isabelle, Olivia, and Danielle Byrne.

## Wicklow Town gets moving on COPD

Such is the demand for the Wicklow Town COPD Support Group, it has moved its weekly meeting to Fridays. To accommodate the extra numbers, the group will now meet every Friday in the hall at the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.

The group is for people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), asthma and people living with breathlessness due to a respiratory condition.

The group will meet in the same venue at the slightly later time of 12 - 1.30pm in the Pastoral Centre Hall.

According to Mary Gowing, HSE Self-management Support Co-ordinator, the change of day is due to the demand.

"The group has been meeting weekly since the end of July but the numbers attending have been greater than

we anticipated. To accommodate more people we made the decision to change the day."

Support groups are about people who are living with a health condition helping each other to live well with encouragement and support. People learn how to manage their health with a mix of exercise, educational talks and having a chat with one another.

The first educational talk will take place on Friday 20th September at 1pm after the exercise session. Majella Murphy, HSE Flu Lead, will talk about the Flu Vaccine.

Part of the success of this new group is due to a recent COPD Open Day. The day saw health professionals provide information on a range of topics from smoking cessation to exercise.

"We had a great turnout for the recent COPD Open Day. Prof Tim McDonnell, HSE's COPD National Clinical Lead and Clinical Nurse Specialist, Patricia Davis spoke about managing COPD. Janet O'Leary, who is living with COPD, was on hand to share experiences of the Bray COPD Group while Philip Tonge, Senior

Physiotherapist in St Michael's Hospital, talked about the importance of exercise. Many attendees took part in a short exercise class from the Siel Bleu instructor", said Mary.

Wicklow Town COPD Support and Exercise Group meet every Friday from 12 - 1.30pm in the Hall at the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town. All are welcome.

For further information phone COPD Support Ireland at 086 041 5128 or the COPD advice line at 1800 832 146 or email info@COPD.ie

# Finnish Forestry Association at the Coollattin Estate

Forest management company Veon Ltd hosted a group of Finnish foresters and forest owners from the MHY Forest Management Association at Coollattin Estate on 11th September. Another group will be hosted this week on 19th September.

Veon has been restoring the Coollattin Estate's forests to their former glory over the past number of years under the vision of new owner Brian Kingham. The estate had suffered from decades of neglect and the aim is to make it as it was in the 19th century. The Coollattin Estate has one of Ireland's biggest oak collections with over 35 species of oak growing on the estate. Andover 30,000 oak trees. Eucalyptus regnans from Tasmania and South East Australia - the third tallest tree in the world - have also been planted, as well as Patagonian cypress, the tallest conifer in Latin America. The trees are reportedly thriving in local conditions. The fifty Finnish foresters are eager to learn more about how Veon has engaged in the restoration of the forest estate. Subjects discussed have

included clearing invasive species (rhododendron and Laurel), creating a very rare Arboretum, restoring the estate to previous landscapes, conifer harvesting - thinning and clear-fell, young broadleaf thinning and timber selection, reforestation - conifers and broadleaves, deer management and damage and continuous cover forestry. The forest visit is part of a Tourwise Ireland tour. Tourwise Ireland are based in Tipperary. Joe Codd of Veon Forestry said: "This is one of Ireland's great forest treasures and it warms the heart to be working on a vision that will be at its height for my grand children's grandchildren to see and enjoy". Brian Kingham said: "There can be few greater pleasures than the sight of beautiful trees complementing the

unique Wicklow landscape. The restoration of vistas last seen in the Victorian era has given the new life and inspiration to Coollattin. There is still a lot of work to do but the good conditions have been a blessing". Veon has hosted a number of international

forestry associations over the years and last year last successfully hosted 22 members of the Portuguese professional forestry association Associação Florestal do Lima as part of their three-day forestry fact-finding mission to Ireland.



## 'WICKLOW HOME REPOSSESSIONS A SHOCKING REFLECTION OF HOUSING CRISIS'

The majority of Wicklow homes repossessed by the banks this year have been owner occupied, new figures reveal.

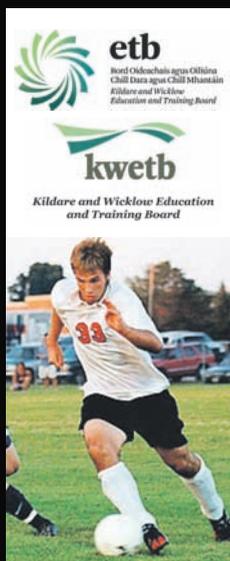
The figures which were released under the Freedom of Information Act show that in Wicklow eight home repossessions were granted by the courts in 2019, 7 of which were owner occupied.

Fianna Fáil TD Stephen Donnelly said it's "shocking" to see such figures. He explained, "So far this year nationally there have been 314 home repossessions granted in our courts. We know that 246 of those repossessions were cases in which the house or apartment being taken back by the banks was a family's main residence. That's 246 families including men, women and children left without a place to call home.

"If we break down the figures we can see that between the start of January and the end of June this year more repossession orders were granted in Dublin than anywhere else with a total of 48, next was County Meath where 40 homes were taken by banks. There were 30 home repossessions in Cork, 20 in Kildare and 15 in County Offaly. There were only two counties where there were no repossessions granted they were Kilkenny and Sligo.

"Family home repossessions are a serious indictment of the current housing crisis that we find ourselves in and reflect how badly the whole system has been managed by Fine Gael. When we look around of course we can see lots of houses being built, so there's a temptation to think that things should soon start to improve. But the truth is that not even a fraction of the amount of homes we need are going on the market and those that do end up for sale are out of many people's reach due to astronomical land prices and construction costs. Sadly, the latest repossession figures show us that sometimes even when a family has been lucky enough to get a mortgage on one of the few homes available, the pressure of maintaining a huge mortgage can become just too much to bear.

"We can't allow this situation to continue. It's time for action. The Government keeps telling us how much it wants to fix the housing crisis. Now it needs to put its money where its mouth is and start supplying affordable, quality, family homes, fast."



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The PSA, an agency of the Department of Justice and Equality, is responsible for regulating the private security industry in Ireland. The primary role of the PSA is to ensure that the public is protected through a standards and qualifications based licensing system. The PSA currently

licences over 30,000 contractors and employees across 12 sectors.

Using unlicensed providers can put your home or business at risk. By using an unlicensed service to carry out security work on your property you may invalidate your insurance policy. More



receive a compliance statement confirming that the contractor has all relevant insurance in place; That all equipment complies with the machinery directive and that all Health, Safety and Welfare at Work legislation is complied with.

If your provider can-

not meet these simple requirements, you should ask yourself what are the consequences for my home or business if something does not work or if there is an incident involving a family member, employee or customer.

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### Choosing the right intruder alarm

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### How safe is your powered gate?

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Tinahely celebrate after beating St. Pat's of Wicklow in the Ladies Senior Championship final



Paddy, Sarah, Sandra, Kiara, and Nathan Byrne celebrate after Tinahely beat St. Pat's of Wicklow in the Ladies Senior Championship final in Blessington.

## Newlands Ladies win All Ireland Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy Tournament

The ladies of Newlands Golf Club were victorious against County Sligo Golf Club in the all-Ireland final of the Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy Tournament which was played at Woodenbridge Golf Course on Sunday 8th September with Newlands winning three matches and halving two matches. In addition, the third-place playoff resulted in a win for Tralee over Malone Golf Club.

A fantastic weekend of competitive golf saw many close matches ending on 18th and 19th, holes. Mary McKenna attended the matches all weekend and all the ladies were thrilled and honoured to be in her company.

The finale of the event was a gala dinner where Woodenbridge Golf Club hosted all four teams, attended by Mary McKenna MBE and the sponsors. The four teams celebrated having a lovely evening and many new friendships were forged over the weekend.

"Woodenbridge Golf Club would like to thank all the participants & sponsors for making the fifth Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy event such a success".



Newlands Golf Club, winners of the 2019 Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy

# FIVE IN A ROW FOR TINAHELY LADIES

It was a monumental day for the Tinahely Senior Ladies football team on Saturday, 7th September, as they beat St. Patrick's of Wicklow Town to claim their 5th consecutive Senior Football Championship county title.

Tinahely beat league champions St. Pat's 2-11 to 1-7 in the final which was played in Blessington GAA grounds.

It was a stunning victory, and a reassertion of credentials following Tinahely's defeat at the hands of St Pat's in the League Final in June. The killer blow came with a goal early in the 2nd half by midfielder Aoife O'Gorman. In defence, the performance of Shannagh Goetelen was a stand-out tour de force of marking, as she kept Clodagh Fox of St. Pat's quiet.

The Tinahely Ladies team have now surely earned the accolade of one of the best teams ever produced in Co. Wicklow. They will now go on to represent the county in the Leinster Intermediate Championships. They will face Louth's club champions on October 5th.



Chairman of the Wicklow Ladies GAA County Board Dominic Leech presents the Senior Championship trophy to Tinahely captain Ciara Stokes

## Newtown rider wins in Wexford

Amateur rider Shane Fenelon landed his first success on the racecourse when the Dusty Sheehy-trained Rudy Catrail won the 3m1f handicap chase at Wexford on Saturday, 7th September.

The 21-year-old from Newtownmountkennedy won a point-to-point on the same horse at Stradbally in May and he was again on board the eight-year-old which made all the running to win by 17 lengths from Glacial Shadow. It was quite a day too for the winning trainer who saddled two winners at the meeting shortly after his son Mikey rode his first winner at Navan.

Of Fenelon, Sheehy said: "Shane has ridden two point to point winners, his first came on this horse earlier in the year. He rides out in Shark Hanlon's and comes to me in the afternoons. Honestly, he is one of the hardest working young lads I know and that's why I gave him a chance. He gave him a great ride."



Gary Prunty, John McCarthy, Philip O'Neill and all the Bray Emmets committee pulled together one of the best ever social occasions for the club in the Ballsbridge Hotel on Friday 6th September, when Pat Spillane, Niall Quinn and Alan Quinlan were part of an expert panel under MC Damien Lawlor at the club's annual sporting lunch. Comedian Aiden Tierney added to the mirth by his mimicry of all the major sporting national names. The club said it would like to thank all the sponsors who supported this major fund-raising event.



## Age Action calls on Wicklow people to get involved in Positive Ageing Week

“Ageing in Place” is the theme for Positive Ageing Week which takes place from Monday 30th September through to Sunday 6th October.



Positive Ageing Week (PAW) is about celebrating ageing and the older people in our lives by highlighting the contribution they make to our families and our communities. It coincides with UN International Day of Older People which is on Tuesday 1st October.

Positive Ageing Week (PAW) is an Age Action initiative which is now in its 17th year. The focus is on community-based events, organised by groups and individuals throughout Ireland, and national events organised by Age Action and its partners.

The theme for 2019 is Ageing in Place which is about ensuring older people remain active, engaged, and valued in their communities. “Ageing in place is about people having choices and control over their lives regardless of age, income or ability”, says Paddy Connolly, CEO Age Action. “We all need to think about where and how we wish to live as we age and start planning for this.

We want older people to have a choice about where they age. PAW is an opportunity to promote and inform a life course approach to housing and home care supports enabling older people to remain part of their community. We need to ensure older people have access to the services and resources they require to remain at home safely, in comfort and with dignity.

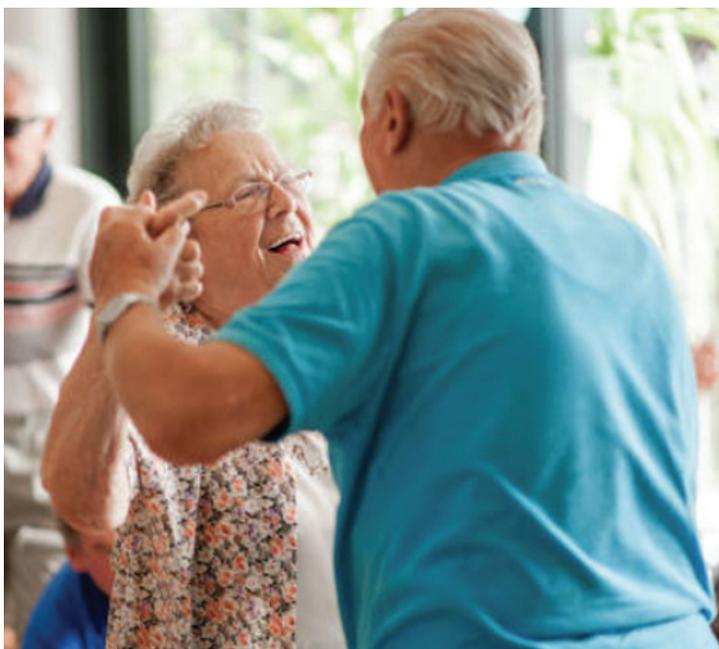
“Last year there were over 350 events throughout the country during Positive Ageing Week,” Billy O’Keeffe, Programme Manager, Age Action explains. “we are asking individuals and groups in Wicklow to organise and register an activity or event which highlights and celebrates the older people in our lives and the contribution they make to our families and our communities.”

Positive Ageing Week is divided into two strands: Community based Positive Ageing Week Events, organised

locally; Individual events organised by Age Action and other organisations working with older people.

Events can be organised by Active Retirement Groups; Nursing Homes; Community Resource Centres; Sports Partnerships; County Councils; Care Organisations; Libraries; Theatres, Galleries, Museums, Schools; Clubs, Societies and Associations for older people. In addition, businesses can support the week by offering discounts for older people.

A variety of events take place every year, such as: Computers for the Terrified; Knitting Parties; Singing for Wellbeing; Exhibitions; Performances; Rolling & Bowling Workshops; Memoir Writing Classes; Historical and Forest Walks; Excursions, Dancercise and Chair Zumba; Scrabble, Chess, Bridge and Boggle Clubs; Coffee Mornings; Afternoon Tea Dances and Ceol agus Craic Evenings, etc.



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# PET CARE



**P**ets are more than just accessories or hobbies, they are truly members of the Irish family with about 60% of households having at least one four-legged friend, furry companion or lovable creature in tow.

Pets are popular because they provide companionship, joy, unconditional love, a sense of safety, and often a service. These are probably some of the reasons families or individuals think about getting a pet in the first place.

These are also the reasons why it's important to look after your pet and make them feel loved. In addition to being fed properly and kept healthy through exercise, another crucial area that shouldn't be neglected is the hygiene of your pet, which is why grooming is so important. From grooming, to kennels, to nutritious food and toys and other accessories, there are numerous ways to take proper care of you're your pet and make sure they're healthy and happy.

Once you have cho-



sen your pet and settled him/her in, you will be amazed at the positive impact and joy they can bring, and it's equally important to bring joy to

your pet by keeping them groomed. Grooming is not just important to your pet's quality of life, happiness and hygiene, but is also

key to their physical health.

Making sure your pet receives the right kind of care by providing proper grooming for

your beloved animal with a fully qualified, fully licensed groomer, is one way to keep your pet happy and healthy. Leaving an animal uncomfortable with matted fur and overgrown nails, is not how a pet should be treated and a quick swing to a professional groomer can have your cat or dog happy, healthy and looking its best.

There are many benefits to grooming your dog, and it's not something that should be put off until later in your dog's life. Introducing them to grooming when they're still puppies (from about three weeks old) is a good idea as it allows them to get used to being groomed - particularly where nail clipping and ear cleaning is concerned, as dogs often find having their ears cleaned and nails clipped unpleasant experiences. It's also for this reason that it should be left to a professional.

Whether your dog has a long or short coat of fur, brushing is very important, regardless of what breed the dog happens to be. There is no avoiding the fact that dogs can get very dirty in their day-to-day lives, and their coats can often get dirty, but like us, dead hair and dandruff can also affect dogs.

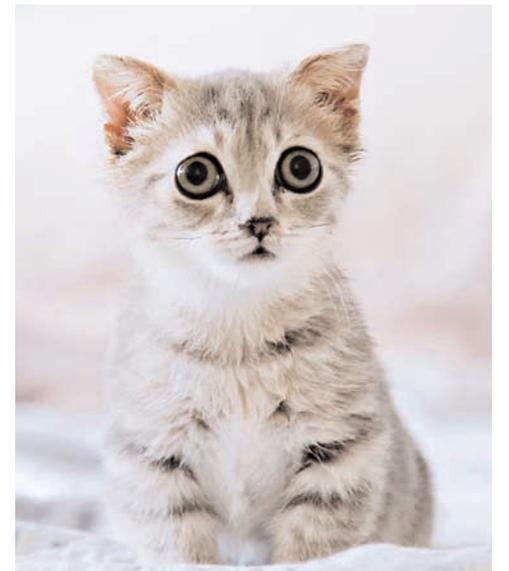
By having your dog brushed regularly, it also helps to release the natural oils in its fur and keep its coat clean with a healthy shine. It is also important to keep in mind that if your pet's coat is not brushed regularly, grease can build up which can result in cysts as pores become blocked. If your dog has a particularly long coat of fur, then brushing becomes even more important as loose hair becomes matted - forming clumps which can pull the skin down and cause soreness and other skin problems. Fur can also build up in your pet's paw pads, and this can lead to discomfort also as the fur becomes hardened with dirt.



Grooming is not always about keeping your cat or dog clean, however. Having your pet groomed regularly also means that it is regularly checked for more serious problems such as skin abnormalities, ticks and fleas, as well as infections of the eyes or ears, and issues regarding their teeth and nails or claws. If detected early, these issues can be dealt with relatively easily, but if left untreated for a certain length of time they can become very serious problems.

While many pets with shorter coats of fur can sometimes be groomed at home, getting your pet a professional cut is often a better option as salons have the equipment and expertise to do a better job. Professional groomers will have more knowledge about your dog's breed and can give it a more balanced haircut, tailoring the cut for that specific breed so that your dog can look his/her best.

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# Autumn Gardens

**The Autumn is a good time to get back to work on the garden and to begin general maintenance on the lawn, along with tidying borders and containers so they will be ready for planting spring flowering subjects. Also a number of vegetable and flower seeds can now be sown outside and inside.**



**Fruit**  
• For raising new blackberry plants, bury tips into the soil of any shoots that have developed this year, as they will quickly form roots and new shoots will develop next spring. Once this has happened the new plants can be separated and planted where you plan to grow them.

• Try to avoid wasp damage to early fruiting apples by hanging wasp traps in the branches of the trees.  
• Pick fruit from these early ripening varieties as soon as they are sweet enough to eat as they don't keep.  
• All shoots that have carried peaches should be pruned so that newly formed ones can be tied

to ones formed this year and these will flower next spring.  
• Crops of raspberries, blackberries and other autumn-fruiting varieties should be covered with netting to keep birds away. However, the netting should be checked daily making sure no birds or any other animals are trapped.

**Flowers**

• Once the summer bedding plants have been removed, plant spring flowering plants such as bellis (daisy), pansy, polyanthus, primrose and wallflowers along with spring flowering bulbs.  
• It is a little early to plant tulip bulbs which should be left until November to avoid

attacks of Tulip Fire. This disease causes scorched areas on the leaves and spotting on the flowers.

• The following hardy annuals can be sown outdoors - calendula, cheiranthus, godetia, larkspur, nigella and poppy.  
• Wild flowers that can be sown direct outdoors are field scabious, field cornflower and feverfew.  
• In the greenhouse sow cyclamen, pelargonium, schizanthus and streptolizia.

• Sow in a cold frame the wild flowers primrose and cowslip.

• Sweet peas can be sown in a cold frame or unheated greenhouse to over-winter, the young plants can then be planted out in March/April to obtain early blooms.  
• It is now a good time to begin watering dormant cyclamen pot plants which were left to die down for a rest.

• When rose blooms have faded a last dead-heading of roses can be done, and taller stems may be slightly shortened so that movement from wind can be reduced.  
• During the early part of this month stem cuttings may be taken. Cut a length of stem, remove the soft tip just above a leaf joint, cutting below a joint at the base removing all but the top three leaves. Place directly into the soil approximately 30cm (12") to about half its length somewhere in the garden where they can remain to root and develop for about a year.

**Bulbs**

• Gladioli are still giving enjoyable displays in the garden but it might be nice to cut a few spikes for indoors.  
• Should thrips be causing a nuisance spray

with Bug Clear. Once flowering has finished, the corms may be lifted, cleaned and carefully stored for planting out again next spring.

• So that dahlia stems do not break in the wind tie them to supports such as canes.  
• Remove any dead-heads and cut some flowers for a nice display indoors.  
• When lily bulbs become available they can be planted as soon as you want.

**Bedding and Hanging Baskets**

• To make sure displays last well into autumn remember to still give them a little attention.  
• Water regularly, daily if possible, keep pests under control and, of course, remove any fading blooms.  
• Pot any of the tender plants you may wish to save for next year so that they are allowed to become established in readiness for being placed under cover when the weather starts getting cooler.

**Lawns**

• September is an ideal time to sow a new lawn or make repairs to an existing lawn.  
• Grass growth is slowing, therefore, reduce the frequency of mowing.  
• Keep the lawn clear of fallen dead leaves and thatching quickly and easily by using a lawn scarifier or a suitable lawn rake.  
• General maintenance should be carried out to established lawns, aerate by spiking with an aerator or fork, apply a top dressing and towards the end of the month apply an autumn fertiliser.

**Vegetables**

• Plant onion sets of an over-wintering variety from the middle of the month.  
• Sow winter lettuce Valdor and Winter Density  
• A few cut-and-come again salad varieties could be planted in pots for tasty leaves in the autumn.  
• Lift maincrop potatoes and allow to dry prior to storing in wooden trays in a dark, cool, frost-free shed or garage.  
• Transplant spring cabbage into their final

positions.

• For a supply of herbs during the winter, pot up plants of basil, marjoram, mint, oregano and parsley and grow them on the kitchen windowsill.

• Crops should be picked regularly ensuring they are always fresh and tender, and items such as courgettes and beans shouldn't be left too long prior to picking.  
• Tomatoes and chillies in greenhouses should still be watered during late summer.  
• Celery plants reaching required size can be lifted carefully with a hand fork.

**Ponds**

• Pond debris, particularly if the weather has been windy should be removed by using a net, rake or pond vac.  
• It is important that any dead or dying plant matter is removed immediately so it is not allowed to fall into the water, as this can lower the oxygen content and may also harbour diseases.  
• To catch falling leaves secure a net over the pond.  
• Filters and pumps

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Located in Dublin, they are on Facebook as David Kerrigan - their business page is DK Garden & Landscaping. They are also on Instagram, Twitter, and adverts.ie. They have a very big customer base around Dublin and the neighbouring counties.

"Let's make you garden beautiful together," they say.

should be kept going, remembering to check them regularly to see if they need cleaning.  
• It may prove worthwhile to siphon off around a quarter of the water in the pond replacing with fresh if your fish stocks are high.  
• To build up fish strength in preparation for the winter give them a high-protein feed.

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Therese Scanlon and Annick Garnier at Annick's art exhibition in the Brockagh Centre, Laragh

## Award-winning documentary film to be screened in October

A documentary written, directed and produced by Arklow man Dave Thomas will be screened at the Dublin International Short Film and Music Festival 4th October.

The documentary, called '1 Billion', has a theme of 'disability' but a strong message of 'ability'.

It is Dave's directorial documentary debut and shows how people with a disability can achieve so much with the odds stacked against them - from discriminatory legislation to ignorance, fear and a misconception of the abilities of those with a disability. Dave was also the cofounder of the first national arts and disability centre in Ireland.

"The inspiration for this story comes from having a physical disability myself and experiencing the difficulties of getting a job purely because Interviewers saw me as a disabled man," says Dave.

"When attending interviews, I could see the expression of disappointment and the feeling of rejection within seconds of me walking with a limp into the room. It's heart-breaking when you are young and starting out. I wanted to show the difficulties that exist for those with a disability nationally and on a global scale, highlighting that we have come a long way but we still have a long journey ahead when it comes to being recognised as equals and for the unnecessary barriers to be removed that prevent people with disabilities flourishing in society just like everyone else."

The film has been screened all over the world winning awards for Best Director, Best Documentary and Best Producer.

"I am thrilled with the film's success and excited that it will continue to be screened between now and late December in Ireland and around the world. It will finish its festival circuit this year. I am developing a feature documentary film inspired by '1 Billion'.

## Peter Moc Group with Lage Lund

The Courthouse Arts Centre welcomes the Peter Moc Group to Tinahely this month.

Peter Moc Group and Lage Lund recorded their first original album "Native Son" in New York City in 2017 and this band is touring and releasing their latest original album "Full Circle" recorded in Dublin in 2018.

It is story-telling, cinematic imagination, pure excitement, extraordinary connection and virtuosity what makes "Full Circle" stand out on a map of world music.

Lage Lund is one of the finest guitarists of his generation and one of the

most compelling jazz artists in the world today. Lund swings with great authority, displaying a staggering harmonic sophistication and a singularly fluid voice as a soloist. Since graduating from Berklee College of Music in Boston, the

Juilliard School of Music in NYC and winning Thelonious Monk International jazz Competition - Lund has performed with David Sanchez, the Maria Schneider Orchestra, Mark Turner, Seamus Blake.

Composer, arranger, musical director, educator and guitarist Peter Moc, bassist Andrew Csibi and drummer Kevin Brady have worked and recorded alongside Grammy winning artists such as Nir Felder, Brian Charette, Larry Coryell. This project is compositionally and instrumentally one of the most exciting, fearless and up-lifting experiences ready to be presented via live shows in Ireland, England, Czech Republic, USA and Japan.

Friday, 27th September, 8:30pm. €15/€13



# Try a Choir week!

Thinking of starting something new in September? Why not join a choir? Launching on Culture Night, Try a Choir week is a first in County Wicklow.

Though choirs receive members at all times throughout the year, this is the first mass 'call out for participation' coordinated by Wicklow County Arts Office as part of the range of ways it is supporting singing in the community.

The moment each year that the children go back to school seems to mark a rebirth of people's desire to connect with other people or do something new for winter. Perhaps it's the thought of the long evenings ahead, or just simply getting back that pattern and rhythm that goes along with term time.

Wicklow has a fantastic array of choirs in almost every corner of the county, membership is often free or for a very nominal rate. Some of the singers meet for pleasure, some for competition, some for therapeutic reasons and some simply for the joy of music. In an age where social prescribing - GP's linking people with non-medical sources of support within the community to improve physical, emotional and wellbeing - is now becoming a phenomenon in Ireland, community connection has perhaps never been more important.

Each choir has its own unique sense of community, style and colour. From gospel singing, to male voice choir and classical to barbershop there is something for everyone. The choirs are championed by hard-working and highly qualified choir leaders, who

capture a sense of spirit and energy within the groups keeping the momentum going. It's a role that cannot be underestimated as although many are paid, the additional hours spent with members in the coordination and administration of choirs and events are largely voluntary with leaders going over and above to create foster a sense of achievement, bond and skills in equal measure.

Scientific research has long established that there are significant benefits to individuals participating in singing. These can be categorised as physical, emotional and social improvements to health. It can improve posture, breathing, help with movement, sleep, memory and socialization. Overall, studies demonstrate substantial improvements in these areas for those participating in singing. So if you are looking for that activity that can connect

you back in, drag you out on a dreary winters night or return to singing, take a look at what the local choirs in Wicklow have to offer.

A full list of choirs known to us and email addresses are published below. Many choirs have websites you can look up such as serendipityacapella.net. The choirs are genuinely not just about singing - meeting people and having fun are all part of the process!

You can catch one of the choirs West Wicklow Voices for FREE in performance at St Joseph's Church Baltinglass on Culture Night, Friday September 20th at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Eventbrite check for West Wicklow Voices The French Connection.

The Choirs in Wicklow are: **Ashford ICA Ladies Choir**, Ashford, fxjkelly@gmail.com; **Avoca Valley Singers**, Avoca, norton.anthony@gmail.com;

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The Move4Parkinsons Wicklow choir

## Music Network presents Bangers and Crash Percussion Group

Mermaid Arts Centre brings you Bangers and Crash Percussion Group on Friday 4th October at 8pm. The Bangers and Crash Percussion Group is an Irish collective of percussionists (Alex Petcu, Emma King and Brian Dungan) that regularly collaborate and work together to perform in a wide range of projects.

Having a physics background can be a useful thing indeed if you are ace percussionist Alex Petcu. So the required sounds don't exist on conventional instruments? No problem, you just invent and build what you need. And that's what audiences can expect when he and fellow percussion adventurers Emma King and Brian Dungan take to the road with their kit bag of the usual suspects of the drum world, along with a fascinating array of metal, wood and string.

Three young and energetic virtuosos cook up a menu of new music (a pity Beethoven

never wrote for marimba) which will tickle tastebuds and defy expectations. Their appetite for exploring rhythmic influences from around the world - Flamenco, Afro-Cuban, Javanese gamelan - is healthy, hearty and irrepressible. Audiences can expect a programme of 20th century works by composers including Philip Glass, Steve Reich and Thierry De Mey, as well as a new Music Network Commission from Alex Petcu. (Please note: no sausages will be harmed in the making of this programme). Tickets cost €16/14 and are available from box office on 01-2724030 or at .mermaid-artscentre.ie.





**N**ow that the kids are back at school, you will may find that you have a lot more time on your hands. Now is the time to put that free time to good use and make time for you.

Now is the time to get busy with learning a new skill, improving an existing skill, taking up a new hobby or indulging in an old favourite pastime that you may not have done in a while.

Whether it's playing a round of golf, sign-

ing up to a night course, or taking up yoga or pilates, Wicklow has you covered. There's no need to let your days pass by in idleness - make time for yourself and fill your days with the things you enjoy. Treat yourself to a spa

day and relax after a busy summer keeping your little ones entertained, or entertaining yourself with something fun and exciting. On this page you will find lots of ideas for how to make time for you.



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Hollywood notes...

Music Under The Mountains

There will be music and song in Hollywood from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September as part of Music Under The Mountains. On Friday there will be an evening of music and poetry readings with Jane Clarke, Cormac Breatnach and guitarist Eamon Sweeney, in St. Kevin's Church at 8pm.

Eleanor McEvoy preforms in Church of Ireland (St Kevin's Church) on Saturday night 22nd September, and there will be workshops in the Hollywood Centre. Also on Saturday there will be music in Tutty's. On Sunday see Kevin Conneff and Ger Fitzgerald in Tutty's at 12:30pm, Andy Irvine in St. Kevin's Church at 6pm, and Tom Lemmonier & Friends in The Hollywood Inn at 8pm. For full lineup and tickets see musicunderthemountains.com

Drug Awareness Meeting

There will be a drug awareness meeting in the Hollywood Centre on Tuesday 24th September at 8pm. All parents and mentors are urged to attend this very important meeting. This event is for over 18s.

Friendship Club

The Friendship club takes place every Wednesday afternoon in the Hollywood Centre from 2.15pm to 4.15pm. New members always welcome.

Social Dance

There will be a social dance on Saturday 21st September in the Hollywood Centre, from 9pm to 12 midnight Admission is €10. Students €5. Refreshments served. Music by Tony Bird.

# Biggest-ever' National Women's Enterprise Day set for October

The Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys, T.D., has launched the biggest-ever programme of events to mark National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) on Thursday, October 17th. Local Enterprise Offices are organising 17 entrepreneurial events across the country under the theme of 'Making It Happen', funded by the Government of Ireland in partnership with Enterprise Ireland and Local Authorities.



National Women's Enterprise Day will take place on October 17th.

To mark National Women's Enterprise Day, Local Enterprise Office Wicklow is organising an event in Ballyknocken House and Cookery School in partnership with Local Enterprise Office Wicklow. Expected highlights include networking while attendees participate in a cookery class, followed by a presentation by the local NWED Ambassador for 2019, Catherine Fulvio, Day-time Emmy nominee, award winning author, noted TV chef and innovative business woman.

Figures released by Local Enterprise Offices to coincide with the launch reveal that 21, 859 female participants took part in training programmes with their LEO in 2018, an increase of 18% on 2017 figures. There was also a big increase in the number of female entrepreneurs ben-

efiting from business mentoring through their Local Enterprise Office last year - from 3,832 in 2017 up to 4,565 in 2018 (up by 19%).

On October 17th, NWED Ambassadors will be sharing their success stories at events around the country.

Vibeke Delahun, Head of Enterprise at the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow said: "The theme for this year's National Women's Enterprise Day on October 17th is 'Making It Happen' and we want to highlight all the supports that can 'make it happen' for women in Wicklow that want to start or grow their business over the next year."

She continued: "It's great to see that nearly 40% of new business owners in Ireland are women, showing that the gender gap is narrowing according to the latest Global

Entrepreneurship Monitor report\*\*. Through the 31 Local Enterprise Offices, we saw a higher take-up of supports by female entrepreneurs last year - from those that were looking to start a new business venture by themselves to those that wanted to grow an existing family business."

Minister Humphreys met nine NWED Ambassadors at the NWED programme launch, which was hosted by LEO Cavan at Hotel Kilmore. These included Vicki O' Toole of JJ O' Toole in Limerick (Ambassador for LEO Cavan event); Liz Christie of Hand-woven in Ireland in Monaghan (Ambassador for LEO Monaghan event); Kate Gaynor of The Paint Hub in Carlow (Ambassador for LEO Carlow event); Dr. Wendy Oke of TeachKloud in Cork (Ambassador for joint LEO South Cork/ Cork City/ Cork North & West/ Kerry event) and Ann McGee of MIAS Pharma in Fingal (Ambassador for joint LEO Fingal/ LEO Dublin City/ LEO DLR/ South Dublin event).

The Minister also met with Georgia Visnyei of the Art of Coffee in Leitrim (Ambassador for LEO Leitrim event); Emma-Rose Conroy of EuroStallions Ltd in Offaly (Ambassador for joint LEO Offaly, Laois, Longford and Westmeath event); Lorraine Murphy of Lorraine Murphy Coaching and Training in Meath (Ambassador for LEO Meath and Louth event) and Mary B. Walsh of Ire Wel Pallets Ltd in Wexford (Ambassador for LEO Wexford event).

Local Enterprise Offices were represented at the programme launch by Orla Martin of LEO Offaly, and Marcella Rudden of LEO Cavan. Enterprise Ireland was represented by Gillian Slattery of its HPSU Division and Local Authorities were represented by Lynda McGavigan of Cavan County Council.

For more information on National Women's Enterprise Day and to find out how to book tickets at events nationwide, go to [www.LocalEnterprise.ie/nwed](http://www.LocalEnterprise.ie/nwed) or search #NWED on social media

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lowchamber.ie or by texting your nominated business to 086 089 7702 before 5pm on Friday 20th September. Voting is very simple.

Just chose your Leading Business and state why you are nominating them.

This year, there are four award categories, and you get to decide who wins: Best Retailer; Best Eating

Establishment/ Hospitality/ Pub; Best New Business; Best Small to Medium Business. Tickets are now on sale - please book early to avoid disappointment by www.gr8events.ie/chamberball.ie or by contacting the Chamber Office on (0404) 66433.

## Bray Cualann Historical Society

Monthly indoor lectures of the Cualann Historical Society will resume at 8pm on Thursday September 19th in the Royal Hotel when James Scannell will speak on 'The 1867 Bray Head Derailment'. In this presentation James will reveal how, had the inquests into the two fatalities had been aware of the full facts as to what caused this accident, the verdicts returned might have been different. All are welcome to attend. Admission is €5.



Lisa Mellon, Melissa Flusky, Louise Kealy and Nicola Fleming at the Wicklow Hospice Foundation's 'Glen to Glen walk', a hike from Glendalough to Glenmalur

## PLANNING

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Niall Barry of Unit 5, Kilcoole Ind Estate, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow am applying for a certificate of registration (suitability of premises) of manufacturing facility. Waste Management Act 1996 Waste Management Packaging Regulations 2007. We are required to accept on these premises, free of charge, for the purpose of recovery, packaging waste arising from products, packaging or type of brand sold or otherwise supplied on these premises. The products or packaging in question need not necessarily have been purchased from Dycon Ltd

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: eugene@alphaplandesign.com) Seeks planning permission for retention of revised rear extension to previously granted extension under ref. no. 19/73 and associated works at 29 Roger Casement Park, Bray Co. Wicklow for D. Rowan. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER OF A LICENCE

APPLICANT Maxlo Distilleries Limited  
PREMISES Plucks Licensed Premises, Kilmacanogue, Bray, County Wicklow

TAKE NOTICE that Maxlo Distilleries Limited having its registered office at Plucks, Kilmacanogue, Bray, County Wicklow intends to apply to have this Honourable Court sitting at Bray District Court, Court No.2 on the 26th day of September 2019 at 10.30 a.m. for a CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER of the seven day publicans on licence attached to the premises known as Plucks situated at Kilmacanogue, Bray, County Wicklow in the Court Area and District aforesaid which said licence is currently in the name of Maxlo Distilleries Limited.

Dated this 9th day of September 2019.  
Signed:

Cullen & O'Beirne, Solicitors for the Applicant,  
Suite 9, Mill Road, Greystones, County Wicklow

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TO: The District Court Clerk  
The Courthouse,  
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### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Gerry Hynes Architect MRAl, on behalf of Paul Cullinan, applies for planning permission for a wastewater treatment unit and 50 linear meter soil polishing filter in accordance with EPA 2009 at Killaderrig House, Killoughter, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: eugene@alphaplandesign.com) Seeks planning permission for a dwelling, with connection to services, entrance and associated works at Monument Lane, Arklow, Co. Wicklow for C. Bolger. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I John Murphy intend to apply for permission for the construction of a new dwelling, domestic garage, wastewater treatment unit & polishing filter, new well, new entrance and lane onto public road and associate works at Ballard, Laragh, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

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