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'10 MORE YEARS OF HELL'

The hellish traffic gridlock being suffered by County Wicklow commuters on the N11 is due to continue for another 10 years at least according to Independent councillor, Joe Behan.

"This news will shock the tens of thousands of commuters and commercial drivers trapped daily in their cars, trucks and vans. I have been told recently at a Roads Committee meeting of Wicklow County Council that any major works on the M11 N11 road between Bray and Ashford will not begin before 2027.

"The recent wet weather resulting in dreadful delays all along the N11, M11 and M50 has caused enormous hardship for many people.

"The sheer economic cost of the lost hours of working time as well as the cost to families of long absences of parents from home every day and evening is now unbearable. It is not acceptable that this Government is moving so slowly on this major infrastructural disaster.

"Although a second round of public consultation on possible routes for an upgraded M11 scheme takes place in the Glenview Hotel on Tuesday 12th November, this is only the second step in the

process. I have been informed that a number of controversial routes will be unveiled on Tuesday and one of these includes a new road to the east of Kilmacanogue which has already been voted down by Councillors in the past. This proposal would see a road over the Little Sugarloaf joining up with the Southern Cross.

"There are also hints that a third lane on the M11 will be a bus lane. While this is a possible solution for some people, the lack of a



Pictured at the gala event in the Esplanade Hotel in Bray to celebrate 40 years of Ardmore Rovers were Pearl, Ciaran and Leon O'Connor. See more on page 15. Pic: Joe Keogh

proper bus service along the M11 corridor will not encourage motorists out of their cars.

"I strongly believe that one essential element of the solution should be an extension of the Luas service to Fassaroe with a huge park and ride facility to allow County Wicklow commuters speedy access to the Green Luas line. A public transport hub at Fassaroe could also deliver access to the Dart in Bray as well as bus connections to other parts of South County Dublin.

"We also need to demand that extra rail and dart capacity is added to the Dublin Wexford line as a matter of urgency. It is essential that we all work together to force the Government to deliver

these solutions urgently. The people of County Wicklow must not be kept waiting for another 10 years."

The Council stated last week that the public consultation event tonight (Tuesday 12th November) is "to inform all interested parties of the route options which have been developed and considered to date to address the problems identified with the existing route, the constraints identified with the route options and the proposed programme to advance the project.

"Public consultation is an important part of advancing the design process and allows for public involvement in the development of the Emerging Preferred Route Option.

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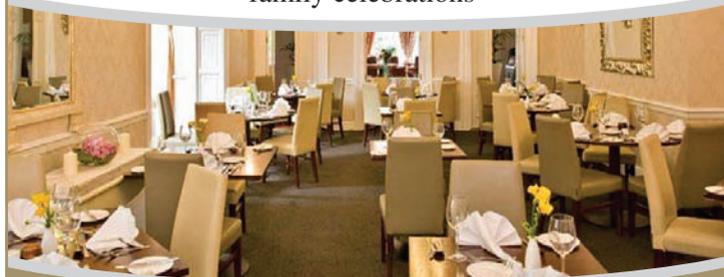
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Naomi Roche, Natalie Byrne, Daniel Wilson, and Sinead King are pictured at the Community Craft Gathering event in Nick's Coffee, Wicklow Town

Book of Condolence opened for Gay Byrne

Following the passing of Gay Byrne, Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre have set up a book of condolence.

The book is available for signing until Saturday 16th November should you wish to pay your respects. Mermaid is open from 11am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

"Our thoughts are with the Byrne family during this time and Gay will be in our hearts and memories forever," the Mermaid said.

Afternoon Tea Dance

A pre-Christmas afternoon tea dance, hosted by Laragh Active Retirement, will take place in the Brockagh Centre from 3 to 6 pm on Sunday 17th November.

Music will be by the Wicklow Man. All are welcome but groups must book in advance by calling the Centre on 0404-45600. There will be a small charge to cover refreshments. Donations of unwanted gifts to use as raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Carysfort Craft Fair

Carysfort National School, Arklow will host their annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday the 7th December from 10am to 4pm.

This event has been running for a number of years and this year there will be 30 stalls.

You can find a host of local stall holders taking part with everything from arts and crafts to seasonal giftware and toys. Santa will arrive at his grotto at 12.30pm. For more information please see the Carysfort Christmas Craft Fair page on Facebook.

West Wicklow Historical Society Talk

On Wednesday 20th November at 8pm, Ida Milne will give a lecture on The 1918-1919 Influenza Pandemic. The pandemic, often called the 'Spanish Flu', killed millions of people worldwide, and 23,000 in Ireland alone.

Its impact on Ireland was the subject of Ida's book, *Stacking the Coffins: Influenza, War and Revolution in Ireland, 1918-19*, published last year. Dr. Milne is European History lecturer at Carlow College, St. Patrick's.

Venue: Timmins's Bar (upstairs), Weavers' Square, Baltinglass. Cover charge: €5 - includes tea / coffee.

Roundwood Historical Journal

The Roundwood & District Historical & Folklore Society (RDHFS) launched its 2019 Journal on Saturday 9th November in Roundwood Parish Hall.

The Journal was launched by Christian Corlett, archaeologist, historian and author. The RDHFS says that "Our annually produced Journal aims to give the reader a deeper insight to the local history, heritage and traditions of Roundwood. Whether you are a local or a visitor to the area, we hope that our Journal may help you to appreciate and cherish more our wonderful local heritage. Indeed, if you are an exile reading it in foreign places, our Journal may even bring you close to home."

Enniskerry Historical Society

The next meeting of the Enniskerry Historical Society will be held on Thursday November 14th at The Powerscourt Arms Hotel at 8:30pm. The speaker for the lecture will be Rob Goodbody, who will speak on the topic of 'Cherrywood Through Time'. All are welcome. For further information please call Enniskerry Historical Society President John Callan on 2867853.

Giving a voice to imprisoned writers

Local writer and former Minister, Liz McManus and musician Cormac Breatnach are participating in a unique event entitled 'Imprisoned Writers - A Hearing'.

The words of writers serving out their sentences in prison cells throughout the world will be heard on the 14th November at Poetry Ireland when a group of Irish writers come together to give voice to their imprisoned colleagues.

This special evening of poetry and music, entitled *Imprisoned Voices - A Hearing*, has been organised by the Freedom to Write Campaign (Ireland) to mark the Day of the Imprisoned Writer.

"This event will highlight the plight of writers worldwide who are

oppressed and imprisoned in violation of their right to express themselves," said Liz McManus. "We are fortunate to live in a country where the freedom to write is taken for granted but we want to remember those who do not enjoy that freedom and for one evening at least, to give them a voice."

"We hope that people come along to support this fundamental right."

Irish poets, Celia de Fréine, Colm Keegan, Chris Murray and Maria

McManus will read the poetry of Galal el-Behairy (Egypt),

Chimengul Awut (China), Dawit Isaac (Eritrea) and Nedim Türfent (Turkey). They will also read from their own collections - and writers June Considine, Catherine Dunne, Kate Ennals, Anthony Glavin, Liz McManus and Lia Mills will add their voices to the stories of the evening.

Eamonn Sweeney and Cormac Breatnach will be performing on classical guitar and flute.

The starting time is 6:30pm and admission is free. All are welcome to un-silence the silenced and pay tribute to those who risk their lives to

write about injustice. The Freedom to Write Campaign (Ireland) is an independent group of writers who work to promote Freedom of Expression by raising public awareness about the plight of writers at risk or in prison, or who have been murdered because of their writing.

Imprisoned Voices - A Hearing has been organised in conjunction with Irish PEN and Poetry Ireland. Venue: Poetry Ireland, 11 Parnell Square E, Rotunda, Dublin 1. Date 14th November 2019. Go online to www.poetryireland.ie.

Anam Cara Parents Evening

Anam Cara Wicklow, will host a parent support evening in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy at 7.20pm on the 18th November.

Sadly, over 2,000 families will have lost a child this year and will face many firsts without them, including their first Christmas.

During the Anam Cara Parent evening mothers and fathers can avail of the support and comfort from other bereaved parents who understand the intense grief, pain and devastation after the death of a precious child. Anam Cara will provide a safe and comfortable space for you remember your child with other bereaved parents.

One bereaved mum recently commented "When I met other parents the sheer isolation lifted. For the first time I understood that what I was experiencing was normal". This Event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age of your child or circumstances of their death.

Bereaved parents can also visit the website www.anamcara.ie, where in their own time they can watch short videos with testimonies from bereaved parents and couples who have attended Anam Cara events.

Autumn drama in Delgany

Delgany Dramatic Society are presenting two One Act Plays in the Old Schoolhouse, Delgany, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 21st, 22nd and 23rd November at 8pm.

"Before Dawn" by Terence Rattigan, a very funny re-telling of Sardou's play, set in 1800, and Puccini's opera, "Tosca" (although not written for one hundred years) with the villainous Baron Scarpia endeavouring to seduce the proud Diva and the Captain of the Guard, Schiarrone, confused regarding arrangements for the execution of her lover: both with disastrous results. Directed by Peter Harrison.

The second play is a modern bawdy parody of an Agatha Christie murder mystery, "Whodidit?" by Neil Harrison. Ridiculous yet recognisable characters are thrown into chaos in a country house, as an innuendo-obsessed Inspector struggles to uncover the identity of the killer. Directed by Pat Dunne. Raffle and Wine Reception after the show. Tickets are €12 and €10 (concessions available at the Door or from Box Office). Phone 086 830 7644.



Members of the Crois Dearg Drama Group make a donation of €1,000 to Denis Sherlock of Pieta House from proceeds from their latest production 'Windows Paradise' at Glenealy Hall

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COST IMPLICATIONS OF WHITESTOWN ILLEGAL DUMP ARE STAGGERING

Independent councillors Joe Behan and Tom Fortune questioned the Council's Chief Executive last week about the recent decision by the Court of Appeal regarding the illegal dump at Whitestown. The councillors raised the matter during a discussion about the Monthly Manager's Report.

The Court of Appeal upheld an order allowing Wicklow County Council three years to remediate the site of the illegal dump near Baltinglass but was highly critical of the Council in how it handled the matter and in particular how it 'botched' a previous remediation process. It also stated that the council was a major dumper in this illegal site. It also ruled that the council would have to pay the majority of the long running High Court case under 'The polluter Pays' principle. It is estimated that the clean up costs will be in excess of 100 million and the cost of the court cases, several million.

"What I read in the newspapers doesn't really reflect what is in this Manager's Report," said Cllr Behan.

"To read this Chief Executive's report, one might almost think we won some kind of aspect of this case as a council. I don't think we did. The

judge was quite critical of Wicklow County Council's involvement with the saga. I would like to know where does the council stand in relation to the financing of the clean-up? And the cost that will be attached to the council as a result of what has happened here?"

Cllr Fortune also questioned the Chief Executive about Whitestown, seeking clarity about the Budget implications resulting from the Court's decision; the implications of the three-year timeline, and the cost of the remediation.

Cllr Fortune said "There was some remedial work done in the past that cost a lot of money. That money now is wasted because what was done is now a part of the existing contamination. What legal fees have been paid and what legal fees are still due? And what is the amount of them and what is the budget implications for that? It would be good

if the findings of the Supreme Court could be circulated to us, because it is a matter of public record now. And, what about the accountability around all of this? Are the Gardai going to be involved? This could have serious budget implications for us, and we need to get clarity on it and also, we need to know, how it is going to be made accountable?"

In response, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council Frank Curran said "the appeal by the owners of the site (Brownfield Restoration Ireland Ltd) was in relation to two issues; one was the timeline regarding the remediation works to be complete. The Court of Appeal ruled the three-year timeline were necessary and appropriate, and didn't make any change to that. The second one was in relation to costs, and the Court of Appeal did make some changes in relation to costs.

"The Court of Appeal

ruled expectantly in favour of the council. There's a lot of work going on and consultants have been appointed and have completed the geographical survey, river sampling, groundwater survey, and full-site investigation. The remediation plan and environmental assessment are due to be completed in May of next year, and at that point in time we'll know what needs to be done in terms of remediation. We don't know until then.

"Regarding the costs involved, we will be talking to the department about that. They've covered the consultant costs to date, which is 250K. They have it identified for the Capital plan, but we can't discuss it until we have the remediation plan and have agreed it with the owners of the site and possibly the High Court will be signing off on that, so we're working our way through that at the moment."



Peter, Ciss, and Jeanette Foley from Knockananna at the annual Armistice Day commemoration in Woodenbridge World War One Memorial Park

'Horrendous action on a defenceless family pet'

Owners of a dog who was tortured to death in Blessington last week are offering a reward for information about who might have carried out the horrific attack.

Buddy was stolen from a garden in Weavers Square in Blessington on the evening of Monday October 28th. He was then kicked, beaten, had his tail ripped off and was dumped on the roadside opposite O'Reilly's garage. Passers-by found Buddy and although he was taken to the Vet's Clinic, Buddy sadly died later that night.

Buddy's distraught owners are now seeking information about what they called 'a horrendous act on a defenceless family pet'.

Gardai are also investigating the attack and anybody with information can contact Baltinglass Garda Station on 059 6482610. It is thought that CCTV is being examined in an attempt to identify the culprit.

Comments online indicated that a dark red Audi with writing in the sun visor area is being sought in connection with the incident, to exclude from enquiries.

A reward is being offered for genuine information leading to the identification of the people responsible. If you can help, contact 085 1466456 after 6pm.

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Sarah Timmins, daughter of former Wicklow Fine Gael TD Billy Timmins, is pictured with Fianna Fail Leader Micheal Martin at her recent graduation in UCC with a First Class B.A. Degree in Communications. Deputy Martin's daughter also graduated from the same course on the day.

Glenealy's Lena helps hockey team make history

Lena Tice from Glenealy was part of the Irish Hockey Team that made history last week by beating Canada to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the first Irish Women's Hockey team ever to do so.

Ireland were the more dominant on night one of the double header and threatened from the start, with the opening chance of the game coming from Anna O'Flanagan, unfortunately going wide. Canada came back with penalty corner at 7 minutes. McFerran saved and a scramble ensued, with Mullan pushing the rebound out of the circle to be taken back up the pitch. Hawkshaw was solid up near Canada circle, with Tice strong in defence later in Q1 when Canada threaten 13 minutes in.

The sides remained level in the first quarter with neither team adding to the score board.

Canada appeared to have more chances throughout the second quarter, however none prevailed. A bounce over Mullan's stick skimmed the back of it before she circled it expertly around her opponent and found a Canadian foot. The awarding penalty corner awarded to

Ireland was overturned by the video umpire for a back-stick.

Canada failed to convert a huge chance in the third quarter to put themselves on the scoreboard. A penalty corner for Ireland failed to convert in the final quarter, and the game finished level. A penalty shoot-out was to decide the fate of both teams.

The shoot-out saw Ireland down 3-1 at one point. However, the team held their nerve with Bethany Barr bringing them back up to 3-2 down. Chloe Watkins brought the equaliser and Canada's Johnston was denied by McFerran, taking them to sudden death.

The packed house in Energia Park held its breath. Roisin Upton slipped by Williams and put the ball across the line for Ireland, surviving a video referral. Woodcroft failed to take her shot before the 8 seconds were up, and Ireland secured their ticket to Tokyo.

€2.7m for restoration and redevelopment of Baltinglass Courthouse

Some €2,675,226 has been allocated under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for the new library and heritage hub for Baltinglass.

Cllr Edward Timmins said "It is a great news announcement today for Baltinglass with €2.7m Government funding to implement previously agreed parking plan for the town including pedestrian crossings, upgrade of town park and upgrade of courthouse as a workspace hub.

"I commend the people in the area who have promoted these projects and worked to see it reach this stage. I commend the Wicklow County Council staff who put together the application and consulted with myself and stakeholders in finalising the content. We must all work together now to spend this funding wisely and maximise its value."

Minister Simon Harris

congratulated the project team in Wicklow County Council on their successful application.

He said "This project is a great boost to the Baltinglass and the wider West Wicklow community. The Baltinglass Courthouse redevelopment will include a new library and heritage hub. In addition to the restoration of the Courthouse there will be considerable improvements to the streetscape, with public realm improvements and the old library will be converted into a Digihub.

"The regeneration of these key sites will greatly enhance the centre of Baltinglass with the knock on effect of greater footfall in the town centre to the benefit of local

businesses and the community"

Minister Andrew Doyle said: "This funding will deliver significant benefits for those living in our towns and villages in Wicklow. This project will restore and redevelop Baltinglass Courthouse for use as a new library and heritage hub and convert the old library into a Digihub, as well as deliver significant public realm improvements. The regeneration of these key sites and the improved townscape will deliver greater activity in the town centre.

"The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund was established under Project Ireland 2040 to deliver the targeted investment necessary to ensure that rural Ireland continues

to grow and prosper and deliver on the balanced regional growth that is in everyone's interests.

"I believe that it is vital that we continue to build resilience in rural communities and make our towns and villages vibrant places for families to live. The projects that this Fund supports are targeting areas where they can have the greatest economic and social impact and will help support communities in facing the uncertainty still posed by Brexit."

Stephen Donnelly TD commented "Baltinglass has been crying out for this kind of investment for years. It's good to see that the Government is finally listening to us. Funding like this will mean that the town can start to future-

proof itself. It's crucial that it keeps up with technological advancements and the Digihub will do exactly that. The heritage centre is also vital if Baltinglass wants to make the most of its tourist potential which will pay dividends in terms of local jobs and employment."

Billy Timmins, General Election Candidate for Fine Gael, and former TD, said the allocation for Rural Regeneration from the Department of Rural Affairs and Wicklow County Council for Baltinglass is most welcome. "Many people have worked on developing this project over the last number of years and hopefully the work which will take 2-3 years will greatly enhance the area."

BIFE chefs to take on the world's best

The last weekend in November sees BIFE teacher and chef Martin Potts and former BIFE student Radu Borda take on the world's best in the 'Soria Winter Truffle World Championship' in Soria, Spain. Martin Potts, course co-ordinator of Culinary Arts at Bray Institute of Further Education and Radu Borda, his student for the past two years are representing Ireland in this very prestigious event in front of a worldwide audience.

The competition which has 10 finalists from all corners of the globe pitches finalists against each other in a battle to be crowned World Truffle Champion. Finalists must prepare 11 portions of their dish for the judging panel in 3 hours on the first day and then the top five will be asked to return the following day when they are given 3 hours and a mystery box of food to once again prepare 11 portions of a dish with the winner crowned World Champion.

Entries from no fewer than 29 countries were received in the initial stage of the competition and then the judges whittled these down to the final 10. Martin and Radu will be facing off against teams from Spain, Italy, USA, UAE, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, England and South Africa in the battle of the little black fungi.

The judging panel is no ordinary bunch of officialdom either with no less than 12 Michelin stars including the best female chef of the world for 2018 in Elena Arzak from Arzaks in San Sebastian (3 stars), Oriol

Castro Forns formerly of Ebuili fame and now at Disfrutar (2 stars) and Portuguese wonder chef Ricardo Costa (2 stars), to name but a few.

The dish 'Black Gold' is a rich blend of Irish

and Spanish cultures mixing the best of the two worlds. The Burnt Onion, Guinness and Truffle consommé with roasted onion puree, Guinness

and truffle gel, torched shallot cones, fresh Soria

truffle and micro leeks is sure to get even the best taste buds drooling.

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Pictured above: Eugene Murray, Marie Kindlon, Evanne Cahill, Miriam McGrath and Dr. Brendan Cuddihy at the Wicklow Hospice dinner dance in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy.

January opening for new Wicklow Hospice

Minister for Health and Wicklow Fine Gael TD Simon Harris announced at the Wicklow Hospice Foundation dinner on Friday November 1st that the brand new Wicklow Hospice will officially open in January.

Minister Harris said "The hospice is now built thanks to the incredible work of the community and an amazing group of people who have worked so hard.

"I am delighted to confirm I have secured the funding for the running costs of the hospice from my Department. This means they can now commence hiring staff, fitting out the building and preparing to open. The new Wicklow Hospice will open to patients in January.

"The new Wicklow Hospice is part of the ongoing programme by the government of expansion of palliative care services across the country.

"The community's fundraising for the Hospice is an inspiration to the wider community and I would like to again extend my heartfelt praise and congratulations to all who worked so hard".

'I will not allow St. Joseph's to close' says Harris

Ireland's largest dementia-specific nursing home, St. Joseph's Shankill, announced last week that it is facing closure due to a lack of funding.

Minister for Health Simon Harris told the Dail last week he would not allow this vital service to end. "The doors are not going to close. I know these letters have caused significant anxiety for patients and their families. I know St. Joseph's very well. It is a superb facility with incredible staff. I know many of the residents and families personally. There are two parts to it. A day care part of it is funded by the HSE. The HSE is intensively engaging to try agree additional funding for that to keep it open.

"And the second part is the price relating to the residential section, this is negotiated through the NTPF. This facility will not close."

Minister Harris will meet with the HSE over coming days to discuss matters.

The management of St. Joseph's in Shankill made the announcement last week, stating that it will be forced to cease its vital day-care service facility from next January, and gradually wind down the entire facility unless proper public funding is forthcoming for 2020.

Saint Joseph's Shankill is home to 60 people living with dementia and provides two respite beds and an additional 120 day care places per week but has been operating at a significant and unsustainable deficit for over seven years. Management have been speaking with its 100 staff and with families of its service users about the current funding crisis facing the organisation.

Saint Joseph's Shankill is a private not-for-profit nursing home that is owned and managed by Saint John of God Hospital. Hospital Management and Board members have been engaging with the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) and the Department of Health in recent months on the need for a significant increase to both inpatient and day-care reimbursement payments.

Saint John of God Hospital has been covering the €7m financial shortfall in Saint Joseph's from its own resources since 2012. This has

mainly arisen due to essential capital investment for the upgrading of facilities and increased staffing ratios in line with HIQA's regulatory requirements. A further subvention of €1.2m will be required to offset the 2019 deficit. The Hospital says this is not a sustainable or fair way to fund such important services for people living with dementia.

Speaking about the financial crisis, Chief Executive, Emma Balmaine, said "People living with dementia have very different needs to elderly people living in

regretfully consider winding down our service, which would be devastating for the people who live here, and their families who depend on this vitally important service, as well as our highly dedicated staff and volunteers. We dearly hope it won't come to this but we are now obliged to make our service users staff and volunteers aware of the very challenging financial scenario we all now face," concluded Ms Balmaine.

Social Democrat's Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore has urged the HSE to immediately meet with St. Joseph's management to

June warning about the dire financial crisis the home's facing and three months later I got a reply telling me it wasn't the HSE's problem.

"The Government is refusing to take responsibility for the problem and is trying to pass the buck while citing a report on the Fair Deal scheme, which will apparently decide whether funding rates are appropriate. That report has been delayed by two years and in the meantime the threat of closure hangs over St Joseph's.

"The care, compassion and clinical expertise that patients are given in St Joseph's cannot be overstated. Make no mistake, closing it would be disastrous, not just for the vulnerable residents, but it would also have a terrible knock-on effect for families who will have to deal with the stress and worry of finding somewhere new for their loved ones. The Minister needs to ask himself if he wants to force more people to leave their jobs and become full-time carers for abandoned family members?"

Sinn Féin TD John Brady called on the Minister for Health Simon Harris to intervene to ensure that St. Joseph's Shankill is not closed due to a lack of funding. Deputy Brady said "The threatened closure of St. Joseph's in Shankill has come as a great shock to residents, users of the day-care facility, families and staff, many of whom are from Wicklow. It is a desperate situation for residents, for users of the day-care service and for families who depend on St. Joseph's for both. We are talking about dementia patients who call St. Joseph's home. It is the place that they feel safe, cared for and looked after. It is the place that they are familiar with.

"I am calling on Minister Simon Harris to intervene immediately and to request that the necessary funding specifically for the continuation of day-care and residential services is maintained and protected to give certainty to some of the most vulnerable citizens in the State."

"We cannot underestimate the positive difference a model service like St. Joseph's can have on someone suffering from dementia, and on their families"

care facilities without dementia. We deliver intensive person-centred, dementia-specific care every day to the 60 people that live in one of the six in-house lodges in Saint Joseph's and to the people who utilise our 120 day care places and 2 respite beds each week. Dementia care is an end-of life palliative process and we simply cannot continue to offer this specialist long-term care based on the current funding model applied by the NTPF and the HSE. We are paid at considerably lower rates than equivalent public facilities and no account is taken of the added costs associated with meeting the high-dependency needs of the people we care for.

"Most resident places in Saint Joseph's are funded through the Fair Deal (NTPF rate) but the rate is insufficient as it does not take account of the dementia-specific and palliative care needs of these residents who have a terminal diagnosis. Added to that, the day-care rate which is set by HSE has not been increased since 2006 and just last month we were informed that there is still no funding available, despite our warning of potential cessation of the service.

"Saint Joseph's Shankill has endured such significant shortfalls since 2012 that we are now at a stage where we must very

find a resolution to the current funding impasse.

Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore says "the facility is a vital resource for communities in Wicklow and, having personally experienced a loved one suffering from dementia, I understand the anxiety and uncertainty facing the service users and their families upon listening to this news.

"St. Joseph's facility in Shankill is a best practice model we should be striving for in the area of dementia care provision not just for Wicklow but across Ireland. It would be an utter shame to see this centre close down and for funding concerns not to be addressed. Instead, we should be funding more of these kinds of services.

"We cannot underestimate the positive difference a model service like St. Joseph's can have on someone suffering from dementia, and on their families. An individual with dementia receiving specific-needs care and support as provided for in St. Joseph's can radically improve their circumstances and brings incredible relief to their loved ones as a result."

Fianna Fail Health Spokesperson Stephen Donnelly said that the most vulnerable people are being "abandoned" by a lack of investment.

Deputy Donnelly explained, "I wrote to Minister Daly back in



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Delay for Arklow Primary Health Centre

The development of the planned Arklow Primary Health Centre has been further delayed, as the HSE has confirmed that the purchasers of the site have submitted a new planning application.

Planning was granted for the Arklow Primary Health Centre in January of this year, however the HSE confirmed to John Brady TD that a review of the existing building design and planning conditions is underway with the purchaser, and a new planning application to amend the existing grant of permission for the centre was lodged on 1st November.

Minister for Health Simon Harris told *Wicklow Times* "I am committed to establishing a primary care centre in Arklow. A letter of interest has been sent to the new provider and a revision to planning permission will be submitted in Q4 2019. The HSE are actively working to progress this centre."

Speaking after receiving the news that the Arklow Primary Health Centre is to be further delayed Deputy Brady said "Unfortunately the delivery of the badly needed Arklow Primary Health Centre is kicked down the road further. I have been informed by the HSE that a review of the existing building design and planning conditions is underway with the purchaser of the Arklow site and a new planning application has been submitted to Wicklow County Council on Friday 1st November 2019. This is despite the fact that planning permission for the centre was only granted for the centre back in January of this year.

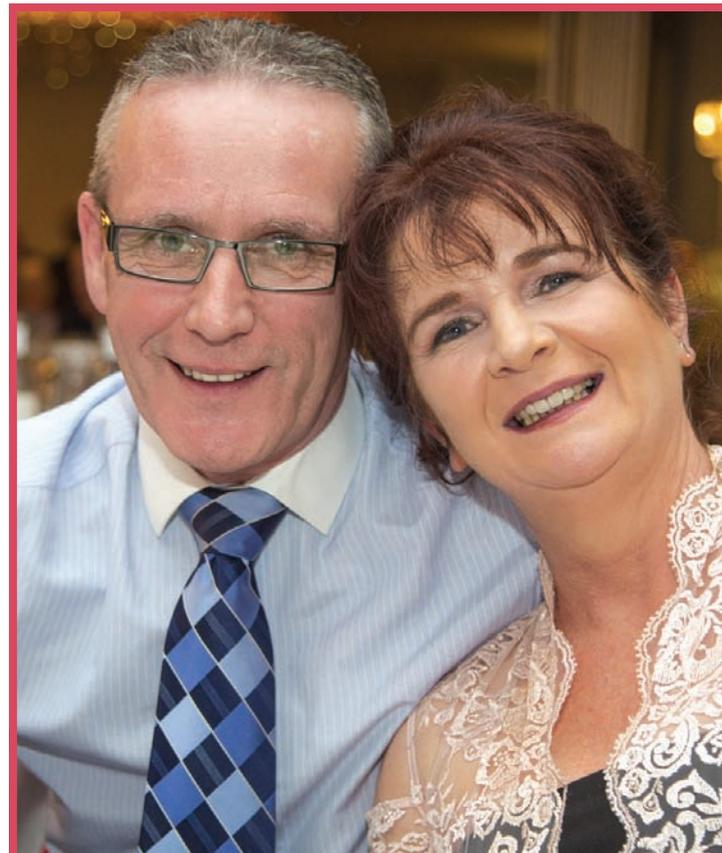
"There was complete shock in Arklow in April when it was announced that Action Health Enterprises were not going to proceed with the development of

the Primary Care Centre in the town. At the time assurances were given that there would be no delays. However here we are over a year after the original planning application was submitted to develop the 5 storey Health Centre and a new application is submitted for the Health Centre at the former Boland's Builders Providers site at Castle Park in Arklow.

"No reasons have been given why this review was needed and why they could not proceed the development of the Health Centre with the planning permission that was granted last January. I still have con-

cerns that the massive cost overruns in the development of the National Children's Hospital are the reason why these reviews are taking place and being used as a delaying tactic."

Deputy Brady concluded "The use of Public Private Partnerships has let the people of Arklow down as this process led to the first major delays on the project. The Minister for Health must now come clean and explain to the people of Arklow why the delivery of their Primary Health Care Centre has been kicked further down the road."



Aidan and Marie Kindlon at the Wicklow Hospice dinner dance in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy.

Wicklow 'not getting the funding it should'

Fine Gael councillor Edward Timmins has complained about Co. Wicklow's allocation under 2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, after County Wicklow received the least amount of funding in the country.

In total, €15 million was allocated to villages around the country under the scheme by the Department of Community & Rural Development. Despite applying for €750,000 in funding, Wicklow received a total of just over €250,000, the lowest in the country.



Cllr. Edward Timmins

Speaking at last week's meeting of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Timmins said "I think this is wrong". He complained that counties such as Carlow were consistently outscoring Wicklow in terms of Government funding. "Wicklow is not getting the funding it should," he added. "We're the lowest in the country, could we have a review of what is going on? I'm concerned Wicklow is not achieving the funding it should be getting."

Co.Carlow was allocated €400,000 under the 2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, while Wexford was allocated €691,000, Kildare €312,000, Louth €338,000, and Mayo €838,000.

Cllr John Mullen said "While I congratu-

late the towns and villages that did get grants this year, it is staggering how low down the pecking order rural Wicklow is. Smaller counties with smaller rural areas are getting far larger sums of money, so there's something not quite right here. We need to investigate what is happening with this, because there are communities in rural Wicklow that are crying out for the funding. We're getting the bare minimum of funds - that's something that needs addressing, because it is consistent at this stage, year in and year out."

Co. Wicklow's funding is to be distributed among Dunlavin (€21,000 for the creation of a walking trail along the historical route within the village of Dunlavin and local area);

Coolkenno (€24,000 for the installation of new lighting and handrails in the community field); Aughrim (€95,000 for the development and upgrade of age-friendly amenities) Redcross (€80,000 for the enhancement of the streetscape in the village); and Delgany (€29,000 for the development of a Greenway Feasibility Study and Public Realm Urban Design Plan).

Director of Services Michael Nicholson explained that "we go out at the start of the year; we meet the groups to shake the trees and get applications in. The scheme works against us slightly in that there's two categories, for towns and villages with populations 0 to 5,000 and 5,000 plus, and we have one town that qualifies for 5,000 plus so it is not ideal from the Wicklow County Council point of view. Applications that were not successful we will submit again next year and work to try to make them better than they were."

'It's absolutely mad to have an empty rail line at rush hour'

The Government recently announced that 41 new train carriages will enter service by 2021 at a cost of €150 million, to increase capacity in the Greater Dublin Area.

Speaking at last week's meeting of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Matthews said "I don't believe any of the 41 new carriages are earmarked for the Wicklow line even though there's a demand there and I think the frequency needs to be increased, especially from Wicklow Town.

Cllr Matthews asked that the Council write to the Chief Executive of the National Transport Authority (NTA), Chief Executive of Irish Rail and the Minister for Transport Shane Ross, to request that carriages be allocated to the Wicklow line.

Cllr Derek Mitchell reiterated the need for new carriages, saying "Irish Rail seem to have decided to ignore Wicklow as far as the public announcements are concerned. And that's not good enough. It seems that Irish Rail is quite content to keep the rail line south of Greystones empty at rush hour, this line is maintained at great expense to taxpayers and there are two short trains at rush hour.

"It is essential that we get some of the carriages which have been ordered for it. We do need to make quite a considerable fuss, it is absolutely daft to have an empty rail line and a full N11. I think this council should request a meeting with the Minister and with the NTA about this, it is absolutely mad to have an empty rail line at rush hour."

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"At the event, drawings of the proposed route options and known constraints will be on display. All of the information displayed will subsequently be published on the project website at www.M11n11.ie. Staff from Wicklow County Council, Kildare National Roads Office (project manager) and project consultants, ARUP, will be available on the day to answer any questions and deal with any issues or queries arising."

Speaking ahead of this week's meeting, Minister Andrew Doyle said "The N11/M11 is now and in the future, a critical piece of infrastructure for the people of Wicklow and further afield and it vitally important to ensure the investment is utilised as effectively as possible. It is crucial at this stage, to get the opinions from the community and commuters who use this road on a daily and weekly basis. It is a drop-in event and I would encourage as many people as possible to call in to the event."



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Loretta Freehill, Con Kelly, Roisin Kelly, Grace Kelly and Pat Carroll are pictured at the launch of the 2020 Wicklow Calendar in Tulfarris House, Blessington.

‘Bray Health Check’ Report prescribes traffic plan and public realm strategy

Real change in Bray will only happen when public and private sectors, institutions and small businesses, sellers and customers all align around the same goals, according to a ‘Bray Health Check’ Report prepared by Future Analytics on behalf of Wicklow County Council.

The report was issued last week after a consultation process with local organisations, business associations and community members and provides information on the performance of Bray across a variety of indicators, as well as incorporating an assessment of the town’s strengths, constraints, opportunities and threats.

As part of the consultation process, key stakeholders met in a participatory workshop. This was followed by a broader public meeting with a workshop session exploring themes under the headings of Attractions, Accessibility, Amenities and Actions. An online survey was issued and this received almost 600 responses. The main positive points about Bray that were mentioned during this process were Bray’s location, the schools, DART connection, amenities and natural beauty.

Unsurprisingly traffic topped the list of negative feedback along with high rates of commercial vacancies, social behaviour and neglect of

the Main Street. When asked to identify opportunities for Bray a number of respondents suggested development of a Greenway, the Florentine Centre, traffic management, tourism planning, and the expansion of BIFE.

The greatest need for Bray in the next 5 years was identified as tackling the traffic and congestion issue, others included the development of retail on the Main Street, improved public transport, more affordable housing and environmental sustainability.

A number of actions were suggested under different headings.

Organisation - Introduce a communication plan to proactively manage contact and encourage the development of a sustainable framework for proactive discussion among businesses and institutions.

Public Realm - Develop a public realm strategy to support regular interventions and impactful planting on a roll out basis. The strategy should address lighting, access and playgrounds.

Enhance small public spaces with pocket park projects. Focus on pedestrian links from the town to the sea front. Introduce additional pedestrian crossings on Main Street.

Traffic and Mobility - A school’s traffic plan and overall strategy is needed. Consider temporary no traffic zones. Establish safe routes to school scheme. A car free day, annually or quarterly.

Education - Support integration and development of an education campus in the town centre as an important anchor.

Retail - A retail charter and rental strategy initiative to bring together property owners and achieve balance of retail use and attract anchor tenants. A shop front partnership project. Encourage and attract independent retail and small shops.

Infrastructure - Support investment for a transport hub at train station.

Development and Social Infrastructure - Potential for age friendly housing close to the town.

Recreation and Community - Work with sports clubs to identify suitable town centre facilities.

Social infrastructure, culture and education - Examine feasibility for the potential of development of a cultural hub.

Amenity and Tourism - Develop East Coast Greenway linkage.

Economy - Support town centre business and services. Develop marketing on defining the town’s profile.

Community Integration - Appreciation of the diverse population of Bray and seek opportunities to promote inclusive programmes and initiatives.

The next step recommended by the report is the establishment of a number of task forces, each led by a Champion. The suggested task forces are Town Centre Retail, Traffic and Mobility Plan for Schools and Town Centre, Town Centre Environment. It is recommended that a three-year time limit is put on the actions in the plan.

THE SAGA OF BOG MEADOW CONCLUDES

Councillors voted last week to dispose of nine acres of land at Bog Meadow in Enniskerry to Bog Meadow Management Company. The decision means that community clubs who currently use the land will be able to apply for individual grants from their parent organisations.

The Management Company will also be able to apply for grants such as LEADER funding. The management company is comprised of nominees from each user group and wider community who will control and manage this facility. The land has been used by the community since 1977 but there were no leases in place and poor facilities.

The land is used by Enniskerry Football Club, the local schools, Enniskerry/Kilmac Community Games, Enniskerry Walking Club and Boxing Club.

There are also community tennis courts and a small all-weather pitch.

Speaking at last week’s Council meeting, Director of Services Michael Nicholson said that ‘the saga of Bog Meadow’ had been going on for a number of years. Senior Counsel advised the Council that sporting leases would not be appropriate and that a management group should be established.

Mr Nicholson described the management company as “a proper established company with a book of accounts that will man-

age the facility on behalf of the community to ensure it is used by the community and ensure no one club will get control.”

He said that “a lot of investment is needed in the area. There is talk about a playground for example, and this will allow the company itself to apply for funding for that.”

Recommending the disposal, Cllr Melanie Corrigan said “By way of lease to the Bog Meadow Management Company, this will enable the new Bog Meadow committee

made up of the user groups to maintain the grounds for all the users in the community. There are currently no common community facilities, no playground and no proper community hall, and no functional all-weather facility. Crucially this process will allow the committee, made up of the user groups to apply for national grants to develop the grounds to match the funds already raised by the community to improve the facilities and develop new ones protecting this area for all of its user groups.”

Wicklow GAA adopts Smoke Free Policy

Wicklow GAA launched its Smoke Free Policy on Saturday 2nd November in Áras an Chontae, GAA County Grounds, Aughrim at the quarter finals of the Leinster Intermediate hurling club championship. The policy covers the County grounds and the GAA’s Centre of Excellence in Ballinakill.

This initiative is collaboration between Wicklow GAA, HSE Health & Wellbeing and County Wicklow Community Partnership.

“Protecting lungs from the harm of second-hand smoke is a priority for the GAA”, said Martin Fitzgerald, Chair of Wicklow GAA County Board. “My own home club of Annacurra has been smoke free for a number of years and was the first in Wicklow GAA to do so. Everyone now knows not to smoke in the club grounds”.

Brian Carty, CEO of County Wicklow Partnership, welcomed the policy, stating that research shows that young people can easily develop an addiction to smoking by mimicking adult behaviour: “Denormalising smoking is key for young people not to start smoking in the first place” he said.

Minister for Health Simon Harris TD said “Wicklow GAA’s support in promoting the ‘Young Lungs at Play’ policy to protect children from second hand smoke is a vital initiative. The GAA promotes positive adult role models for our children and eliminating smoking from their grounds further reinforces this. Adults can also provide negative role models to our young people and the Government’s Tobacco Free Ireland strategy aims to create tobacco free local environments, in parks, playground and sporting grounds.

County Wicklow Community Partnership and the HSE Health & Wellbeing have actively engaged with sporting organisations and schools, encouraging and supporting the development and adoption of smoke free outdoor areas where children and families are present and making smoke free the norm.

David Murray, Chair of the County Wicklow GAA Health & Wellbeing committee said: “It is vitally important that as role models for our young people, that we in the GAA lead the way. Today’s launch is the beginning of other clubs in the county adopting smoke free policies and ensuring that our young lungs at play get the best opportunity to go on to live healthy lives.”

Martina Blake, National Lead, Tobacco Free Ireland Programme, HSE Health & Wellbeing said: “We want the next generation of children to grow up in an environment where ‘smoke free’ is the new norm. The overall Tobacco free Ireland government strategy aims to create tobacco free local environments, in parks, playground and sporting grounds.”

Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Head of Health & Wellbeing, Community Healthcare East, HSE said: “The ‘Young Lungs at Play’ nationwide initiative will help ensure the children of Wicklow see and experience positive healthier environments as the norm. We are delighted to see our local community organisations working together to make this a reality.”



At the launch of Wicklow GAA’s Smoke Free Policy are Wicklow GAA County Health and Wellbeing Committee member David Murray; HSE Tobacco Health Promotion and Improvement, Mary Desmond; Co Wicklow Partnership CEO Brian Carty; Wicklow GA County Health and Wellbeing Committee member Frances Stephenson; Co Wicklow Partnership Community Tobacco Cessation Facilitator, Anne Kavanagh; and HSE Health Promotion and Improvement Manager, Fergal Fox.



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Open seven days a week, from early morning until 10pm each night, KavaCoffee is ideal for breakfast, lunch and dinner, all manner of snacks in between, pre-work coffees and after-work drinks. From a bright and fresh atmosphere for you to enjoy your morning coffee, to a warm, cosy and intimate ambience in the evening when you can relax with a glass of wine by candlelight, this new Bistro is at all times friendly and inviting, with a vibrant energy generated by the welcoming staff.

The menu boasts many highlights and offers a wide variety of choice with vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, and both adult and child portions available for dinner making it ideal for an



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Clodagh, Paul, Aoife and Megan at the opening of KavaCoffee in Newtownmountkennedy

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Barista Aoife Kavanagh at KavaCoffee

Pictured is Megan serving the Take-Away Coffee

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Clodagh Kavanagh

Clodagh is the third daughter to Paul and Tracy Kavanagh, well known within the community of Newtown, and has other strong family ties to the area. She was educated in the local primary school St Brigids Girls National School, before attending Coláiste Chraobh Abhann. After leaving school she went directly into retail.

Having started at a junior entry level Clodagh worked her way through the ranks into management over several years, gaining many qualifications and earning numerous accolades along the way such as City and Guild awards in Hospitality, Basic Shift Management, Advanced Shift Management, First Aid, Start Your Own Business Course, HACCP and Food Allergens Courses.

After conducting market research in Newtownmountkennedy and the surrounding areas, Clodagh saw the opportunity for a new café/bistro for the locality, and set about making it a reality with the help of her dad Paul.

Opening Hours

KavaCoffee is open Monday - Friday, 5:45am - 10pm; Saturday, 8am - 10pm, Sunday, 9am - 10pm.

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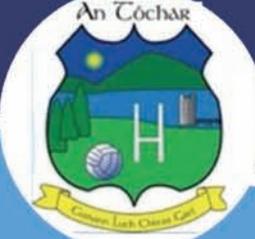
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Congratulations to An Tóchar GAA Club



An Tochar GAA Club came away from Aughrim as the Junior A Football Champions on Sunday 3rd November. The boys from Roundwood overcame Blessington by just three points in a tense encounter.

The final was a replay after the game in Ashford last month ended all square at 0-08 each, demonstrating just how closely matched these sides are.

The low-scoring first half was a cagey affair,

as both An Tochar and Blessington effectively cancelled each other out, with Shay Cullen's side taking a narrow lead of 0-02 to 0-01 into the half-time break.

The second half was evidently far more of

an open contest, and it began with An Tochar extending their lead through Conor Davis. Blessington demonstrated just why they are regarded as the formidable force that they are, by bouncing straight back to make it 0-3 to 0-2. Brendan Kennedy soon gave An Tochar back their two-point cushion, however, but once again Blessington fought fiercely to nar-

row the lead a single point yet again.

Blessington then went on again to level the score, and at 4 points apiece at the end of the third quarter it was all in the balance and impossible to call. The game really caught fire from this point, with Blessington being denied a penalty and however, An Tochar establishing a two-point lead through Cian McHugh



to let it slip. The final whistle sent the Roundwood fans into raptures as it finished 2-6 to 1-6.

An Tochar GAA Club was founded in August, 1885. They cater for teams of boys and girls from the age of 4 right up to senior level. The club has enjoyed much success down the years, including multiple Senior County Championship wins for the Men's (1993 and 1995) and Ladies teams (1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002).

and Gavin Fogarty.

It was still too close to call at this stage, but the turning point came with two goals for An Tochar, from Oisín Cullen and Liam

Kenna, which ultimately proved decisive. A late goal from Blessington added some drama, but with victory so close An Tochar were not about



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After dominating so much in the 1990s, for An Tochar to finally get over the line again last week-end after some barren years seemed like a significant moment and it was certainly a memorable one. The victory will be a huge shot of confi-

dence for the club, and could be the first indicator of those glory days for the club returning. Getting the better of Blessington's stand-out Junior A side is no mean feat, and the future looks bright for An Tochar with a talented new generation coming through and putting them in a healthy position. An Tochar will now go on to the Intermediate Championship next season where they will be able to test just how far they have progressed.

Teams

An Tochar:

Peter Byrne, Eoin Murphy, Liam Kenna (1-0) Gavin Kenny, Conor Shortt, Joe Gaffney, Brendan Kennedy (0-1), Stephen Connor, William Hannigan, Ger Byrne, Gavin Fogarty (0-2), Conor Davis (0-1), Eamon Wolohan (0-1), Cian McHugh (0-1), Liam Gaffney, Oisín Cullen (1-0)

Blessington:

Barry Behan, Eoin Howlin, Ciaran Mescall, Bradley Foster, Brian Bohan (1-0), James Kearns, Eoin Devlin (0-1), David Behan (0-1) Glen Farrell, Eoin Higgins, Craig Maguire, Fionan Leahy, Michael Nugent, Kevin Quinn (0-2), Sean Mescall, Sean Byrne (0-1), Kevin John Rogers (0-1)



Steffan Collier, Brendan Kennedy, Ger Byrne, Conor Davis, Gavin Kenny, Peter Byrne and Team Mascot Rory Wolohan



Pictured above: An Tochar captain Brendan Kennedy holding the Cup after the grueling game

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IT Carlow celebrates accomplishments of over 200 graduates from Wicklow County Campus

On Saturday November 2nd, more than 200 awards up to Masters level were presented to graduands who pursued their higher education programmes of study at Wicklow County Campus at a special ceremony at Institute of Technology Carlow, marking the highest number of graduates and enrolments at Wicklow County Campus since its establishment.

Mr John Moore, Chair of the Governing Body, and Dr Patricia Mulcahy, President, of Institute of Technology Carlow, were joined at the ceremony by: Minister Andrew Doyle, Minister of State with special responsibility for Food, Forestry and Horticulture; Cllr. Irene Winters, Cathaoirleach of

Wicklow County Council; Mr Tom Murphy, Director of Enterprise and Corporate Services at Wicklow County Council and Dr Joseph Collins, Head of Faculty for Lifelong Learning, Institute of Technology Carlow. Also in attendance at the ceremony were representatives from

regional state agencies, businesses and community organisations, including representatives from the Midland Border East Skillnet and Wicklow County Childcare Committee, who continue to support the work of Wicklow County Campus. Welcoming graduates,

their guests and a broad range of Wicklow stakeholders, Mr John Moore commended learners and staff for their contribution to Wicklow County Campus and asked the assembled graduates to "remain in contact with the Institute and bring your expertise, insights and inspiration to future

learners who choose Wicklow County Campus to further their careers."

Mr. Moore commended Wicklow County Council for its vision and leadership in the development of Wicklow County Campus. "Wicklow County Campus graduates exemplify work-ready and highly competent graduates and the Campus is increasingly seen as a gateway for identifying and recruiting talent across the region", he said.

Founded in 2005 in a collaborative partnership with Wicklow County Council, Wicklow County Campus has risen to become a centre of excellence in enterprise, education and innovation in County Wicklow, acting as a catalyst for economic development in the county. Some 1,400 higher education graduates have been conferred since the first conferring ceremony took place in 2009.

Minister of State Andrew Doyle acknowledged the continued success between Wicklow County Council and Institute of Technology Carlow. "Today marks the largest number of graduates to date at Wicklow County Campus - 211. I would like to congratulate them on their achievement and wish them every success in the future", said Minister Doyle.

Cllr. Irene Winters, Cathaoirleach of



Grace Kennedy from Greystones, Debbie Cassidy Canavan from Greystones, and Megan Kearney from Kilcoole observing the rugby world cup final at IT Carlow before their conferring from Wicklow County Campus with a BA (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Care. Pic: Mary Browne



Esme McDowell from Arklow with her husband Peter, son Sam and daughter Dorrie at IT Carlow after conferring from Wicklow County Campus with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Early Childhood Education and Care. Pic: Mary Browne

Wicklow County Council commented, "On behalf of Wicklow County Council I wish to congratulate each and every graduate here today on their success. Today's conferring also demonstrates the successful collaboration between Wicklow County Council and Institute of Technology Carlow in the provision of further education, lifelong learning and enterprise development for County Wicklow".

In her address to the conferees, Dr. Patricia Mulcahy, President of Institute of Technology Carlow said, "No other occasion in our academic calendar is more meaningful as the Conferring of Awards and Prizes. At moments like this, it is truly inspiring to see a community come together, having supported, taught, mentored and advised, to finally say, with one voice, congratulations to all our new graduates. This is a time characterised by a deep sense of achievement, your achievements, and it is a real pleasure to share

this moment with you, your families, faculty members and a host of Wicklow collaborative partners, all of whom have played such important roles in your success to-date.

Dr. Mulcahy praised and thanked Wicklow County Council for its partnership in the development of Wicklow County Campus. "Your vision has provided the necessary platform for our partnership in higher education provision which has already directly benefited over 1400 graduates to-date in County Wicklow", said Dr Mulcahy. "All of this provision is underpinned by strong strategic partnerships with industry, which in turn have allowed us to secure, through highly competitive processes, funding supports for Wicklow Campus learners, through national initiatives such as the HEA Springboard programme".

"Because of this combination of factors, we are undoubtedly attracting learners of the highest

calibre and ensuring the realisation of the vision for Wicklow County Campus as a thriving place for enterprise and entrepreneurs", added Dr. Mulcahy.

Referring to the ongoing Technological University Project, Dr Mulcahy said "The Irish TU concept is distinctive in its embeddedness in local and regional economies and communities, at the same time, reaching out to bring beneficial international education and research practices back into our regions and country. We are committed to realising this concept for our regions, transversing the counties of the South-East region, and also the counties of Wicklow, Kildare and Laois in the Mid-East and Midlands regions. That is why we continue to prioritise and invest considerable time and resources in this project because we know that that this has the potential to further increase our contribution to the societies that we were created to serve."



Chene Peart from Arklow and Anto Hill from Wicklow Town at IT Carlow after conferring from Wicklow County Campus with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies. Pic: Mary Browne



John Bermingham from Wicklow Town, who graduated from IT Carlow with a Bachelor of Business (Hons.) in Management.



Jacqueline McKenna from Bray and Kathleen Kennedy from Arklow at IT Carlow after conferring from Wicklow County Campus with a Bachelor of Business in Management. Pic: Mary Browne

Ardmore Rovers celebrate 40 years!

Generations of players, managers and coaches gathered at a gala event in The Esplanade Hotel in Bray, to celebrate 40 years of Ardmore Rovers.

The Bray club, which started providing football for youngsters in Ardmore Park in Bray in 1979 is still going strong after four decades. The event brought the past and present together as generations of managers and coaches gathered for the first time in ten years. Guests included founders Aidan and Eileen O'Donoghue who talked about their early

experiences of bringing the totally new concept of children's organised football to the area.

A host of ex-players skyped in from abroad with messages of goodwill. Rachel Jenkins, ex senior ladies international encouraged girls to 'achieve their dream just as she did in Ardmore.' Pierce Sweeney, now of Exeter City in League Two in England thanked all the coaches in the club who give their time for free for the benefit of the Bray children. Darren Randolph talked to Ardmore from his base in Middlesbrough where he is recovering from injury.

'Darren Randolph is our most high profile player but we are equally proud of the achievements of our other decorated ex-players such as Exeter's Pierce Sweeney, Bray Wanderer's Hugh Douglas and Ladies international Rachel Jenkins. They are great examples to our young players and we are confident of providing more stars of the future' said club chairman Ciaran O'Connor.



Pictured at the gala event in the Esplanade Hotel in Bray to celebrate 40 years of Ardmore Rovers were Dave Byrne, Niall Benson, Ciaran O'Connor and Dan Kiely. Pic: Joe Keogh



Pictured at the gala event in the Esplanade Hotel in Bray to celebrate 40 years of Ardmore Rovers were John and Debbie Traynor. Pic: Joe Keogh

Star of the night was Anne Randolph, mother of Darren, who sang a special song celebrating the club's history that was written by Bray man Sean Sheahan. Anne Randolph said that "It is fantastic to be part of a club that has a strong community spirit

running through it. Darren had a wonderful time here and we are delighted to be a part of this wonderful celebration." Ardmore currently hosts 40 underage and senior teams which caters for over 650 young people in the

area, a huge success considering that the club has been homeless for forty years. Club Chairman Ciaran O'Connor says that it's "heartbreaking to think that many of the guests tonight worked so hard to find a home decades ago and yet now in

2019, the club is still homeless. We sincerely wanted to stay away from the issue of a home ground but the matter just kept coming back to the surface. Ex-members have vowed to help the club in its constant search for a permanent home."

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Celebrating 20 years of Wicklow's partnership with Würzburg

Wicklow County Council, Bray Municipal District and the Irish German Society of County Wicklow hosted a series of special events to mark the 20th anniversary of the partnership with Würzburg in Germany.



Marion Schaefer-Bake and Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council Irene Winters celebrating 20 years of partnership between Bray and the city of Würzburg, at Druid's Heath Golf Club in Newtown



Lorraine Gallagher and German Ambassador Deike Potzel celebrating 20 years of partnership between Bray and the city of Würzburg, at Druid's Heath Golf Club in Newtown

A delegation from Würzburg led by Mayor Marion Schäfer-Blake, arrived in Bray on Wednesday October 30th where they took part in a formal renewal of the Partnership Pledge between Würzburg, Bray and County Wicklow.

The ceremony took place in Bray Town Hall before the group moved on to the offices of Bray Municipal District for the opening of the Images of Würzburg, a collection of photographs by one of the German party, Boris Albert.

During their tour of Wicklow the following day, the visitors called to the Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation and heard the story of Operation Shamrock. The group also attended a Wild Food master-class in BrookLodge and a tour of Powerscourt Distillery.

Visiting Dublin the delegation met with representatives of the IDA and Dublin City Council prior to visiting Epic the Irish Emigration Museum.

Welcoming the delegation, Cllr Stephen Matthews, Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District, said they were there to renew the partnership pledge made 20 years ago on the 1st of November 1999 adding "We have had some very memorable cultural, educational and sporting exchanges for over those years."

Just over a week ago, Cllr Matthews said he had had the pleasure of hosting a group of students from Maria Ward School in Würzburg on a visit to Loreto Bray. "It was great to watch the engagement and interest among the young people. The future of our partnership is in safe hands," he stated.

He added: "As friends I hope that we can work together, learn



Derek Cullen, Andrea Cullen, and Claudia Hehling celebrating 20 years of partnership between Bray and the city of Würzburg, at Druid's Heath Golf Club in Newtown

from each other, look out for each other and build on the strong links between our communities. This is embodied by the old Irish saying: Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine. We rely on each other for shelter."

Cllr Irene Winters, Cathaoirleach, Wicklow County Council, said that since its establishment on 1st November 1999, "our partnership has fostered genuine friendships and meaningful partnerships between our communities. The key to this has been engagement with the wider community as well as involvement of schools, elected members and council officials."

Thanks were due, she said, in no small part to Matthias Fleckenstein of the German Irish Society and George Jones and the Irish German Society and their committees for maintaining this lively vibrant relationship.

Through the school exchanges, Cllr Winters said, "we have sown the seeds of friendship in the very fertile minds of our young people and have seen lifelong friendships grow and flourish." They were very hopeful of a new educational exchange between the Ursuline School in Würzburg and St Mary's College Arklow.

Cllr Winters spoke of how the partnership between Würzburg, Bray, and Wicklow had promoted and supported numerous Cultural, Sporting, Educational and Business exchanges and projects, including the Wicklow Garden, John Millington Synge Exhibition and the Mainfranken Messe trade show.

She congratulated all involved from the out-

set in this excellent partnership, including the politicians the Oberbürgermeisters and Bürgermeisters of Würzburg, in particular Marion Schäfer-Blake who had been very supportive, along with all of the Councillors and officials of Bray Town Council, Wicklow County Council and Bray Municipal District, officials and, above all, the communities of Würzburg and County Wicklow.

Cllr Winters also thanked Her Excellency, Ambassador Deike Potzel, for her support for the partnership, and former Ambassador to Germany, Michael Collins, for his commitment to German-Irish relations. She was delighted to say that his

successor, Ambassador Nicholas O'Brien, had recently been to Würzburg and was aware of its Irish connections.

Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council, outlined the attractions of County Wicklow pointing to its scenery, tourism and lifestyle attractions while adding that Wicklow has some 5,000 indigenous businesses across a diverse range of sectors. These included German companies such as Rupp und Hubrach, GMBH and Rondo.

He highlighted Wicklow's reputation as a film production centre and added that the county was positioning itself as Ireland's outdoor

recreation capital and offers all manner of outdoor pursuits.

"To our visitors, I hope that if you have enjoyed your visit to Wicklow, you will become our ambassadors by encouraging friends and family in Germany to visit Ireland and to visit Wicklow," said Mr Curran.

He added: "To our partners in Würzburg; it is my hope, that for the next chapter, we can identify some economic projects of mutual interest that we can co-operate on. Perhaps we should bring a team together, virtually, or in person to "brainstorm" and to explore opportunities for co-operation."



Yvonne and David Ford celebrating 20 years of partnership between Bray and the city of Würzburg, at Druid's Heath Golf Club in Newtown

Four young people from Wicklow celebrated at Gaisce's Silver Awards Ceremony

On Thursday evening 7th November, Gaisce - The President's Award held one of its largest ever Silver Award Ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of 148 young people from throughout Ireland who have achieved their Gaisce Silver Award. The Silver Ceremony took place at the O'Reilly Theatre in Dublin 1. Among those being presented with their Silver Award were four young people hailing from Avondale Community College - Rathdrum.

Silver Awardees, who were honoured on the night hailed from 9 counties across the four provinces of Ireland. They were celebrated for their commitment to personal development through community involvement, improving their personal skills and increasing their physical activity. Each awardee successfully completed at least 26 weeks across these three Gaisce challenge areas and undertook a 3-day adventure journey. For their adventure journey, Silver Awardees completed either a 50km walk or a 190km cycle.

Speakers during the ceremony included Olivia Porter, a Gaisce Awardee who received her Gold Award from President Michael D. Higgins last December. The event was MC'd by Spin 103.8 DJs Graham and Nathan and

took place in the O'Reilly Theatre. The awards were presented by Yvonne McKenna, CEO of Gaisce.

Speaking about the achievements of the Awardees, Yvonne McKenna, CEO of Gaisce said, "I heartily congratulate this evening's Awardees on their achievements. It's fantastic to be honouring so many young people tonight for their dedication to personal development, and I think it's a testament to the tenacity of young people today that we have so many Awardees here tonight. I hope they have made lasting memories and gained invaluable self-knowledge through their Gaisce Journey. Completing a Silver Award has required a significant amount of dedication and effort from each of them."

She continued, "I would also like to congratulate their wonderful President's Award Leaders, who have guided them along their path to Silver. Our President's Award Leaders truly are the lifeblood of the Gaisce programme, without whom there would be no Gaisce. Today's Awardees aren't only incredible ambassadors for Gaisce, but also their families and communities, whom I'm sure will be incredibly proud of them today".

Speaking about the ceremony, Gaisce Gold Awardee and speaker on the night, Olivia Porter said, "I'd like to congratulate all of the Silver Awardees on their amazing success. I received my Gaisce Gold Award last December and I can't convey the level of achievement I felt during the ceremony. I know that

many of the Awardees here tonight will relate to that experience. Doing Gaisce really pushed me out of my comfort zone and shaped me to be more self-aware and open to new things. I think undertaking Gold made me realise how much I enjoy improving myself and that has really motivated me in other areas of my life. I hope the Silver Awardees tonight take the next step on their Gaisce journey and feel the benefits I felt from undertaking Gold.

Gaisce - The President's Award is a personal development programme for young people which enhances confidence and wellbeing through participation in personal, physical and community challenges.

Since its inception in 1985 over 178,000 young Irish people have completed a Gaisce Award.



Kathleen Kelleher, Pat Byrne, Margaret Byrne, and Nuala Murphy at the launch of the 2020 Wicklow Calendar in Tulfarris House, Blessington

Students reminded to enter the ActionAid Speech Writing Competition

Students in Wicklow are reminded to submit their entries into the ActionAid Speech Writing Competition. The competition, which opened for entries on 23rd September, is aimed at secondary school students aged 14 to 17. ActionAid has already had a lot of interest from students across the country and hopes for more entrants from Wicklow before January 20th.

The top eight students will be invited to Dublin in March 2020 to deliver their speech in front of an esteemed panel of judges. The prize for the top two winners, and their teachers, is a visit to Stockholm, where the winners will meet with representatives from organisations and institutions working on environmental issues as well as a visit to ActionAid to learn about their work on Gender Based Violence in a Swedish context.

ActionAid provides long term support to the poorest and most marginalised women and children in developing countries, so they can overcome the obstacles holding them back. Its Women's Rights Programme, funded by Irish Aid, works to eliminate violence against women and girls through innovative community-led approaches. Now in its sixth year, this year the competition is focus on women's rights and climate

change. ActionAid is asking students to look at these two topical issues and how they connect with each other, through writing a speech on one of three topics. The choice of topics for the 2020 competition are: Climate change will only be solved through the inclusion and empowerment of women. As a result of gender inequality, women and girls are more likely to be exposed to disaster-induced risks than men. Climate change, poverty and gen-

der equality are all inter-linked and cannot be solved in isolation.

Siobhán McGee, CEO of ActionAid Ireland said: "The final is a fantastic occasion for all involved and a great opportunity for young people to gather and meet others who share a similar interest in international development."

To enter, students can ask their teacher for details or visit actionaid.ie/speech-writing-competition/ for more information.

Wicklow racer secures Motorsport Ireland Young Racing Driver of the Year Award Nomination

Wicklow Town's Philip Sheane has been selected as the sixth and final nominee for the 2019 Motorsport Ireland Young Racing Driver of the Year Award, for his performances in the month of September.

At the final Formula Vee meeting of the season in Kirkistown, Sheane took a brace of poles, a brace of second places finishes, and a fastest lap.

Sheane, who recently turned 18, started competing three years ago and in 2017 won the Geller Trophy in Midget Car Racing. He then stepped up to single seaters in 2018, moving into the Formula Vee category where he finished 3rd in his first race. A number of podiums followed this season including his impressive final flourish in Kirkistown.

Philip is currently in 6th year in Coláiste Chill Mhantain in Wicklow Town and is hoping to go to college to study some form of engineering next year. With the 2019 racing season over, studies will take up the majority of Philip's time in the off season but when he gets time after school he will be rebuilding his Formula Vee for the 2020 championship where he is aiming to compete again.

In the near future, Sheane would like to race for the prestigious Walter Hayes Trophy in the UK and continue competing abroad in a bid to make it as a professional driver. Philip is supported by Sheane Cars, Cough-ee Doc and D&W Crash Repairs and he would like to thank them for their help throughout the year.

Having been selected as the final nominee for the 2019 season, Sheane joins Lucca Allen, Max Hart, William Kellett, Charlie Linnane and James Roe Jr as contenders for the prestigious Motorsport Ireland Young Racing Driver of the Year Award and the historic Sexton Trophy. This award is presented annually and is supported by Sport Ireland and Motorsport Ireland. The interviews for the award will take place on Tuesday November 12th with the winner being announced at the Champions of Irish Motorsport Awards lunch on December 10th.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Wicklow County Council Joint Policing committee will hold a public meeting on

Thursday 21st November, 2019
At Germaines Hotel, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow
commencing 7.30 p.m.

The purpose of the JPC is to provide a forum where the local authority and the senior Garda officers, responsible for the policing of that area, can consult and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area and in particular to keep under review the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour occurring and the factors underlying and contributing to it.

Membership of the committee consists of the Chief Superintendent, Senior Members of the Gardai, Wicklow County Council Chief Executive, Elected Representatives and representatives from the voluntary and community sector.

The focus of the public meeting will be on policing, rather than individuals and obtaining the co-operation of the public in preventing crime. The local community will have the opportunity to make their views known and ask questions and all are welcome to attend.

To increase the productivity of the meeting and encourage greater participation written questions may be submitted prior to the meeting to lgallagh@wicklowcoco.ie or in writing to the undersigned.

Questioners should give their name and contact details, which will not be publicised. While every effort will be made to provide the information requested in certain circumstances it may not be possible for legal reasons or because it would not be in the public interest to do so.

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Senior Executive Officer,
Wicklow County Council,
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11th November, 2019.



Andy, Stevie, Maeve, David and Charlie O'Boyle are pictured at the Community Craft Gathering event in Nick's Coffee, Wicklow Town

Protect your family from lung cancer by checking radon levels

On European Radon Day, last Thursday 7th November, the EPA called on all County Wicklow householders - to take action to protect themselves and their families especially in high radon areas. Most of County Wicklow would be classed as an area of high radon.

Homes should be monitored and where readings are high, remedial action should be carried out as a matter of urgency to reduce exposure to radon.

Radon is second only to smoking as the leading cause of lung cancer. It is estimated that about 300 lung cancer cases each year in Ireland are linked to radon exposure. Reducing high radon levels will, over time, save lives.

Radon is easy to test for and easy to fix, so learning more about what it is, and how you can protect yourself is critical. The World Health Organisation has cate-

gorised radon as a Group 1 carcinogen, in the same group as asbestos and tobacco smoke.

Stephanie Long, Senior Scientist, Environmental Protection Agency said: "Radon is invisible, colourless and odourless. It is present in all Irish homes and it is estimated that up to 500,000 people are living in homes with radon levels above the acceptable level of 200 Bq/m3. Many Irish homes still need to carry out a radon test or they could be completely unaware of the potential problem in their own home. Testing your home to identify if you have a problem is the first

step.

"Radon is only a problem if it is ignored. If there is a high radon level in your home, it is exposing you and your family to an unnecessary radiation dose. Radon is present in all homes however, levels can vary.

"Just because your neighbour's home has been deemed safe from radon does not mean you are safe. If you haven't already done so, we would urge you to protect your family's health by carrying out remediation work as soon as possible".

You can visit www.radon.ie to find out how to test your home and

keep you and your family safe. Reducing radon levels is simple and inexpensive and will immediately reduce the risk of developing lung cancer.

For moderate levels of radon, improving indoor ventilation may reduce the level by up to half, the cost of which is low. For higher levels, a fan assisted 'sump' can be installed which can reduce radon levels by over 90 per cent. The sump can be installed in a day by a contractor with little disruption to the home.

Get the test, find out, and in the event of a high reading it is easy to fix. www.radon.ie.

Community groups and individuals invited to talk about housing and Accommodation issues

Co Wicklow PPN is inviting community groups and individuals to Talk About Housing & Accommodation issues in the county.

The aim of the seminar is to hear about the experiences of people. These experiences will then inform the PPN community representatives that sit on the Wicklow County Council Strategic Policy Committees and the Wicklow Elected Representatives so they can confidently advocate on behalf of people and communities.

Colette Bennet from Social Justice Ireland has agreed to facilitate the discussions. The seminar will take place on Wednesday 20th November at 10am in the Taylor Centre on the Vevay Road in Bray and all are welcome. Booking is required so please contact Co Wicklow PPN by Email: countywicklowppn@gmail.com or Phone Helen 087 189 5145 or Grainne 086 048 7434.

Upcoming BirdWatch Ireland Wicklow branch events:

November

Tuesday 12th: Wicklow Branch AGM. All Wicklow BirdWatch Ireland members are welcome, proof of membership will be required in the form of the new membership card which is downloadable from the new BirdWatch Ireland website. Glenview Hotel at 19:00.

Tuesday 12th: The 'Who, What, Where, When and Why' of the Garden Bird Survey by Brian Burke from BirdWatch Ireland. Glenview Hotel at 20:00.

Sunday 17th: East Coast Nature Reserve: Winter Migrants - Waterfowl. 11.00am - 1.00pm. Guided walk in search of winter migrants. The reserve is an important site for wildfowl such as Teal, Wigeon, Shoveler, and Black-tailed Godwit. Meet at the Sea Road entrance.

Saturday 23rd: Outing to Cahore,

Co Wexford to see Whooper Swans and other winter visitors. Meet at Ballinoulart Bay beach car park (South end Cahore) at 10:00 (contact birdwatchwicklow@gmail.com if you need a lift).

December

Tuesday 10th: "The Avonmore River valley: a Black Forest for Ireland?," by Coilin MacLochlainn: a talk about linking up all of the existing semi-natural woodlands in the Avonmore valley, from Luggala south to Shelton Abbey and Arklow. Glenview Hotel at 20:00. Sunday 15th: Festive Wildlife Walk & Wreath Making Workshop at East Coast Nature Reserve in connection with "Connecting People with Nature in Wicklow" and ECNR, supported by Wicklow County Council.

January

Tuesday 14th: "Ireland Through Birds" by Conor W. O'Brien. An accomplished birder, photographer and now author, Conor will take us on an avian adventure around Ireland in search of twelve of our most elusive birds. Glenview Hotel, 8pm. Saturday 25th: Outing to Wexford Wildfowl Reserve. Meet at Wexford Wildlife Reserve at 10.30am. Car-pool from Greystones Park and Ride at 8.30am (contact birdwatchwicklow@gmail.com if you need a lift).

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PLANNING

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Stanford Woods Healthcare Ltd seeks Permission for the development which will comprise a predominantly two-storey residential care building with an attic plant room and storage area. The gross floor space will be 12,067 m², of which 5,575 m² is at ground floor level; 5,377 m² is at first floor; and a further 1,115 m² is at attic floor level. The accommodation will comprise ensuite bedrooms, day spaces, balconies at upper floor level and ancillary sanitary accommodation for residents with support services such as recreation/activity rooms, physiotherapy suite, treatment and occupational therapy rooms. It will include a facility run café (open to the public), administration offices, staff rest, dining and changing facilities; catering kitchens, laundry, plant room and electrical switch room; a substation and standby generator. The site will be fully landscaped with provision of sensory gardens and walkways. Employee, service and visitor parking will be provided. The existing site entrance from the L1043 will be improved and, with a driveway, provide the primary access. The existing access from the L5406 will be improved to provide a recreational and emergency gated access from/to Willowgrove. Storm water will be discharged to attenuation and percolation systems on site. Foul drainage will be discharged to a proposed Wicklow County Council/IW pumping station on the L1043 south of the site. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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Ross & Deirdre Roberts seek planning permission for an additional storey extension, modified elevations to Marlton Cottage (65 Msq), a hobby room/store single storey extension to the rear (27 Msq), a first floor rear decking area (27 Msq), together with all associated site development works at Marlton Cottage, Marlton Road, Wicklow Town, Co Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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I Mary Gaskin intend to apply for permission for the construction of a new dwelling, wastewater treatment unit & polishing filter, new well, new entrance onto lane, new section of lane and entrance onto public road and associate works at Ballinastoe, Roundwood, 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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Reps of Seamus Power intend to apply for retention permission for the retention of dwelling, Granny Flat, entrance as constructed on site and associate works at Oldtown, Roundwood, 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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I Cathy Molloy intend to apply for permission for the demolition of existing 14.2 sqm two storey rear extension and construction of a 30.5 sqm part two storey, part single storey rear extension to existing dwelling, moving of existing window to rear of dwelling and associate works at 6 Glenburgh Terrace, Bray, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County 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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I Imagination Station intend to apply for retention permission for the change of use of partial area of unit 1 from commercial/recreational to preschool and associate works at Croghan Industrial Estate, Unit 1, Emoclew, Arklow, 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.



An intercultural coffee morning was held in the KWETB Adult Education Centre in Bray and €250 was raised for the Five Loaves charity. Pictured are; Elizabeth Sutton (student), Nina Rotaru (student), Jacyntha White (student), Hayat Al Sleman (student), Rokhsar Sadat (student), Geraldine Horner (teacher), Olga Scibiorek (student), Oonagh Conway (teacher), and Patrick McCoy (student)

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Alphaplan Design (Tel: 0404-64123 or 086-2461269 Email: eugene@alphaplan-design.com) Seeks planning permission for change of use (removal of planning condition no. 2 of planning ref. no. 99/1748) from restricted use as a dwelling to use by all classes of persons at Glencormick South, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, for N. and H. Alderton. 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.

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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

Signal Arts Centre 'Meet & Greet'

The Signal Arts Centre will host a Meet & Greet evening on Friday 15th November from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This event will provide an opportunity to enjoy a glass of wine in a relaxed atmosphere while engaging with other arts practitioners. Open to members and non-members attendees will hear about the Society's plans for 2020 and the exciting events being organised for the Centre's 30th anniversary next year.

Talk on branding

Network Ireland Wicklow are hosting a night dedicated branding to entitled; "Own Your Brand with Marc Thornton" on November 21st in the Local Enterprise Office, Rathnew.

Award-winning trainer and Managing Director of DTA Marketing, Marc Thornton will give a presentation covering all areas of branding from uncovering what you really do to sharing 5

secrets to making a noticeable difference. Network Ireland Wicklow President Nicola Donegan said "Please join us for a night of brand awareness which will benefit you and your business. Marc will open your eyes to the brand opportunities available to you and how to utilise them effectively for your business." This is a paid event for non-members. You can register via eventbrite.ie.

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