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BOVINE TB RAMPANT IN WICKLOW

FARMERS BLAME DEER AND BADGERS

The incidence of Bovine TB (bTB) in County Wicklow is higher than in any other county according to the Department of Agriculture, with West Wicklow having nationally the highest incidence of TB followed by East Wicklow.

Bovine tuberculosis (bTB) is an infectious disease in cattle which primarily affects the lungs. The bTB bacteria can also infect humans and cause tuberculosis, although this is reported to be mainly through people consuming unpasteurised milk or dairy products. Bovine TB is caused by bacteria known as M.Bovis. It is a chronic highly infectious disease. The bacterium can cause disease in other domestic or wild animals and also in humans.

Cattle can become infected by: breathing air

contaminated by already infected animals; consuming contaminated food or water; the movement of infected animals into a herd, contact with other infected animals (e.g. at shared watering points); inter-farming sharing of machinery; the use of dirty lorries to transport animals; and wildlife - particularly deer and badgers.

According to data published last week by the Department, herd incidence of bovine TB (bTB) for 2019 was the highest recorded since 2013 and marks the third successive

year of increasing bTB levels.

As of 31st December 2019, West Wicklow had the highest herd incidence of bTB in the country, with 380 reactors out of 503 tested herds. A reactor animal is one that has shown a significant response to the tests used for bTB detection. If one or more reactors are found in a herd, the herd has a 'TB breakdown'.

The number of reactors identified through a combination of skin testing and gamma interferon testing in East Wicklow in 2019



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was 939 (out of 1,042 tested herds), which gave East Wicklow the second highest incidence of Bovine TB in the country.

Speaking to *Wicklow Times*, Chris Hill, Wicklow Chairman of the Irish Farmers Association, said that Wicklow's high TB levels are a result of the high deer population that is also carrying TB. Mr Hill noted a study carried out in the Calary area in 2015, where 130 deer were shot by the Department of Agriculture and the TB level was found to be 17%.

"There's a huge reservoir of TB in Wicklow's deer population, and also the badger population. There is an absolute need to control the deer population and keep it at a sustainable level. The deer population has exploded here in recent years and they have no natural predator here. With badgers I don't think a general cull would achieve a

whole lot, but perhaps a selective cull would be effective, and a badger TB vaccination is also being rolled out. But deer are the primary problem."

Mr Hill explained that the problem is not just confined to the uplands, as deer are being displaced by habitat loss and are moving to lowland areas and coastal areas also. He said that there is a risk of our export status being damaged if levels of TB continue to rise, and the effect on the individual farmer can also be significant.

"If a farmer has an infected herd, the Department will retest the herd 60 days later, and every 60 days until it is clear of TB for two consecutive tests. That's time in which he can't trade in a normal way, and they might also take his herd away."

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Rehearsals are well underway for Bray Musical Society's 2020 production of The Wedding Singer. Don't miss this very funny show. Please phone the Mermaid Arts Centre box office on 01-2724030.

Bric-a-Brac Fair

Bric-a-Brac Fair at The Hot Spot Music Club in Greystones on Saturday, February 29th. Come along and browse through 12 stalls of clothes, shoes, bags, toys, CDs, artwork, jewellery and household items. All kinds of pre-loved, quality goods in one great place! The fair takes place from 10am to 5pm upstairs at the Hot Spot, above the Beach House Pub.

Delgany Thursday Group

The next outing of the Delgany Thursay Club will be on Thursday 5th March, to Castletown House, Celbridge, for a guided tour. This will be followed by tea/coffee at own expense in The Orchard Garden Centre cafe. Leaving Christ Church, Delgany, at 1.30pm. Cost: €25 per person to include coach and tour but not tea/coffee. To book, contact Peter on 086 8307644 or John on 086 3566527.

Luisne Theatre Night

The Luisne February concert and theatre event is presented by the Dry Rain Theatre company. It's their hilarious new show 'Alive Alive O'. This is a fundraiser for Luisne and entrance is by donation suggestion €20). It will be a fusion of classic and original comedy, drama sketches music and song from inside and outside the pale. From Lorraine O'Brien, Emma O'Brien and Mick Heffernan. It takes place on Saturday 29th February at 7pm. There will be a special raffle with prizes donated by Loraine O'Brien. Booking is essential: office@luisne.ie or 0860517575.

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Shankill Classical Music Club

The next meeting will be on Wed 4th March. Classical music on CDs: all genres - orchestral, instrumental, vocal, opera etc. Usual venue: Shankill Day Centre, Lower Rd, Shankill, 7.45-10.00 pm. 100 yds from the main street, car parking available. Visitors and new members always welcome. €2 on the night, tea and biscuits at the interval. Just come along, or see further details of the club on www.shankillclassical.org, or ring or text John on 087-2109175.

Wicklow Historical Society

James Scannell will be the guest presenter for the Monday February 24th 8pm. meeting of the Wicklow Historical Society in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town, at which he will present his lecture on 'The 1867 Brandy Hole, Bray, Railway Accident' which was due to shoddy workmanship and reveal how those responsible evaded being charged with manslaughter. All welcome.

Laragh GFC goes country

Come to see Jonny Brady and Aidan Clerkin on Saturday 9th May. Doors are open 8pm in the GAA Complex, Roundwood. Tickets available from Laragh GFC Facebook page or ring 086 302 2969/087 413 1840.

Laragh Glendalough Sustainable Energy Group

On Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm in the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh the group will host an information evening where the Laragh and Glendalough community can hear about the ways they can get directly involved in the next stage of the project.

Rory Gallagher Blues in Greystones

Ireland's newest Rory Gallagher tribute band bring their high intensity show to the Hotspot, Greystones on 6th March. Crest of a Wave take you on a journey through Rory's back catalogue with some Taste classics, deep cuts from the 1974 Irish Tour and some of Rory's marvellous acoustic styles. This is a high energy, electric blues/rock show that is not to be missed! Friday March 6th. Tickets €12 - €14 www.thehotspot.ie

Scrap Metal Day

Brockagh Resource Centre will be having another scrap weekend on Sat 28th and 29th of March to raise funds for the centre. More details to follow. Contact: 0404 45600, brockaghresourcecentre@gmail.com. www.brockaghresourcecentre.ie.

Starter course for Wicklow food lovers

Are you an entrepreneur with a food idea, in the early stages of starting up a food business (typically the first 24 months) or seeking to progress onto the food academy programme?

Wicklow is a haven for food entrepreneurs, with

an increase in the amount of activity on its food landscape, producer numbers growing, and new food events popping up around the County the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow is providing a Food Starter Programme.

This is a two-day course that will inform budding food entrepreneurs on what to

expect on their food jour-

ney. The course takes place on, Tuesday the 10th and 24th of March 2020 and lead by James Burke of James Burke & Associates. Day one will focus on providing participants with an overview of the food sector in Ireland

and getting participants to get more focus on their objectives for their food business. Day two will be

more hands on with a focus on: finance, state agency supports and funding, distribution and logistics, identifying the unique positioning for the product, understanding branding and communication, and supports available and next steps. This is an exceptional course that any food entrepreneur would benefit from participating in.

Places are limited and

booking is essential: See www.localenterprise.ie.

This programme is focused on food and drink manufacturing, which excludes cafés, restaurants, or food service operation.

If you are a business owner or wanting to set up the aforementioned please contact the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow to find out about supports available for you.

Pancake Tuesday, French style!

Pancake Tuesday Chez Louis et Little Lingua Languages Ltd is a collaboration by Sinéad McKeever, CEO of Little Lingua Languages and French Chez Louis of New Business Chez Louis!

Little Lingua and Sinead's initiative brings her passion of culture & communication of foreign languages alive! All children LOVE Pancakes. So what better way to introduce them to another culture & language than through Crêpes! Chez Louis is a new business on Bray Main Street. "We are delighted to be collaborating with Little Lingua, who have a passion for all things French! Little Lingua will walk, along with French flags and lots of French songs from St Patrick's NS (with pupils form St Patrick's and St Cronan's) to Chez Louis! Where we will be welcomed by Louis and his French Team! Louis will do a Demo for the Children in French on how to make Crepes! All through speaking French." This will take place on 25th February 2.30pm - 3.30pm from St Patrick's NS Bray to Chez Louis, Main Street. For more info, contact Sinéad McKeever, Little Lingua, sinead@littlelingua.com, 0868640322.



The Bray Modernettes competed in the Baton Twirling Association of Ireland National Championships in Tallaght last weekend and did extremely well. They performed to a very high standard and received numerous medals in the solo and paired events on Saturday, and on Sunday they also came out on top in the team and group events with baton and pom pom. The children and young adults train hard for these competitions with extra training, and it shows when they go to competition and come out on top. Modernettes baton twirlers overall as a club came out 5th place out of the 15 clubs that competed. They train in Ballywaltrim hall on Fridays and Mondays. Children are from the age of 4yrs to 26yrs.

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Cullen throws his hat into Seanad race

Wicklow Fine Gael has announced that they will be nominating Councillor Shay Cullen as their candidate to be put forward for national selection for the Seanad.

At the Fine Gael Constituency meeting in Woodenbridge, in proposing Councillor Cullen's nomination, Andrew Doyle confirmed that he was not interested in running for the Seanad at this time following the loss of his seat in the recent election.

Doyle and others made the point that rural Wicklow needed a strong and able advocate in the Seanad and Shay Cullen had proven his ability to do that job on the basis of his work ethic and track record to-date. Outgoing Minister for Health, Simon Harris, endorsed the nomination.

Cullen, who lives in Newtownmountkennedy, was a poll topper in the 2019 Local Elections when he secured more than 2,200 votes. He served as Cathaoirleach of Wicklow Municipal District in 2017/2018, during which time his main areas of focus were housing, rural roads and tourism.

In accepting his nomination, Cullen said "I am honoured to have been



Cllr Shay Cullen

Eireann elections return a Senator from these districts. I have also consulted with the hundreds of members of Fianna Fáil and my own supporters who strongly feel that this election is contested."

M e a n w h i l e , Independent councillor Rory O'Connor, who is unable to run for the Seanad as he is not over 21 years of age, said that he will only vote for candidates "who will deliver for Wicklow and recognise the climate emergency".

The Seanad is comprised of 60 members and

is called the upper house of Parliament, with the Dáil being the lower house. Eleven Senators are nominated by the Taoiseach, six are elected by University Graduates. The remaining 43 are elected by members of the Oireachtas and County Councillors.

Cllr O'Connor said "This is my first time to vote in the Seanad elections and I will only vote for those who support the needs of county Wicklow and who recognise the urgent need by Government to tackle the climate emergency in a more ambitious and creative way".

The nomination period for Nominating Bodies expired on 24th February and the period for nominations by members of the Oireachtas expires on 2nd March. On 9th March the Seanad returning officer will sit for the completion of the panels and ballot papers will be issued to the electorate on 16th March. Polls will close on Monday 30th March at 11am.



Volunteers take a break from putting in the new garden at the recently opened Wicklow Hospice at Magheramore.

Concern for missing Beatrice

Gardaí are appealing to the public for their assistance in tracing the whereabouts of 55-year-old Beatrice Coughlan who was last seen in the Delgany area on 13th February.

Beatrice's car was found at the Ceide Fields in north Mayo and her family are concerned for her wellbeing. Gardai in Wicklow are working with Gardai from the West of Ireland to help locate Beatrice. Emergency services are carrying out searches.

Beatrice is originally from Killiney and moved to an apartment in Eden Gate in recent years. The alarm was raised by a neighbour.

Beatrice is described as being 5'3" inches in height with a slim build and long fair hair. When she was last seen, she was wearing dark trousers, black Nike runners, a beige three-quarter length coat and a beige jumper. Her hair was in a ponytail.

Gardaí and Beatrice's family are concerned for her wellbeing. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact Greystones Garda Station on 01 666 5800, the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111 or any Garda Station.



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Newly elected Social Democrats TD for Wicklow, Jennifer Whitmore, is pictured with her husband Tony and four children on the first day of the 33rd Dáil. Her family watched her from the Dáil gallery as the names of each of the elected TDs were called out by the Clerk of the Dáil. Speaking on her first day as Deputy Whitmore, Jennifer said "it's a great honour to be here and to have been elected by the people of Wicklow. I look forward to working for everyone in the county and getting my teeth into the work as soon as possible. I'm delighted my family was able to accompany me into Leinster House on my first day. It was also a pleasure to meet the staff at Leinster House and the many newly elected TDs and their own families coming along for their first day too. It's a great reminder of the privilege of being able to serve and for me it's a privilege to be able to serve the whole county of Wicklow and its constituents."

Recruitment now underway for Wicklow Hospice

Minister Simon Harris has warmly welcomed the news that recruitment has now commenced for the new Wicklow Hospice.

Minister Harris has worked with the Wicklow Hospice Foundation and his Department to secure funding for all the staffing costs of this new state of the art hospice for our county. Recruitment of staff is now underway and details of how to apply are available at <https://olh.ie/careers/current-vacancies/>

Speaking about this positive development for Wicklow, Minister Harris said, "I am so delighted to see recruitment now underway of the hospice for County Wicklow and I look forward to the great job opportunities this will provide for people in our community and the huge benefit this hospice will provide to us all. A massive amount of work has been undertaken by so many and I congratulate all involved."

"I was pleased to use my role as a Minister and a Wicklow TD to secure funding for all the staffing costs of the new hospice and go see this recruitment process now underway," concluded Minister Harris

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Wicklow gets 27 new speed zones

Twenty-seven new speed zones came into effect around Co. Wicklow last week, bringing the total number up to 40. Thirteen of the existing speed zones across Wicklow have remained in place while 19 were removed. The speed zones are located in areas where there has been a history of speed-related collisions.

The cameras will operate from vans which are marked with high visibility reflective material and display a safety camera symbol.

The survey hours will be conducted from unmarked vans, in order to accurately observe and record the speeds at which vehicles are currently travelling, for survey purposes only.

An Garda Síochána appeals to all road users, in particular motorists, to familiarise themselves with these sections of the road network.

They stated "Excessive or inappropriate speed is a significant contributory factor in road traffic collisions.

Gardaí use a range of speed detection technology to reduce speed across Irish roads. A reduction in speed will lead to a reduction in the incidence of fatal and serious injuries and will improve road safety for all road-users.

"We are working closely with a range of partner agencies, including Government Departments, the Road Safety Authority, the National Roads Authority, and the community, in order to develop a national culture of safe road use. A further extensive analysis of collisions on the road network where speed was a contributory

factor has been completed. The following sections of road, as set out on the map, were identified as having a significant proportion of collisions whereby, in the opinion of the investigating Garda, a safe speed was exceeded.

"Ongoing surveys will be conducted to ensure that these sections of roads continue to represent locations where speeding is happening. The map will be updated accordingly. These sections of the road network will be where An Garda Síochána will be primarily focusing our enforcement. We will use a range of equipment such as:

Handheld and tripod mounted laser guns; Vehicle mounted Puma speed detection equipment, (both marked and unmarked vehicles); Van mounted automatic speed detection radars (Garda operated); Van mounted Go-Safe vans (civilian operated).

"We also appeal to motorists to always drive at an appropriate speed, to reduce the likelihood of being involved in a fatal or serious collision."

The new zones are located: On the N11, at Kilmacanogue/Moorepark; the M11, from Arklow to Scarnagh, at Barndarrig, and at Junction 15; on the

R772 in Newtownmountkennedy; on the R755 Djouce; R115 Glencree; R747 Kilcarra/Arklow; R747 Aughrim/Woodenbridge; R748 Hillbrook; R750 Bollarney; R752 in Wicklow Town; R755 Laragh; R759 Luggala; R759 Manor Kilbride; R760 Enniskerry; R761 Three Trouts Bridge; R761 Killruddery; R762 Greystones; R767 Bray; L1013 Ballybawn; L1020 Kilcrone to Enniskerry; L2190 Ballyruane; Arklow; L5050 Rockingham; L1007 Monastery Rd, Enniskerry; Abbey Street in Arklow; and the Boghall Road, Bray.

Wicklow Sinn Féin commemorate 100th anniversary of Séamus O'Brien murder

On Sunday 16th February Wicklow Sinn Féin held a commemoration for Séamus O'Brien on the 100th anniversary of his murder by the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC). Séamus was shot dead in Rathdrum on Thursday, February 11th, 1920.

Séamus O'Brien was originally a Wexford man who came to Rathdrum and set up a business in what is now the post office. He was deeply involved in the GAA, Sinn Féin and was also a member of the Irish Volunteers. He fought in Enniscorthy during Easter week, 1916. He was subsequently sentenced to five years in the internment camp at Frongoch in Wales, he was released after nine months and returned to Ireland in December 1916. He first arrived in Rathdrum in 1917 and in 1919 married a local woman, Ellen Darcy, who gave birth to a child less than one month before the shooting took place.

Speaking at the commemoration for Séamus O'Brien Wicklow Sinn Féin TD John

Brady said "It is right and proper that we remember the true heroes from the War of Independence and that is why we gather to commemorate the death of Séamus O'Brien at the hands of the RIC 100 years ago."

"Séamus was deeply involved in the GAA, he was also a member of Sinn Féin and the Irish Volunteers. He took an active part in the 1916 Easter Rising in Enniscorthy and was arrested shortly after the surrender of the leaders. He was interned at Frongoch in Wales, and was released after nine months, he returned to Ireland in December 1916.

"On the evening of Thursday, February 11th, 1920 Séamus was shot dead on the Main Street in Rathdrum by members of the RIC."

"The remains of Séamus were taken from his residence in Rathdrum by a group of 500 Volunteers who marched two deep behind the coffin to the railway station. They then travelled by train to Gorey where the coffin was draped in the colours of the Irish Republic and also with the Volunteer uniform of the deceased. When the procession reached Ballyvaldon burial ground near Blackwater in Wexford it was over two miles in length."

Brady concluded "It is right and proper that we remember Séamus O'Brien on the hundredth anniversary of his murder. We should remember all the true patriots from the War of Independence and not those who shot Séamus."



John Brady TD with the rest of the attendees in Rathdrum at the laying of the wreath to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the killing of Seamus O'Brien.



HIQA publish inspection report for West Wicklow foster care service

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) last week published an inspection report for the Tusla foster care service area of West Wicklow, Kildare, and Dublin South West. Across six standards, it was found that one standard was compliant, one standard was substantially compliant, and four standards were non-compliant, all of which were 'moderately' non-compliant.

Carried out over four days last September, it was the third inspection of this foster care service area since February 2018, when major non-compliances and serious risks within the fostering service were identified. The findings in the following inspection in November 2018 found that significant risks remained in the area in relation to unallocated foster carers, assessments of relative carers and reviews of foster carers.

Among the findings it was found that there was no overall tracking system to ensure adequate management oversight of allegations made by children in care against other people, including family members and people in the community, or of the management of child protection and welfare concerns. The processes in place for safety planning required

improvement to ensure that: Formal written safety plans were put in place when required; Safety plans were reviewed and monitored as required; All relevant parties were aware of and in agreement with the safety plan. A large number of foster carers had yet to complete training in relation to their legal responsibilities as 'Mandated Persons' in line with the Children First Act 2015.

An Action Plan required

Tusla to ensure that: There is a designated social worker for each child and young person to foster care; that each child and young person in foster care has a written care plan; that children and young people are placed with carers who are chosen for their capacity to meet the assessed needs of the children or young people; that children and young people in

foster care are protected from abuse or neglect; that Children and young people in foster care are helped to develop the skills, knowledge and competence necessary for adult living.

At the time of the latest inspection there were 365 children in foster care in the area. Of these, 161 children were placed in relative foster care, one child was in supported lodgings, and 203 children were placed with general foster carers, 44 of whom were placed with private foster carers.

The report found the service area to be compliant in the standard of assessment of children and young people, substantially compliant in the standard of safeguarding and child protection, and non-compliant in the standards of the child and family social worker, care planning and review, matching carers

with children and young people, and preparation for leaving care and adult life.

HIQA highlighted many positive aspects of the foster care system in the area, including: Children reported they were happy with the foster care service; 93pc of care plans reviewed by inspectors recorded consideration of all the children's care needs; Assessments of need were carried out on all children placed in foster care, and were of good quality; There were systems in place to ensure that comprehensive assessments of need were undertaken, and that children had medical examinations upon admission to care; There was a system in place for ensuring that children whose child-in-care reviews were due were prioritised, and child-in-care reviews took place for children who did not have an



Cliona Byrne, Amy Burton, Lorna Kelty, and Geraldine Young at the Arklow Bay Gatsby Charity Ball in aid of the Peter McVery Trust

allocated social worker; The views of children were sought and represented in child-in-care reviews. Children reported that they were encouraged to attend reviews by their families and social workers; There was good management and oversight of complaints, concerns and allegations against foster carers.

Commenting on the latest report's release, Patricia Finlay, Service Director for Tusla Dublin Mid Leinster, said: "Scrutiny of our fostering services is useful as we strive to offer the best possible services to foster

children and foster carers. HIQA highlighted many positive aspects of the foster care system in Dublin South West, Kildare, and West Wicklow.

"We are wholly committed to making our fostering services even stronger. There are areas that we can improve on in Dublin South West, Kildare, and West Wicklow. To this end, we are implementing all the measures outlined in our remedial Action Plan, and will continue to do so over the next 12 months and beyond.

"We are undertaking recruitment initiatives to increase the number of social workers in the area to boost our ability to allocate cases further. We have also developed a number of tracking and audit mechanisms in other areas to ensure rigorous quality assurance systems are in place to create a robust fostering service in the area. A Principal Social Worker (PSW) post specific to fostering has also been approved and the area is currently in the process of filling this post. This

is a significant development and resource for the area and this PSW will be central to leading out and managing our fostering services.

"Foster care is a central element of our child protection system. Tusla is working to enhance our foster care system across the three counties to provide stable and safe environments for children and young people who can't live at home, and to support families in the area who open their homes to vulnerable children."

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Maria McDermottroe and Frances Blackburn are pictured during the filming of 'Post Love' in Newtownmountkennedy:

ISPCA issues a warning to dog owners

The ISPCA is reminding dog owners to act responsibly and keep their dogs under control at all times when in the countryside or around livestock. This is especially important at this time of year, which is peak lambing season.

ISPCA CEO Dr Andrew Kelly said: "In recent weeks there have been a number of reports of dog attacks killing or causing horrific injuries to sheep and lambs. Dog owners must keep their dogs under control at all times and can be held responsible for attacks on sheep which can have serious financial and legal consequences".

The ISPCA is also reminding dog owners that it is a legal requirement to have all dog's microchipped. Puppies must be microchipped by the time they are 12 weeks old or before they leave the breeding premises. Owners must also be in possession of a Microchip Certificate.

If you don't have your Microchip Certificate you need to contact your vet for your dog's microchip number, which they will have on file or alternatively any veterinary practice, animal rescue organisation or dog pound can scan your dog for a microchip number.

TWO NEW COUNCILLORS FOR WICKLOW

Following on from the successful general election campaign of Jennifer Whitmore to the Dáil, the Social Democrats have nominated Greystones local, Jodie Neary to take Jennifer's seat on Wicklow County Council. The nomination of Jodie Neary to the Council will be presented at a special meeting on Tuesday at Wicklow County Council buildings where councillors will vote on the replacements for Jennifer Whitmore and Steven Mathews of the Greens who was also successful in the general election. His seat will be taken by his wife and campaign manager, Erika Doyle.

Jodie Neary who is born and raised in Greystones, lives in the area with her husband and 5-year old twin girls who attend Greystones Educate Together. A member of the Social Democrats, Jodie has worked with Jennifer Whitmore for many years on her local election and most recently as Press Manager on her general election campaign.

She is no stranger to politics having been a Parliamentary Assistant/Adviser and Party Administrator in Leinster House for eight years. She has also worked on 6 election campaigns, four referenda campaigns and two Seanad campaigns.

Speaking on the nomination, Jodie Neary says "I'm delighted to have been nominated by the Wicklow Social Democrats' branch to take Jennifer's seat on the Council. Jennifer has done tremendous work for Greystones, Delgany, Kilcoole and Newcastle and has done so much for local communities. I hope

Erika Doyle is no stranger to the political world having worked with Wicklow Times for 12 years as a reporter and

to continue that work alongside Jennifer and the fantastic team we have in the Social Democrats.

"I want to see the communities in Greystones, Delgany, Kilcoole and Newcastle continue to play a central role in the work carried out by the Council and ensure that the needs of families are met in the area. Much work needs to be done to secure secondary school places for children living in the district and I will work hard with Jennifer to see that it happens. As these areas continues to grow, I want to see proper infrastructure and recreational facilities in place for new developments including greater access to public transport. I am also passionate about climate action and tackling biodiversity loss and want to see local community involvement supported and the Wicklow County Council's implementation plan carried out.

Erika Doyle is no stranger to the political world having worked with Wicklow Times for 12 years as a reporter and



Erika Doyle

Features Editor. In her work she would have attended local and county council meetings and reported on many controversial issues. She would also have interviewed many local and national politicians.

She said "I am honoured to be entrusted with Deputy Matthews' seat on Wicklow County Council and Bray Municipal District. I'm grateful for the support I received from Wicklow Green Party members who nominated me for the position. After so many years of covering the inner and outer workings of the council in my role as a reporter and dealing with the issues and concerns of people in Bray and Wicklow I have an understanding of what people expect from their public representatives and have built good working relationships with many councillors from across the political spectrum. I have also worked closely with Steven on areas of policy and research for over ten years. My experiences managing election campaigns allowed me to hear directly from people exactly what their concerns are for the county, not to mention what they love about it, and I believe we should work together to address the issues, and accentuate the positives of our wonderful county."



Jodie Neary (second from left) with Catherine Murphy, Jennifer Whitmore and Roisin Shorthall.

New records made at the National Pool Lifesaving Championships in the UL Arena

Competition was thrilling in the most open National Pool Championships for many years. Five individual national records were made and 3 relay team records broken at a packed UL Arena.

300 of Ireland's top lifesavers entertained us over two days in a carnival type atmosphere in a very close and open competition.

Competition was close between Clare, Donegal, Kilkenny, and Wicklow. A strong contingent from Belfast Olympia Lifesaving Club took part and was always in contention.

Best individual performances created 5 new National records. Two came from Donegal's Molly Nulty in the 50M rescue and the 100M obstacle race;

Also from Donegal Coady Dunnion broke the record in his 100M Obstacle race. Kilkenny's Naomi Trait, broke the record in the 200M Obstacle race. While Wicklow's Hazel Bentley broke the record for the 200M Super Lifesaver.

In the team events Wicklow Junior girls team broke two relay records in the Manikin and obstacle race and Donegal broke the record in the 50M obstacle relay.

The events are designed to test the lifesaving skills, fitness and endurance of the country's top lifeguards. Clare McGrath, the Chair of Lifesaving Sport said "We are delighted to see such a high standard, which bodes well for our National Teams that will compete at the World Championships in Riccione, Italy in September 2020.



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Striking the 'Each for Equal' pose chosen by the organisers of International Women's Day 2020 are (l-r) AIB's Head of Business Banking Catherine Moroney, President of Network Ireland Louisa Meehan and Her Excellency Deike Potzel, Germany's Ambassador to Ireland.

Business group wants women to have their say for IWD

Network Ireland is turning to women around the country to hear their views on life in Ireland ahead of International Women's Day (IWD) 2020. The dynamic business group is launching a survey examining topics affecting the lives of women, including childcare, mental health and gender in the workplace.

Branches will share a link to the survey on their websites, through their membership and via social media channels, in order to get as large a sample of respondents as possible for the research. Network Ireland President Louisa Meehan says "My focus for this year is on 'Power Within' and we want to listen to women from within all backgrounds around Ireland for this research, to get an idea of how a range of aspects of life in this country affect them in 2020".

The results of the survey will be released at Network Ireland's event marking International Women's Day, at Tulfarris House on Friday, February 28th. Germany's Ambassador to Ireland, Her Excellency Deike Potzel and International Mental Health Wellness Consultant Rona McBrierty will be among those sharing their insight and expertise with delegates, while broadcaster and founder of SpeakEasy Communications Clodagh Walsh will be MC on the day. AIB will also be official partners for the event.

Louisa Meehan says she's looking forward to the event: "International Women's Day is an occasion that's very close to our hearts at Network Ireland and gathering our members from across the country together is always a brilliant opportunity to share stories and experiences, learn from each other and find support among like-minded members of the organisation". Tickets for the event are still available at www.networkireland.ie - which is where you can also find a link to the IWD survey.

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Energia applies for foreshore licence for South Wicklow coast

Energy provider Energia has applied to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for an investigative foreshore licence in order to undertake early stage site investigation surveys which are necessary to assess the potential suitability of the area for an offshore wind farm off the Co. Wexford & South Wicklow coastline.

It is not a planning permission application and does not provide permission to build a wind farm. The company

The survey activities would provide information on the ecology of the sea area and detailed imagery of the seabed. This will involve 1 (and occasionally 2) vessels in the sea at any one time.

The surveys will measure water depth, identify seabed features and sediment type, identify the biodiversity of the area and measure wind speed, current speed and direction and wave height.

The survey and vessels will comply with all environmental legislation and controls. No structures will be erected onshore as part of the survey and there will be no negative impacts on the marine or coastal environment. Consultation with

local fishing representatives and port authorities will be carried out before any survey activity takes place.

The proposed foreshore survey activity is similar to many other surveys currently being undertaken around the coast of Ireland to identify potentially suitable areas for offshore renewable energy generation.

It is envisaged that any survey activity would take place over a 24 month period. The survey will provide environmental and technical information relating to the study area. This necessary information would be one of several inputs that would inform any future decision to proceed with a potential planning application. The foreshore licence application to DHPLG is subject to public consultation.

Energia have appointed Fishery Liaisons Ltd. for the role of Fisheries Liaison Officer ("FLO") for the project to engage with fishery organisations and groups in relation to any survey activities.

Commenting on the foreshore licence application, Peter Baillie, Managing Director of Energia Renewables said "We are committed to the communities we serve and to play our part in contributing to positive climate action. Offshore wind energy is a vitally important component of the Government of Ireland's 2019 Climate Action Plan with a target of at least 3.5 GW of offshore renewable energy generation by 2030."

"This foreshore licence application is to undertake surveys and assess the feasibility for future development

ment. It is in line with both the Government's and our plans to create sustainability of energy supply from green and renewable sources, and to reduce the impact of climate change on our environment."

In 2019, Energia announced its commitment to invest over 3 Billion in Irish renewable energy generation and related systems over the next 5 years via its 'Positive Energy' programme. This proposed survey in the South Irish Sea and any potential future activity would form part of this commitment.

Energia also recently applied to the DHPLG for an investigative foreshore licence to undertake similar site investigation surveys in the North Celtic Sea off the coast of Waterford. Energia are currently awaiting a decision on this application.

Local fencing club compete in Hungary

En Garde Fencing club travelled to Hungary for their first ever international competition. It was the first time an Irish team had ever entered the prestigious Olimpici Fencing Tournament in Budapest.

Teams from across Europe including England, Romania, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Switzerland and Germany were all competing. The 14-year-old competition is considered to be one of the toughest as it attracts the best youth talent from across Europe.

Representing the En Garde club were Tasiana Griffin English, 13, Kim Colgan, 12, Sophie Galligan, 11, Elliot Wright, 10, Levi Griffin English, 11 and Emer Rowe, 10.

Coach Piri Keresztes, said she was incredibly proud of how the team coped with the massive step up in class from the Irish competitions.

"This was an amazing chance for the kids to see what the standards are like at the big international competitions."

"In Eastern Europe it is not unusual for the kids to train three hours every day and compete at the weekends."

"Our team managed to win some of their matches which is a fantastic first step for the future."

She added: "Considering where we are coming from our team did exceptionally well to be competitive at this level." The En Garde Club, which is run by Hungarian fencing international, David Losonczi, is planning to travel to more international competitions later this year.

The club which trains in the Educate Together school in Greystones and St Laurence's in Roundwood started just two years ago. The club is planning to host a free trial day for both adults and children aged 8 and above in Educate Together at 3pm on February 29th. The club also runs camps which are open to non-members during the school holidays.

For more information you can find them on Facebook- En Garde Fencing Club or contact Piri on 089 2039210.



Pic from L to R: Levi Griffin English, Sophie Galligan, Tasiana Griffin English, Piri Keresztes, Kim Colgan, Emer Rowe and Elliot Wright

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Principal Eibhlín Úi Chonchubhair presents Annika Seadaic with the Best Junior Cert award at the Gaelcholaiste na Mara Awards night in Arklow

€150k funding for North Wicklow Trail Network

Minister Simon Harris has warmly welcomed the announcement of over €150k funding towards the development of a long distance walking trail from Bray to Woodenbridge.

Minister Harris said: "This is a welcome investment by the government in Wicklow tourism. The €150,000 of funds is towards path construction, drainage, fencing and the necessary signage. This will enhance Wicklow Tourism and the growth of related jobs in the hospitality sector".

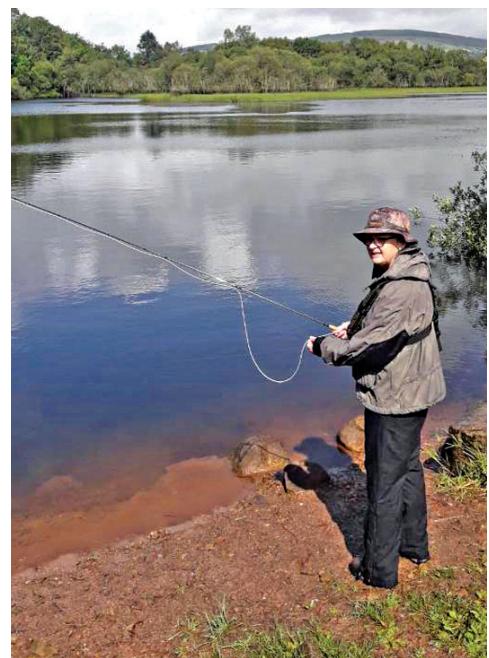
The investment is a collaborative initiative between the Department of Rural and Community Development and Fáilte Ireland. The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure and for the maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland.

Open call for Wicklow women to try fishing

Inland Fisheries Ireland will be running a number of events to give women in Wicklow and nationwide the opportunity to try fishing in 2020.

Well renowned angler and one of the world's leading fly casting instructors, Glenda Powell has partnered with Inland Fisheries Ireland to teach the participants around various venues in Ireland from April to September of this year.

The aim of the programme is to give women an opportunity to try fishing in a relaxed and supportive



environment with other beginners. Each participant will be concentrated on as an individual and the aim is to develop her own personal requirements during the programme to enable learning. The course will be a mixture of spinning and fly fishing to ensure that each participant gets to experience a variety of fishing methods while figuring out what method works best for them. Participants will be encouraged to progress at their own rate of learning while feeling safe in or around water. Each participant will learn a new skill and be in the outdoors and will hopefully develop an interest to continue with the sport. Those wishing to progress to the next level in learning to fish will be encouraged to sign up to future programmes and also to join local angling clubs.

Each course will consist of a half-day session either in the morning (9.30am - 1.00pm) or afternoon (2pm - 5.30pm) on the following Saturdays: River Blackwater, Cork (April 4th, April 18th, May 16th, May 30th); River Moy, Mayo (June 6th, June 20th, July 18th, July 25th); River Shannon, Limerick (Aug 22nd, Aug 29th, Sept 5th, Sept 12th).

Suzanne Campion, Head of Business Development at Inland Fisheries Ireland said: "We are delighted to be able to offer this pilot programme to women as an opportunity to not only learn fishing but have the chance to develop a new skill and past time. In today's society, outdoor recreational activities are more important than ever from a health and well-being perspective and in Ireland, we are uniquely placed with the breadth and quality of our fisheries resource which is available to all to enjoy. We want to give these women a unique opportunity to be able to try out this sport in a relaxed and supportive environment among some of our greatest natural resources here in Ireland."

The programme is open to all women aged 18 and over. Booking is essential as there are a limited number of spaces. If you are interested in taking part or would like more information visit <https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/women>.

Applications invited for Nell Healy People of the Year Awards 2019

The Nell Healy People of the Year Awards take place again this year to celebrate volunteerism in Wicklow parish. Organised by Joe Healy in association with The Rotary Club of Wicklow, the awards provide an opportunity for the people of Wicklow parish to acknowledge individuals and groups or organisations who have made a real difference to their community.

"I am delighted to be involved again this year as the awards acknowledge volunteerism which is an important aspect of community life in the parish," said Joe Healy.

"There are many unsung heroes living in our community and this competition marks the huge contribution that these individuals and groups have made to our community in the past year," said Donal Magner, president of Wicklow

Rotary.

Accepting a sponsorship cheque from Joe Healy the Rotary president

encouraged the community to nominate organisations and individuals for awards in the parish - both Wicklow and Rathnew.

The awards not only reward volunteerism but

also celebrate the memory of Ellen (Nell) Healy who during her 52-year business life always acknowledged the voluntary contribution of organisations and individuals in the Wicklow community.

People of the Year Awards provide an opportunity to honour individuals, groups or organisations for their achievement, in areas that include

public service, social advocacy, culture and community life. The categories are: International person of the year award to a person who has made an outstanding contribution at international level; Sports club or sports person of the year; Youth person of the year; Community support group or person of the year; Arts and culture group or person of the year; Volunteer of the year. Those nominated should reside in the parish of Wicklow and Rathnew. The closing date for receipt of nominations is April 3rd. Awards

committee member Peter Byrne said nomination forms are available at www.wicklowrotary.org those interested can pick up forms at Leonard and Mulvey Pharmacy Butlers Medical Hall Abbey Street, Wicklow or the Village Food Store, Rathnew or Wicklow Library.

Completed application forms should be handed in to Cooney Parle Accountants, New Street, Wicklow Town. The awards will be presented at a function in the Brass Fox, Wicklow Town, on Friday, April 17th.

Heroes Ball to raise funds for LauraLynn

The LauraLynn Heroes Ball will take place on Saturday March 28th in the Clayton Hotel Burlington Road in Dublin. Now in its 5th year the night has become known as the most fun-filled Charity Ball in the calendar. With a gala dinner and drinks, sparkling entertainment and fabulous prizes up for grabs it's a night not to be missed.

Miriam O'Callaghan will be on hosting duties with the hilarious

Alan Shortt orchestrating the Charity Auction activities with a signed guitar from Hozier up for grabs and the amazing Perfect Day band keeping the crowd entertained on the dance floor until late in the evening.

Speaking at the launch of the LauraLynn Heroes Ball, Miriam O'Callaghan said: "It's an honour to be on MC duties for LauraLynn's Heroes Ball this year. It's a wonderful night of glitz, glam and top entertainment and all

for such a worthy cause."

Alan Shortt added: "I am delighted to host the auction at the LauraLynn Heroes Ball this year. We have some amazing prizes up for grabs at this year's event including a signed guitar from Hozier which will be sure to stir up some great excitement and interest!"

LauraLynn receives no dedicated government funding and must raise €4.6m this year alone through fundraised income. The Heroes Ball is a key date in the fundraising calendar for LauraLynn.

Since opening in September

2011, LauraLynn has provided specialised hospice care to more than 420 children and their families. LauraLynn provides holistic care to each child which enables them to make the most of every day. This care also extends to the family of each child who are often dealing with difficult emotional, physical and financial pressures.

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Miriam O'Callaghan and Alan Shortt pictured with Isabelle Norris and Austeja Lukoseviciute at the launch of LauraLynn Children's Hospice Heroes Ball which takes place on 28th March.

Blessington locals appeal against apartment block development

Residents of St. Joseph's Road in Blessington have lodged an appeal with An Bord Pleanala against the development of apartments at Blessington Demense off Blessington Main Street.

The residents say they accept that some residential development is inevitable but that they cannot envisage or tolerate four-storey apartments overlooking their homes.

Glengolden Builders Ltd applied to Wicklow County Council last September for permission for a housing development to include three apartment blocks, each three to four storeys in height, and totaling 58 apartments altogether (a mixture of three-bed, two-bed, and one-bed apartments). The development would also include the creation of two new site entrances. The Council granted permission for the development earlier this month.

The site is bound by a

public road to southwest, an access road to east of the site which provides access to a school and theatre to the northeast of the site and a childcare centre is located to the northwest.

"Given the orientation and height of the buildings I am concerned that there is the potential for overshadowing of the private amenity space to the rear of dwellings located in St Josephs Road.

In terms of the overbearing impact of the proposed development in relation to the adjacent properties, given the type of development located proximate to the site I do not consider that it will of such a significant level to warrant a recommendation for refusal on overlooking. Furthermore I consider that the provision of residential development on this vacant and idle site will provide

for a greater sense of safety and provide for active and passive surveillance for existing and proposed residents in the area.

they object because of the proposed height of the building, which they say will impact on them with regards to invasion

of their privacy and a diminishing of the light available and an overshadowing of some of the gardens on the west side.

They also cite the

increased volume of traffic and "approx 87 extra cars using what is a very limited access road".

They say "This road is already heavily used by school and theatre traffic. The suggestion of additional access points from the proposed site to the above inadequate road would greatly endanger both school children and residents".

ABP is due to decide

on the case by 20th May.



Phillip Corcoran, Wendey Murdock, Kevin Murdock, Eimear O'Brien, Aoife Somers and Henry Kinch at the Arklow Bay Gatsby Charity Ball in aid of the Peter McVery Trust

'Tinahely footpath repairs need to be completed'

Minister Simon Harris TD has requested Wicklow County Council complete the outstanding repairs to the footpath on Lugduff Road in Tinahely.

Minister Harris said: "I have received representations from residents in Tinahely regarding the incomplete footpath repairs carried out on Lugduff Road in December 2018. Residents understood that the upgrade works carried out to Lugduff Road in late 2018 would see the associated footpath being reinstated and completed in early 2019. The incomplete footpath's temporary surface has now deteriorated significantly posing a hazard to walkers, joggers/runners, families with buggies/strollers and people with mobility issues. I would be grateful if the County Council could prioritise these reinstatement works as the incomplete pathway is now a major inconvenience to Tinahely residents".

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Irish rugby star Ross Byrne (centre) is pictured with Waldemir Ochab and Gary Talbot at the launch of the Simon Home Run, which invites runners, walkers, joggers, colleagues and secondary school students to join the race to end homelessness. This year's 5 mile (8k) run will take place on Saturday 7th March at 10.30am in the Phoenix Park and promises fun for all the family, with food and children's entertainment in the tented village and a novelty prize for the fastest buggy across the finish line. All registered runners will also be in with a chance of winning a 1,000 cash prize, which has been donated by a corporate sponsor.

Call for full-time Fire Service for Bray to be re-examined

Minister Simon Harris TD welcomed the call by his colleague Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy for the county council to re-examine the need for a full time fire service for Bray.

"Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy's motion at Wicklow County Council is welcome and I hope it will receive wide support. Aoife has been working hard on this issue and the County Council is to debate her motion on this in the near future".

The full text of Cllr Flynn Kennedy's motion reads: "Wicklow County Council should commission a report to re-examine the requirement for a Full-time Fire service for Bray. On the 1st of December 2014 a report was issued on the provision of a full-time Fire Service for Bray. This report was based on a number of data sources, including population data from the 2011 census. Giving consideration to the population growth in Bray, Enniskerry, Kilmacanogue and surrounding areas, the increased development both in terms of residential and commercial units and the length of time since the last assessment was carried out, a review of the current services and future needs are now required to ensure adequate service provision can be planned."

Cllr Flynn Kennedy added "The resumption of house building on a large scale is welcome for the many families in Bray looking for a new home in North Wicklow. However new housing brings additional pressures on many public services like transport and schools, the fire service is no different and we need to increase capacity to reflect our growing population"

Aughrim Active Retirement

The pottery course starts on Monday, 24th February from 10am to 12noon. This has been supported by a Grant from K.W.E.T.B. Materials cost 30 per person. This is a once off payment and must be paid at the first class. Yoga has finished due to lack of numbers, instead there will be Aqua Aerobics in the Coral Leisure Centre on Wednesday mornings. Cost per session - €4.50. International Women's Day is being celebrated on Sunday 8th March and it is hoped to organize a lunch to mark this. Anyone who might be interested can let Aughrim Active Retirement know.

Breast health awareness talk

Breast Cancer Ireland will be holding a breast health awareness talk in Greystones Library on 4th March, at 11:30am. Early diagnosis is the key to more positive outcomes in breast cancer. Promoted by Healthy Ireland at your Library and Breast Check. All welcome. Booking required: 01.2873548, greylib@wicklowcoco.ie.

Cancer Support Men's Evening

The Greystones Cancer Support's men's evening will take place this week on Wednesday 26th February in La Touche Place at 8pm. This evening is for men who have had cancer or whose family or friends have had cancer. Details from 2871601, Facebook and info@GreystonesCancerSupport.com.

Hudson Taylor

Hudson Taylor formed in 2011 but the two brothers go back a lot longer than that. They are sons who grew up in a very musical house and started playing at an early age. See them at the Hot Spot Music Club on 29th February. Doors open 8pm. Show starts 9:00 p.m. Tickets €22.

Craft afternoon

There will be a social hobby & craft afternoon in Kilian House Family Centre in Greystones on 1st March from 3pm to 5:30pm. Learn new crafts and make new connections while also having a cuppa. Lots to see and learn while meeting with friends.

Greystones Active Retirement Association

Membership renewal and enquiries each Tuesday 10.30-11.30am at Kilian House Family Centre. Visit to Dáil Éireann Tuesday 25th Feb. 2020. Bus leaves at 11.30am. This trip is booked out.

Gaiety Theatre Outing to 'The Mousetrap' on Wednesday April 1st 2020. Tickets and bus transport: €48. Bus leaves Church car park at 1pm. Booking Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am.

Holiday to Killarney from the 13th-17th April. This holiday is booked out. Balance of money due to be paid on, or before Tuesday 25th February.

Tea Dance on Saturday 4th April 2.30 - 5.30pm, Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy. Price 7.50. Music by Tommy Carroll. Tickets Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am and at the door.

Monthly Get-together Coffee morning Friday 28th February at 10.30am. Mr. Anthony McElheron will give talk on Birds of Ireland.

Ash Wednesday NATIONAL NO SMOKING DAY

Kick your smoking habit for good with the 28-day No Smoking Challenge

This National No Smoking Day (Ash Wednesday, 26 February 2020) the HSE calls on people who smoke to take on the 28-day No Smoking Challenge in March.

Research shows that if you can quit smoking for 28 days, you are five times more likely to quit for good. Starting from the 2nd of March people who smoke across the country will be taking the 28-day challenge.

The new QUIT Smoking campaign encourages people who smoke to make a quit attempt with the right help. It also calls on all of us to support the people we know and love in our lives who smoke to quit.

People who wish to quit can take advantage of the

free support available from their local HSE Stop Smoking Advisors. Face to face clinics are held every week in:

- Arklow 9am-1pm every Wednesday
- Dundrum 9am - 1pm every Tuesday
- Loughlinstown 9am - 1pm every Wednesday
- Wicklow 9am - 1pm every Tuesday

For more information or to make an appointment call 01 274 4297

5 Top Tips to Quit Smoking:

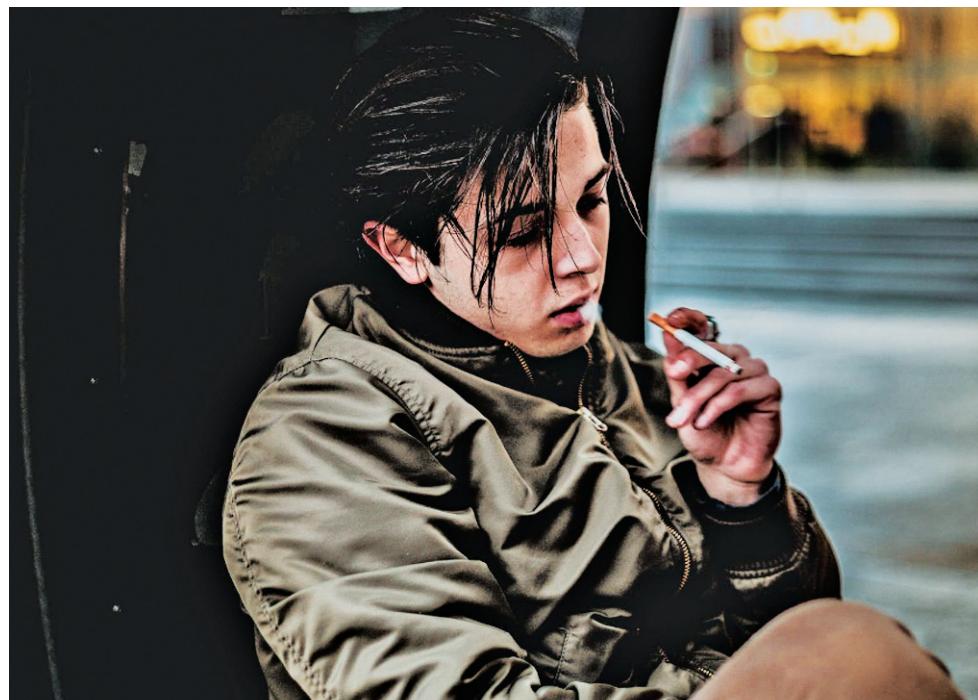
- Prepare to quit: take a moment to write down your reasons for quitting. Keep them close to hand or even stick them on your fridge as a reminder to stay strong.
- Change your routine and habits - do you normally have a cigarette with a coffee or tea? Then change your routine - have a cup of water instead or hold your cup in the other hand.
- Keep check on cravings - your craving for nicotine will peak at 3-5 minutes and will pass if you deal with it. Have you heard of the 4Ds? 1. Delay at least 3 - 5 minutes and the urge will pass; 2. Drink a glass of water or fruit juice; 3. Distract yourself, move away from the situation; and 4. Deep breaths - breathe slowly and deeply.
- Get by with a little help from your friends - supportive friends, family and even work colleagues could make all the difference to you on your QUITjourney.
- The single best advice is to help yourself QUIT by getting support from the QUIT Team. Our service is available to everyone and is free of charge. Using a support service like ours makes you twice as likely to Succeed. Get support from your local clinic listed above. You can also check out the HSE Quit website where you can get a QuitKit, daily messages or phone calls, an online Quit plan, and daily tips on the You Can Quit Facebook page. Make this stop #TheLastStop.



Clare O'Nolan

Many of us become carers at some stage in our lives. We nurse a friend or family member back to health after an accident, or care for a loved one as their dependency grows with age. Some of us care year after year for a child with special needs or as an elderly relative approaches the end of life. This service of hard work and personal sacrifice can take a huge toll on the carer which may not be fully recognised until after the situation changes or the loved one has passed away.

Counselling for Carers, based in the Transformative centre in the centre of Wicklow, can help you come to terms with the mental pressure of caring and grief at bereavement. It provides a safe therapeutic space to share thoughts and feelings, and help you cope with your situation.





Ash Wednesday NATIONAL NO SMOKING DAY

Your Community pharmacies can help

Community pharmacies are the most accessible part of the healthcare system with pharmacies situated in nearly every town and village. They are also the most visited health service provider, with 78 million visits to pharmacies in Ireland every year, representing 17 visits for every man, woman and child. In Wicklow alone there are 50 pharmacies, which directly employ 440 people. This amounts to 1.6 million visits to pharmacies in Wicklow last year, with 1.9 million HSE prescriptions dispensed, and over 500,000 private prescriptions.

Your pharmacist is a medicines expert working in your local community, but they do a lot more than dispense medicines, and can provide vital advice and support. The role of the pharmacist has changed significantly over the years with more pharmacies providing healthcare services as well as dispensing medicines. As healthcare pro-



fessionals, and the most accessible part of the healthcare system, many pharmacies provide a significant number of services to patients including the flu vaccination, an emergency hormonal contraception service, blood pressure monitoring, cholesterol measurements, diabetes management and much more.

One such additional service is Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), which many pharmacies offer to support people to stop smoking. As we approach National No Smoking Day (Wednesday 26 February), it is a great time for people to take the impetus and get support to stop smoking. NRT is designed to reduce the physical symptoms associated with stopping smoking. It involves a

advice and recommendations regarding medications, in addition to answering any queries you may have. Pharmacists are qualified to deal with sev-

eral ailments including colds and flus; allergic rhinitis; cold sores; constipation; dermatitis and mild eczema; headache; heartburn; migraine; nau-

sea and vomiting and pain, among other conditions. In the event that the patient requires additional treatment a pharmacist will always refer the patient to another healthcare professional including GPs.

All pharmacists have a

consultation area where patients can talk to their pharmacist in private and discreetly. Community pharmacy is at the frontline, delivering a patient-focused health service

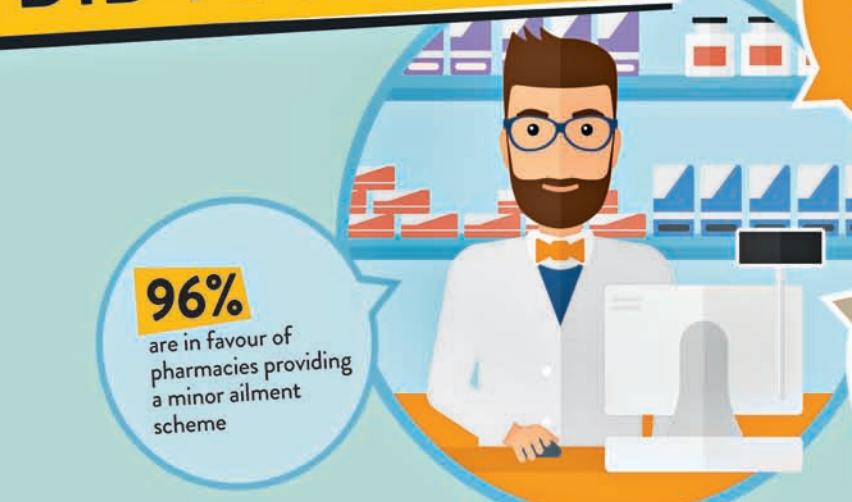
Pharmacists are part of a continuum of care that is

an essential part of our health service. In addition to the widely recognised role of dispensing medicines and advice, community pharmacists undertake a range of other primary healthcare roles. These include: cross-checking prescriptions to minimise the risk of adverse drug reaction; providing detailed information and support on medicine use and management; promoting awareness of general health issues, e.g. diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure; promoting medical compliance, with favourable implications for patient outcomes;

providing advisory services on minor health problems to the general public.

As the most accessible part of the healthcare system, open on average six days a week, pharmacies are available to provide healthcare information and advice to members of the public without the need for an appointment or the cost of a GP visit. Community pharmacies are constantly increasing their services and are seen by the public as being good value for money, which was identified by 92% of the public to a recent Behaviour and Attitudes survey.

DID YOU KNOW...



96%
are in favour of pharmacies providing a minor ailment scheme

92%
are in favour of pharmacies providing services to improve patient adherence to medicines

With **1.5 MILLION** visits to pharmacies every week, community pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare profession.

YOUR COMMUNITY PHARMACIST

could provide a range of services, improving health, enhancing accessibility and promoting cost efficiency...

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- + HEALTH CHECK SERVICE
- + NEW MEDICINES SERVICE
- + WIDE RANGE OF VACCINATIONS
- + MEDICINE USE REVIEWS

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The future of the healthcare system rests in the enhancement of pharmacists' roles and the expansion of services made available to the public.

* Behaviour & Attitudes market research, April 2017



Wicklow and District Lions Club held their weekly Quiz Night in the Bridge Tavern on Wednesday last. It was a full house and people travelled from near and far to support Move4Parkinsons and Wicklow Town Team. Pictured are the 2nd place team Dave Shannon, Nora Dunne, Claire Higgins, Mark Higgins

Girl Guides pledge to reduce plastic waste with Responsible Consumerism initiative

Irish Girl Guides' members are set to significantly reduce their consumption of single-use plastics following their launch of a Responsible Consumerism initiative.

The organisation's 11,000 members have committed to organising birthday parties, days out, camps, conferences and other events without the use of single-use plastics.

With the introduction of the new Responsible Consumerism programme, Irish Girl Guides (IGG) youth members from age 5-30 will learn about the importance of re-use and recycling and about the impact of plastic on the environment. They will also carry out litter picks in their local communities.

Ladybirds (aged 5-7) will re-use soft plastics to make balls to play games with while Brownies (aged 7-10) will play a 'Journey to Sustainability' boardgame, make beeswax wrap and design books about living sustainably.

Guides (aged 10-14) will learn about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and discuss what SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production means to them. They will learn how to compost and will choose between making sports equipment out of recycled materials, organising an upcycled fashion show or creating junk couture.

Senior Branch members (aged 14-30) will undertake service projects in their local communities. They will teach younger IGG members what can and can't be recycled and will go plastic-free for a week and blog or post on social media about their experience.

All members who successfully complete the Responsible Consumerism activities for their age group will earn an SDG12 badge, which has been developed with funding from Irish Aid.

IGG Programme and Training Commissioner, Jenny Gannon, said the SDGs were an integral part of the organisation's work with girls and young women and they were delighted to add another SDG badge to the programme. IGG already had badges based on SDG3 Health and Well-being and SDG13 Climate Action.

"The badge has been developed by some of our Senior Branch members and it has been fantastic seeing them plan and create the curriculum," she said. "Earning the badge will help our members look after the planet better. Imagine 11,000 parties with no plastic wastage! No balloons, no plastic straws or single-use cups. We're all about enabling and empow-



Members of Irish Girl Guides (IGG) pictured at the launch of the organisation's Responsible Consumerism initiative to reduce plastic waste, including IGG Chief Commissioner Amanda O'Sullivan (centre) and the two Senior Branch members, Teagan Stanley (left of centre) and Patricia Gutteridge (right of centre), who devised the programme for the 11,000 IGG members.

ering girls and helping them realise what an impact they can have on the world around them. That's what Guiding is all about - girls developing skills to be advocates in their own lives and for issues that are important to them and the world around them," she said.

The Senior Branch members who designed the Responsible Consumerism programme, including devising the Journey to Sustainability boardgame, were inspired to do so during a trip to Sangam World Guide Centre in Pune, India, last summer.

As a result of their work producing the Responsible Consumerism programme, Patricia and Teagan were invited to address the President of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, Mr Tijjani Muhammad-Band, and hundreds of young climate activists from around the country at a UN Youth Delegate event in Farmleigh House on 30 November 2019.

The text of their speech may be viewed on the IGG website - www.irishgirlguides.ie.

New brain injury support group

Acquired Brain Injury Ireland has announced a new brain injury support group in Wicklow called On With Life, for family and friends affected by brain injury.

Catherine Lacey, Community Case Manager with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland said: "When a brain injury happens, it can be devastating, both for the individual and for their families. It can put lives on hold while people undergo intense rehabilitation to relearn things, they used to do without thinking. Relationships are an essential part of any brain injury recovery. At

port families in Wicklow by providing information, guidance and support on this journey. Living with and caring for someone with a brain injury is a life-changing event. We are here to say, you are not alone."

There will be a Wicklow Support Group Meeting on 26th March from 10am to 11.30am in De La Salle Pastoral Centre, St Patrick's Church, Wicklow town.

On With Life Support Group Co-ordinator Dolores Gallagher added: "Many family members and friends are thrust into the role of carer without warning. In addition, many of you may also be looking out for the health

and wellbeing of other family members. Or you may have a job outside the home. Juggling all of these challenges is not easy. We're here to help you get 'On With Life'."

Ms Gallagher outlined the benefits of joining the On With Life support network:

to opportunity to meet people who understand what you're going through and share the reality of living with an acquired brain injury in the family, in a safe place; receive information on steps to take to keep yourself physically and emotionally healthy; receive practical guidance how to meet family needs or juggling your job.

On With Life project was approved by Government with support from the Dormant Accounts Fund. Acquired Brain Injury Ireland is the nation's leading provider of community-based rehabilitation for people with acquired brain injuries. For more information about On With Life support groups see www.abiireland.ie.

Food and lifestyle bloggers get a taste of Wicklow

Tourism Ireland in the United States is partnering with kitchen and home furnishings retailer Williams Sonoma in a new campaign called 'Authentic Ireland', which is being rolled out in conjunction with Bake from Scratch magazine. The digital campaign will highlight Wicklow and Ireland for 2020 to prospective American visitors.

As part of the campaign, five food and lifestyle bloggers have been visiting Wicklow, together with a videographer, photographer and team of editors. Their action-packed itinerary saw them visit Powerscourt House & Gardens, where they enjoyed a guided tour of the grounds.

The bloggers - who have a combined audience of around 600,000 followers - have been capturing and sharing content of their time in Wicklow via their social platforms. The content will also be used to produce a special 'Authentic Ireland' edition of the popular Bake from Scratch magazine, which has a print circulation of 150,000 and a digital monthly reach of 30 million readers.

The campaign includes a dedicated page on the Williams Sonoma website featuring 'Authentic Ireland' recipes, to inspire Americans to discover some of our culinary offerings and traditional recipes. Williams Sonoma will also offer customers the opportunity to learn how to make 'Authentic Ireland' dishes in over 200 stores across the US, at an 'Authentic Ireland' cookery demo in early March. And, Williams Sonoma will host a sweepstakes (competition) on its website, offering a lucky person the chance to win a trip to the island of Ireland.

The partnership is part of Tourism Ireland's strategy to connect with prospective American visitors in new and unexpected ways, by partnering with high profile lifestyle brands like Williams Sonoma and Bake from Scratch. Tourism Ireland has prioritised North America as a market which offers a strong return on investment, in terms of holiday visitors and expenditure.

Alison Metcalfe, Tourism Ireland's Head of North America and Australia, said: "We are excited about our new collaboration with Williams Sonoma and Bake from Scratch magazine, which promises to be a great way for us to showcase Wicklow and Ireland, and connect with their customers and readers. Working with iconic brands like Williams Sonoma and Bake from Scratch will help us raise awareness of some of the many unique experiences to be enjoyed around the island of Ireland, inspiring American travellers to put a trip to the island of Ireland on their 'must do' list for 2020."



Food and lifestyle bloggers with Molly Wolfe (front, second left) and Orla Carey (back, left), both Tourism Ireland; Kevin Masse (back, second left), Sophia Jones (front, third left), Brian Hart Hoffman (back, right) all Bake from Scratch magazine; videographer Maya Oren (front, left); Jenn Yee (back, fifth left), Williams Sonoma; and photographer Joann Pai (back, second right), visiting Powerscourt House & Gardens



Michael Allen, Garrett Dempsey, Paul Lynch, Lorcan O'Toole, and Billy Tyrrell at the recent Wicklow County Council Business Breakfast meeting in the Druids Glen Hotel

Language teacher wins prestigious award for the second time in four years

A language teacher from Co. Wicklow, who speaks three languages, has again been rewarded for the quality of the lessons and teaching that she provides to local children in the area.

Georgia Gallagher teaches extracurricular French and Spanish classes under her language school Greystones Languages for Children to local primary children, through the award winning La Jolie Ronde programmes, at primary schools and open centres in and around Co. Wicklow.

Georgia, who has been described as "dedicated to her teaching" was honoured for the second time in four years with the much acclaimed La Jolie Ronde Licensee of the Year Award for Ireland.

Georgia came first out of 30 licensees in Ireland and was rewarded for providing high quality language classes, maintaining and developing her business and displaying effective marketing and promotion.

On finding out that she had won this award at La Jolie Ronde's Annual Conference in Dublin, Georgia commented, "I am absolutely thrilled to have won again. I first won it back in 2015 so to win for the second time is a great honour. Learning another language is even more important than ever in today's increasingly interconnected world. Young children are highly adaptable so that learning a new language is often very easy for them. With my classes I ensure my pupils are relaxed, having fun

and under no pressure. I feel it is very important, if a child is to embrace languages, that any language experience becomes an enjoyable part of their life".

Georgia's passion for languages was ignited firstly at school where she studied both French and German at A Level. She then travelled back and forth to France and Germany: living, working and studying for some 6 years, before finally graduating from Wolverhampton University with a BA (Hons) degree in Languages, Business and Information Technology.

More travel was to follow and Georgia found herself teaching English and French at a finishing school in Switzerland as well as at an English Language School in New Zealand. Georgia's language skills held her in good stead and she then began working in international sales/event management in the tourism industry in Ireland.

Originally from the North West of England, Georgia moved to Ireland in 1995 after travelling, living and working abroad (graduates with language skills were in high demand and she had no problem finding work). From Dublin Georgia and her family relocated to Kilmacanogue in 2009. In 2013, now with two young daughters and her eldest about to start primary school, Georgia took to speaking French at home, reading books in French and listening to French songs. This led to friends and mums asking if she would teach their children too. Encouraged by this and her underlying passion for languages, Georgia found herself looking at opportunities where she could juggle family life and use her linguistic skills.

She came across an opportunity with La Jolie Ronde, teaching French to local children in the area and hasn't looked back. Today Georgia, with tutors Rachel and Janine, teach 15 weekly classes of both French and Spanish to almost 100 children in local primary schools in Greystones and Newcastle as well as Patrick's Parish Centre, Greystones. There are plans in the pipeline to open a new centre in Wicklow Town this September.

This preparation for languages at Secondary School is proving extremely popular and hugely beneficial for a large number of pupils attending Georgia's classes each year and Georgia, Rachel and numerous other parents with children at secondary school are seeing the immediate advantage to learning a language prior to starting secondary school.

Alan Cox, Principal at TCG Secondary School endorses the classes and is encouraging parents of children in primary school to get their children learning languages early. He is also fully supportive of classes being set up in Wicklow Town.

General Manager for La Jolie Ronde Steve Baker added, "Georgia is truly inspirational and has yet again shown outstanding commitment, dedication and drive to ensure her business is a thriving success. Her passion for languages, coupled with her Award is truly deserved."



Georgia being presented with her award by her Area Support Advisor Rhona Gomes

Brittas Bay biodiversity project scoops silver award

Wicklow County Council was delighted to win a silver medal in the All-Ireland Community & Council Awards 2020 at the weekend for the Brittas Bay Biodiversity Project.

Co-ordinated through the Heritage Office in partnership with staff at Wicklow Municipal District, the project received the silver award under the "Best Environmental/Ecological Project/Initiative" category.

Initiated in 2019, the project seeks to roll out a practical programme of actions to enhance the biodiversity of the Council-owned land and habitats between the North and South Beach

Car Parks, and to raise public awareness of the rich flora and fauna of the area.

As part of the project a number of actions have been undertaken to date, namely: the drafting of conservation management prescriptions; mowing, monitoring and botanical survey of grassland trial plots to inform a future grazing regime; and community events including an onsite workshop where

by volunteers walked

and mapped the extent of invasive Sea Buckthorn and other non-native species in the dunes.

The project is ongoing with further practical management actions and community engagement planned for the year ahead. An "Explore the Shore" workshop in association with the National Biodiversity Data Centre is planned for Saturday, March 21st. Visit www.wicklow.ie for updates or contact Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer, at dburns@wicklowcoco.ie for more information.

In total an impressive eight projects from Wicklow County Council made the short-list for the All-Ireland Community & Council Awards 2020, reflecting the depth and diversity of community action in the county. The awards are supported by LAMA and IPB and were announced at a ceremony in Croke Park on Saturday 15th February.

Wicklow wins Gold at All Ireland Community & Council awards

Ray of Sunshine Morning and After School services from Wicklow has been announced as winners at this year's All Ireland Community & Council Awards. The ceremony presented by IPB Insurance and LAMA took place on Saturday the 15th February 2020 in Croke Park Stadium, Dublin.

The prestigious awards recognise and celebrate community groups and councils working together across Ireland. They highlight the extraordinary work carried out within communities and reward unsung heroes for the phenomenal contribution they make throughout the year. With over 200 entries received, there were 24 well deserving winners crowned in the various different categories.

Ray of Sunshine won top honor for best business working with the community. Social enterprises, councils, organisations, projects and individuals working within the communities across Ireland all entered this year's event, which experienced the highest level of competition yet. This year entrants were required to provide information on the project they were submitting, the people involved and their achievements over the past year.

Commenting on the winners at this year's awards, IPB Insurance Chairman George Jones said, "The vision, variety and social impact reflected through the community projects shortlisted tonight is hugely inspiring. I would like to congratulate all the winners chosen from over 150 All-Ireland finalists. Community spirit is the cornerstone of Ireland's societal heritage and therefore it is very important that we continue to recognise the valuable work being undertaken at a grass roots level. I would also like to compliment all 31 local authorities across the country that continue to give great leadership and support to their communities in creating better places to live, work and socialise. I wish everyone involved continued success with their endeavours into the



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Kevin and Ciaran Olohan on the stage of the Mill Theatre with Jackie Olohan and Carol Wadden. The two brothers were part of the play 'All My Sons'.

Women at the Whale: An evening of female voices for International Women's Day 2020

The Whale Theatre's second annual celebration of International Women's Day takes place on 8th March. This year, they're partnering with Wicklow County Council's literary event, Way with Words, to support even more women in the local arts community and to increase the storytelling footprint.

"We have a short reading and Q&A planned with author Lucy Sweeney Byrne, a native Greystonian. Lucy has recently published her debut short story collection, Paris Syndrome with Banshee Press, and will be interviewed by Fiona O'Rourke of the Irish Writers Centre.

"Also confirmed is Kate Feeney, a Semi-Finalist in the Funny Women Competition 2019. Kate's comedy explores human nature, and how completely irrational- but ultimately gas- we all are.

"Other performers on the lineup include Bray harpist Rachel Duffy, mezzo-soprano Lorna Breen, the Zoryanna dance troupe and the wonderful Pitch Perfect Ladies Choir.

"International Women's Day is a global day marking the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Half of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Greystones Family Resource Centre. The show will feature local talent including female comedians, musicians, singers, poets and writers as we honour women in all their glory. Come join us!"

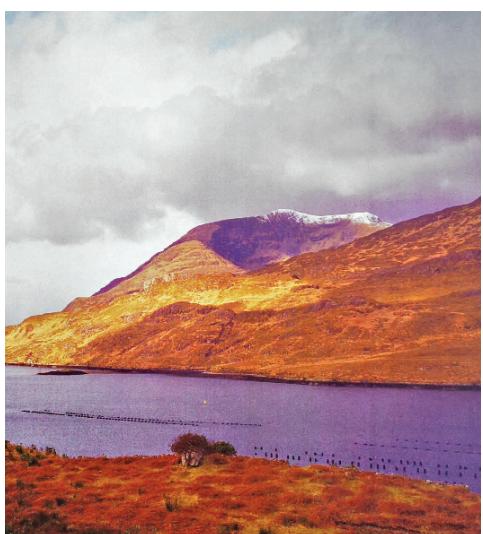
Sunday 8th March at 8.00pm. Tickets €15/€13. See www.whaletheatre.ie or call the booking office on 01 2010550

Veronica & Robert Le Roux at the Arklow Visual Arts Gallery

The Arklow Visual Arts Gallery is currently hosting an exhibition until 4th March and there will be an evening with the artists on Wednesday 26th February from 6pm to 8pm.

This show promises has an array of style, colour and form to suit all tastes so pop in for a look and follow Arklow Visual Art Gallery's social channels for daily updates throughout the exhibition.

The Arklow Visual Arts Gallery is located in the heart of Arklow Town, an active part of the community for over twenty years hosting exhibitions and encouraging artists to show off their talents.



"My biggest passion is film photography, the purely mechanical nature of recording an image," says Robert Le Roux Jr. "I love using vintage cameras, where your skill determines the quality of the photograph and not the camera. When shooting on film, taking the time, rationing your shots and knowing once it clicked you did your best, that awe once again when you've developed the film and see the image there how you wanted it, then seeing it printed on photo paper. It's like your hunting for photos in the wild. Digital doesn't come close to that wonder. It still has its place however, it offers speed and quantity which is ever so desired in today's world. It is especially useful in documentary where taking a shot quickly is more important for which film is not as versatile. I document the world in film first and digital second."

Veronica Le Roux says "I started painting in South Afr. Received my first training there in oil painting techniques. I do landscapes, people and fantasy art. To me, it's a method of relaxing. I'm mostly self-trained and my painting reflects my mood. If one is not interested in the subject it won't be completed. One has to want to finish it to do a great job. I paint mostly female characters and associate with the characters it represents. My passion lies in my association with the characters I paint. There is something personal in every painting or drawing I do. I utilize images as guidance but everyone reflects my interpretation. Through my art, I try to instil a love in my children... Each of them has their own personality and direction. Without a live/ passion for art you won't be able to produce any works. Robert my co-exhibitor in photography and my youngest daughter in pencil drawings."

Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm. Admission is free and all are very welcome.

Coming up at the Mermaid...

The Writing Life: Richie Sadlier

A former sports star turned pundit, psychotherapist, columnist, and now author, Richie Sadlier is one of Ireland's most trusted voices in both the Irish sporting and mental-health arenas.

Richie has spoken about his struggles with alcohol and mental health in the past. Now in Recovering - his insightful, new memoir - Richie reveals with unflinching honesty just what it took to face his demons and begin the road to recovery. In The Writing Life at Mermaid on Friday 6th March, playwright Philip St John will explore with Richie the fascinating questions raised by his best-selling book. An Post Sports Book of the Year Winner.

Tickets cost €12/10 and are available from mermaidartscentre.ie and box office on 01-2724030



Blue Diamond Drama Academy presents: One Love

One Love comes to Mermaid on Saturday 7th March at 8pm. One Love is a joyous exploration of friendship and what it's like to be in love and have a learning disability.

Paul and Orla are engaged and making plans for their future. One Love charts their journey towards their big day. One Love has been researched and devised by the company. Blue Diamond is a new theatre company which the graduates of Blue Diamond Drama Academy have formed. The company is ambitious and is committed to creating engaging work. A show not to be missed!

Tickets cost €16/14 and are available from mermaidartscentre.ie and box office on 01-2724030.

Phelim and The Drew House Band

Phelim and The Drew House Band will perform in Mermaid on Saturday 14th March at 8pm.

"Growing up I was always struck by the electricity generated by a concert given by The Dubliners. Looking back I can see that the group was made up by the individual strength of each performer but together they were a force of nature. That energy and excitement coupled with the unbridled joy of the audience made for a nights entertainment that felt more like a party in full swing where the host and guests were in perfect harmony. My ambitions as a singer have always been modest as a result. Large shoes to fill? However in my chosen path as an actor musician has always played a part, either professionally in shows like The Abbey Theatre production of The Risen People or more recently the musical Once and also, over the years, playing with friends in bars. In the years since my father passed away, 11 years, I've come to enjoy listening back over his musical legacy and the wealth of material has reawakened not only a sense of pride but also appreciation.

"With the upcoming show at Mermaid I'll be singing some of the songs made famous by Ronnie, Luke, Barney, Ciaran and John as well as other personal favourites by other artists including The Pogues and Paul Brady that will hopefully go towards making up a night that the audience will enjoy as much as I will."

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Pictured are Brian Coogan of Machinery Movers Magazine and Keith Manning of Gaelic Plant Hire. The biannual Machinery Movers Magazine Industry & Operator Awards takes place on March 21st at Lyrath Estate in Co Kilkenny and Gaelic Plant Hire based in Ballinaclough, have been announced as headline sponsor. The awards recognise excellence and reward outstanding achievements of individuals, operators and companies in the area of construction and quarry machinery. The ceremony is widely anticipated to be the most prestigious construction and quarrying event of the year and a celebration of the sector. The sell-out event will be attended by over 600 construction, plant and equipment professionals including manufacturers, dealers and construction and quarry companies.

Small businesses and entrepreneurs urged to take advantage of local enterprise week

The first week in March will see small businesses and budding entrepreneurs gather across the country for Local Enterprise Week 2020. An initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices, thousands of attendees are expected at over 300 events across the country during the week aimed at supporting small businesses and fostering entrepreneurship.

The programme events being run by Local Enterprise Office Wicklow for Local Enterprise Week 2020 has been launched and with a range of events taking place from the 2nd - 6th March, there is something for everyone. Headlining events in Wicklow include:

Start Your Own Business Course, this 10-week course is a great starting point for anybody looking to get their business up and going and covers all elements essential for getting started the right way.

Green Your Business Seminar will help business owners to reduce costs and sustain their businesses for the future. Guest speakers for this FREE event include Ron Immink a Dutch/Irish entrepreneur with extensive experience in entrepreneurship, intrapreneurship, strategy, innovation and SME engagement. Dr. Joanne Rourke, Resource Efficiency Officer with the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Office and Maeve Morrissey from the SEAI who will detail the business supports to reduce your carbon footprint available through SEAI. The seminar takes place on Tuesday 3rd March at the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy and admission is free but booking essential.

GDPR is as relevant if not more relevant today as it was when first introduced in May 2018 which is why the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow have General Data Protection Regulations Clinics on during Local Enterprise Week.

There are also Digital Marketing & Website Advice Clinics running which are great for any business owner

who wants to identify numerous ways in which they can improve and get results with their online marketing efforts.

The week really is an opportunity for small businesses and entrepreneurs to sample the range of supports that are on offer from their Local Enterprise Office related to a whole host of areas. This will include financial supports, selling, networking, Brexit support, social media workshops, LEAN programmes and sessions dealing with how to make your business more sustainable. All Wicklow events can be booked through: www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow and you can join the conversation on social media using #MakingItHappen.

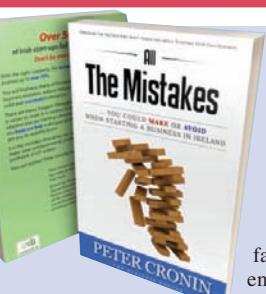
Head of Enterprise, Vibeke Delahunt stated: "No matter what their business challenge or sector the Local Enterprise Offices will be putting on events for everyone, be it GDPR clinics, a Green Your Business Seminar, trading online, and mastering social media, or simply, how to start a business, then it will be covered. It is also a great chance to network and broaden your connections in business so use it to the advantage of your business, or business idea."

The Local Enterprise Offices located in the local authorities and funded through Enterprise Ireland support over 7,000 small Irish businesses and entrepreneurs nationwide. Since their establishment in 2014 they have helped create over 18,000 jobs and provide a range of supports to small businesses including mentoring, training and sector specific expert to help guide businesses at any stage of their development.



All the Mistakes - new step-by-step guide to starting a business

All The Mistakes is a new step-by-step guide to starting a business in Ireland that was launched recently by Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor.



The book is written by Peter Cronin, a lifelong entrepreneur; complete with a failure and two successes under his belt. Peter is a mentor with 25 years' experience based in Bray. He works with Local Enterprise offices and businesses across Ireland. He says: "My business education was mostly in the school of hard knocks. It's not a good educational institute. I wanted prevent people going there. I want as many people as possible to have this information in order to reduce the number of start-ups that fail within the first four years."

The book is self-published and is available exclusively on www.ardu.ie at €16 including €3.05 post and packing.

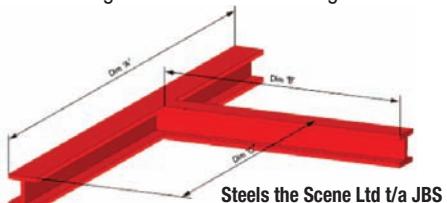
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Guides and Brownies urged to take the STEPS Engineers Week Challenge

Engineers Ireland is calling on Guides and Brownies in Wicklow to take the STEPS Engineers Week Challenge to become Ireland's Top Guide and Brownie Engineers.

Taking place from 29 February - 6 March, Engineers Week promotes engineering and the importance of the profession to children in Ireland and is coordinated by Engineers Ireland's STEPS programme - funded by Science Foundation Ireland, the Department of Education and Skills and industry leaders ARUP, ESB, Intel and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Guides (aged 10-14)

and Brownies (aged 7-10) are encouraged to work towards gaining the Guide Engineering Badge or Brownie Engineering Badge with their Irish Girl Guides Unit during Engineers Week and devise an innovative project that could be commercially produced. Each entry submitted before the 31 March deadline will be judged by the Engineers Ireland STEPS Dragons, with the winners crowned 'Ireland's Top

Guide Engineers' or 'Ireland's Top Brownie Engineers'. Director General of Engineers Ireland, Caroline Spillane, said: "Engineers play a critical role in shaping the world around us and play an important role in addressing some of society's biggest challenges. By working towards achieving the Guide Engineering Badge or Brownie Engineering Badge during Engineers Week, each unit will

have the opportunity to engage young girls to work through a variety of fun engineering challenges based on creative thinking, curiosity and teamwork. It is our hope that each unit will engage in this Engineers Week Challenge and we look forward to crowning Ireland's Top Guide and Brownie Engineers."

Chief Commissioner of the Irish Girl Guides, Amanda O'Sullivan, said: "As one of the largest girl-only organisations in Ireland, we are delighted to provide more opportunities for our girls to develop their skills in STEM and engage with engineering activities. We were delighted to partner with Engineers Ireland to launch our Guide and Brownie Engineering badges two years ago and are thrilled that more than 3,000 of our members have already earned the badges.

She continued, "Ireland's Top Guide and Brownie Engineers competition will help to encourage our members to experience the engineering design process and to work together to create innovative projects and solutions to benefit their local communities."

To download free resources and to get involved in STEPS Engineers Week, visit: www.engineersweek.ie



Engineers Ireland is calling on Guides and Brownies nationwide to take the Engineers Week Challenge to become Ireland's Top Guide and Brownie Engineers. Guides (aged 10-14) and Brownies (aged 7-10) are encouraged to work towards gaining the Guide Engineering Badge or Brownie Engineering Badge with their Irish Girl Guides Unit during Engineers Week 2020, taking place 29 February - 6 March. Picture shows Ailbhe Ward with the Guide and Brownie engineering badges.

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I Eszter Eva Keney intend to apply for retention permission for DWELLING AS BUILT GRANTED UNDER PLANNING REF 18/174, THESE CHANGES INCLUDE REVISED ROOF AND WINDOWS TO REAR OF DWELLING, MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE OUTSIDE OF DWELLING, NEW LOCATION OF DWELLING ON SITE AND ASSOCIATE WORKS at Moneystown, 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.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Francoise King intend to apply for permission for the existing 12 sqm agricultural structure shed used for two horses, previously granted for a limited period of 10 years under grant of planning permission PRR 09/968 and associate works at Ballygreen Lower, Aughrim, 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.

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 M.O.B.

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Bray Modernettes baton twirlers Francesca, Ella, Jada, Ashley, Alisha, Amy Louise, and Cody, with their trophies at the Baton Twirling Association of Ireland National Championships in Tallaght last weekend

Francesco Turrisi: Music & Antipasti Night

Grammy nominated Francesco Turrisi returns to Mermaid with his show Northern Migrations.

Northern Migrations features original solo piano compositions and improvisations by Francesco Turrisi and the 10 year journey of the Italian pianist from the heart of the Mediterranean to the North of Europe. If a musician is defined by the company he keeps, then it is little wonder that Italian pianist Francesco Turrisi skirts facile categorization. The Turin-born, Dublin-based jazz musician has collaborated with former Miles Davis reedsman Dave Liebman, flamenco icon Pepe El Habichuela, kaval player Theodosii Spassov and singer extraordinaire Maria Pia de Vito. He has toured with Bobby McFerrin, played the music of Steve Reich with NY ensemble Bang on A Can and, since 2004, has been a core member of early music

ensemble L'Arpeggiata. In spite of his numerous collaborations, it's as a leader that Turrisi has earned his spurs. His four beautifully crafted solo albums and two co-led releases have garnered widespread critical acclaim and positioned Turrisi as one of the most original voices of his generation.

His first piano solo album Northern Migrations features original compositions and improvisations, and encompasses the ten year journey of the Italian pianist from the heart of the Mediterranean to the North of Europe.

Friday 28th February | 8pm. Tickets: €16/14 or €20 including antipasti & wine in the Betelnut Café at Mermaid (7pm). Box Office - 01 2724030

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There will be a screening of Shaun the Sheep: Farmageddon in the Whale Theatre on 29th February from 3pm. Doors will open at 2:30. Tickets are 10. Farmageddon takes a well-aimed and loving potshot at the sci-fi and disaster movie genre. Admission includes free Kids Snackbox with sweets, popcorn and a drink. Or free adult popcorn. Booking and details of all future Whale Theatre events from www.WhaleTheatre.ie.

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