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WILL IT CHANGE ANYTHING?

WICKLOW'S NEWLY ELECTED TDs SET OUT THEIR PRIORITIES

With the country in a state of limbo with no new government looking likely to form in the near future, *Wicklow Times* asked the county's five newly elected TDs what they hope to achieve for the county in the next few years.

Wicklow Sinn Féin TD John Brady said that the people voted for change and that everything possible must be done to deliver a government for change. He also thanked the people of Wicklow for giving him a huge mandate.

Brady said: "The people voted for change and Sinn Féin will do everything that we can to deliver a government for change. I am truly honoured and humbled to have received such a huge mandate from people



John Brady

right across Wicklow and I thank the thousands of people that voted for me to help bring about the

change that is so badly needed.

"Wicklow has been neglected by successive governments for far too long. We have crises in health and housing, a public transport service that isn't fit for purpose and one of the most expensive counties in Ireland for childcare.

"Our objective is to deliver a government that will build homes, cut rents and freeze them, reduce the pension age to 65, give workers and families a break and advance



Paula Lopez, teacher Nicola Pigott, and David Triboni at the official opening of Ravenswell Primary School in Bray



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Irish Unity. We will look at how to deliver the change that people voted for. There should be no delay in government formation. We have serious work to do and we have started the process of speaking to other political parties."

Brady concluded "Sinn Féin won the election and is the largest political party in Ireland. I respect the mandate given to all political parties, it's important that others respect the Sinn Féin mandate and stop being so arrogant, or is change something that they just can't do."

Newly elected TD for the Social Democrats Jennifer Whitmore said "Wicklow is a great county but there are many ways I can, in my new role as TD, work to make it even better.

"At a national level, I will work hard to ensure



Jennifer Whitmore

that Wicklow gets the funding and resources it needs when it comes to things like school places, affordable housing, public transport, job creation and council funding. We are feeling the results of years of underinvestment in Wicklow. But it really doesn't need to be like this, and I will make sure that Wicklow's voice is heard at a national level.

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Jason Tamaya, music teacher Sarah Lane, and Viola Formaro at the official opening of Ravenswell Primary School in Bray

Bray launch for 10k Trilogy as runners to hit heights on east coast

Bray is the starting point for an extraordinary 10k trilogy which will attract entrants from all over the country.

Runners of all ability are being urged to hit the heights on the east coast with the launch of the 2020 John West Gaelforce 10K Trilogy.

Entries are now open for the extraordinary three peak 10k trail runs on some of the highest scenic points in the region.

Stunning views combine with wonderfully varied terrain on the Trilogy routes over rough trails and sealed paths during these unique events.

The opening John West Gaelforce 10k Bray Cliff

Run is an evening trail event on April 4 from Greystones Beach to Bray Promenade along the amazing coastal path around Bray Head.

This will be followed on August 8 by the Kippure event which begins in the beautiful grounds of the 240-acre scenic Kippure Estate, taking in the famed mountain and its glorious surrounds.

The Howth Summit run on October 10 starts beside Howth Castle and moves to the summit of Howth Head with its amazing and unrivalled

views of Dublin Bay along grassy tracks and rough trails.

For those who complete the trilogy, there is an exclusive three-part medal.

"John West is focusing on the importance natural protein plays in healthy active lifestyles and fuelling athletes," said Lucy Gratton of natural protein experts John West.

"It will be great to see so many people taking part in these events and enjoying the beautiful scenery. We are thrilled to support Gaelforce," she added.

According to Bridget Gavin of fitness events company Gaelforce, the aim of the trilogy is to help people challenge themselves through outdoor adventures in spectacular surrounds.

"We want participants to experience new amazing races in wonderful places and we are grateful to John West for their sponsorship and nutritional support," she said.

Participants can take part in any combination of the timed events.

More information is available at the website gaelforceevents.com



Lucy Gratton of John West Ireland and Bridget Gavin of Gaelforce launching the John West Gaelforce Trilogy at Bray Head. The innovative event is comprised of three extraordinary 10k trail runs through the scenic settings of Bray Head (April 4), Kippure Mountain (August 8) and Howth Summit (October 10). See gaelforceevents.com for entry details.

Wicklow Uplands Council's Spring Panel Meeting

Wicklow Uplands Council is hosting a joint panel meeting at 7:30pm on the 25th of February at the Hollywood Community Centre.

This event provides an important opportunity for networking and discussion amongst the tourism, community, recreation and farming sectors.

One of the topics to be discussed is the shared recreation use of the uplands, with representatives of Mountaineering Ireland, Motor Cycling Ireland, NPWS and a host of interest groups participating at the event.

If you are interested in coming along, please RSVP to info@wicklowuplands.ie or ph: 01 2818406. New members are always welcome and you can sign up on the night.

More information on this meeting and how to become involved with the Council's projects and initiatives, please visit: www.wicklowuplands.ie

Can you help the Boomerang Band?

For the past eight years the Boomerang Band, a traditional English brass band from the Rossendale Valley near Greater Manchester, has travelled to Co. Wicklow to perform in the St. Patrick's Day parades in Bray and Greystones.

This year they will arrive on Monday 16th March and will leave on Thursday 19th, which means members of the Band having to take four days off work through the week. Unfortunately this year their percussionist, a teacher, was unable to negotiate time off work to travel.

If any Kit Drummers in the Bray area would be available to help them out anytime over those few days, it really would be most appreciated. For more information contact Musical Director Fred Bowker at freddbowker@yahoo.com

Free Guided Meditation and Complementary Therapy Session

Learn guided meditation technique to help enhance physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, reduce stress and feel calm and in control of your thoughts and emotions. Complementary therapists are available for a short treatment after meditation. Monthly sessions take place in Ballywaltrim Community Centre, Boghall Road, Bray, 7-8pm on the last Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 25th of February. No fee to attend (donation box only). For details ring/text Shideh on 0876710903.

Bray Cualann Historical Society

Anthony Jordan will be the guest speaker for the February 20th 8pm meeting of the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Bray, when he will speak on 'James Joyce Unlocked' - all welcome, admission €6 for non-members/visitors.

Greystones Charity Lunch

Get a great lunch when you donate 5Euro (or more!) in support of local charities at Soup and Sandwiches. This event will be held on Wednesday, 26th February from 12.15 to 2pm in Killian House Family Centre (next to Holy Rosary church). Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy good home-made food and a friendly chat.

Raynaud's & Scleroderma Support Group

Cold hands and feet? Fingers turning white? Come along to this informal support group meeting to get more information and tips on how to deal with this complaint. The spring meeting will be on Monday, February 23rd, at 7.30 pm at the Wilton Hotel,

Southern Cross Road, Bray, opposite the Killruddery Estate. All welcome.

Aughrim Active Retirement

The pottery course starts on Monday 24th February from 10am to 12noon. There is a one off payment of €30 which includes the cost of materials, which must be paid on the Day. Line Dancing continues in the Parish Hall at 11am each Friday. Aqua Aerobics are starting on Wednesday, 12th February in the Coral Leisure Centre. Cost €4.50 per session.

16,000 pushes for Lakers

There will be a 24-hr fundraiser in aid of Lakers, taking place from 8am on February 22nd to 8am on February 23rd. Organised by Poseidon Lifesaving Club, the fundraiser involves 24 hours of CPR, and family, friends, companies, and members of the public are also welcome to take part. It is hoped to complete 16,000 pushes. Enter a team of five people and pay a €200 entry fee, which goes straight to Lakers. Donations are welcome: see gofundme.com/160000pushesforlakers.

Laragh Glendalough Active Retired

Active Retirement group meet every Tuesday morning at 10.45am in the Brockagh Centre and they have a great line up of activities each week. If you fancy a chat, a cuppa, some light exercise, bowls, dancing and music come along on Tuesdays. The group meet for lunch once a month at various local venues (new members welcome). This year the group will be going on the annual mini hotel break from 7th to the 10th June to Killarney, Co. Kerry. This will be a 3 night 4 day break, Breakfast/Dinner and all excursions and trips are included in the price. There are limited spaces available. To guarantee your place, a deposit must be paid at time of booking. Please contact Denise at the centre asap to secure your place. For more information call Denise on 0404 45600 or drop in to the centre.

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CASEY TO RUN FOR SENATE

Pat Casey has confirmed that he will be contesting the upcoming Seanad Elections in order to ensure that there is representation in Leinster House from rural Wicklow following the election of five TDs from Bray and Greystones.

Speaking last week after he lost his Dail seat, Casey said "I congratulate those TDs in Wicklow that have been successful and I wish them all the best in their duties in Dáil Éireann. However, I have been contacted by many, many people from all parties and none to express their shock and concern at the fact that there is no national politician from South, East or West Wicklow. This is a geographic disenfranchisement that cannot be allowed to stand."

"Having consulted with

my Councillor colleagues from Arklow, Wicklow and rural South and West Wicklow, I feel that it is vital that the upcoming Seanad Éireann 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 be contested."

"People know the work that I have done and want to do for the people of Wicklow. I will be keeping my Arklow office open during this cam-



Pat Casey

paign to allow local people have access to our advice clinics. I have a track record of defending rural Wicklow and grow-

ing Wicklow based jobs, tourism and community services. I want to continue this work in Seanad Éireann and give the people of Wicklow Town, Arklow, Rathdrum, Carnew, Baltinglass, Blessington and all our rural towns the representation they deserve."

"The coming few weeks will be tough contest as we are all tired from the election, but I am a fighter and I will be asking as many Councillors as possible to vote strategically to ensure."

ABP refuses permission for Newcastle timber facility

An Bord Pleanála has refused permission for a proposed timber products manufacturing facility on Timmore Lane in Newcastle.

Warmridge Ltd had appealed to ABP after Wicklow County Council refused permission last September. The site is presently used as a yard and storage area by Abwood. The site is zoned in the current Development Plan to provide for light industrial and employment use.

ABP refused a previous application on the site for a development of a larger scale. The scale of the proposed development had been reduced from a previous application, which was one of the grounds for the appeal, along with a lack of alternative sites in the surrounding area and the Abwood operation being dependent on local resources and loyal local employment. The Council's planner's report recommended refusing permission for the development due to the site's rural location which went against the Council's development plan policy.

Additionally, the Council's Planner's Report also stated that the development would result in a traffic hazard due to the traffic movements that it generated.

In its decision to refuse permission, ABP stated "Having regard to the size and scale of the proposed timber manufacturing facility and offices taken together with the sales and display area and having regard to the objectives of the planning authority as set out in the current Wicklow County Development Plan including objectives RUR 1 and RUR 2, it is considered that the proposed development is excessive in scale and is not dependent on local resources. Furthermore, it is considered that the proposed development would seriously injure the rural amenities of the area and would detract to an undue degree from the rural character of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the objectives of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

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"At a local level, we have fantastic volunteers and community groups across the entire county that work incredibly hard to make Wicklow the great place it is to live, and I will continue to work with them and support them in that role."

"It is also important to me that no part of Wicklow should feel unrepresented or left behind, and I commit to being a TD for the entire county. It is an honour to

have been entrusted with your vote and elected to represent Wicklow, and I will work very hard to keep up my end of the bargain."

Minister Simon Harris, re-elected for Fine Gael, said "I would firstly like to thank those who showed confidence in me and returned me as a TD for Wicklow. Also, I would like to commiserate with my colleagues Andrew Doyle and Pat Casey who lost their seats. Over the past 20 years they have been superb and committed public representatives who served County Wicklow with distinction and will be sorely missed."

"Issues which I will be immediately addressing are the lack of school places in north Wicklow and the commuter hell residents face every day on the N11 and R81."

"Regarding the election result, the electorate have given their verdict



Steven Matthews

and that must be respected. Before, during and after the election Fine Gael said that it would not enter government with Sinn Féin and that decision still stands. However, we are willing to talk to all other parties, and will do so."

Newly elected TD, Steven Matthews of the Green Party said "I am delighted and grateful that I have been given the opportunity to work at national level on policies and objectives to take action on climate change, environmental

protection and biodiversity loss. Our Green Party policies on housing and energy efficiency, on public transport improvements, on working with farmers and investing in renewable energies will serve us into the future, reducing our carbon emissions and help us turn the climate crisis around."

"Our objectives will save us money, build resilience into our economy and provide for a secure economy and a fairer society. We have a huge responsibility and we need to listen to the Irish electorate and work with all parties to address these issues. I will work for Wicklow to ensure we fix the problems and create better communities."

Stephen Donnelly, the former co-leader of the Social Democrats who was elected for Fianna Fáil did not respond to emails or messages asking about his priorities.



Board of Management Chairperson Ann Quinlan, past pupil Niamh McMahon and her daughter Caoimhe McMahon, and Minister for Education and Skills Joe McHugh at the official opening of Ravenswell Primary School in Bray

Roundwood post office to remain open

Fears that Roundwood Post Office was facing closure were allayed last week with the news that it's been taken under new management.

There were concerns that the post office would close following the postmaster's retirement at the end of January, as happened with the Kilmacanogue and Laragh Post Offices.

An Post had been advertising to try and have the position filled for several months.

The new management took over last Wednesday, 12th February. There was no interruption to services and normal services will continue as normal with the usual opening hours.

Closure would have meant that Bray or Rathdrum would be the nearest postal service for Roundwood residents.

THANK YOU

Thank you for having confidence in me and selecting me to be your TD.

I will work hard to represent you and County Wicklow.

John

BRADY TD



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Simon Harris



Bray Credit Union was delighted to donate €1,000 to Saint Joseph's, Shankill, which is dedicated to dementia care. Siobhan Grant, fundraising manager at St. Joseph's, said "It's so wonderful our community is supporting the work here at Saint Joseph's and we are very grateful for the team at Bray Credit Union and their members. This donation will go towards a new bus which we hope to have in Spring 2020." Pictured is Siobhan with Victoria Bradshaw - Marketing Manager Bray Credit Union Ltd, and Dan Quill - Chair, Bray Credit Union

Campfire for Fran O'Sullivan

Some people never give up - and Frances O'Sullivan (nee Murphy) is one of them. Diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease over thirty years ago, she went on to raise two children, engage in any community activity (social or charitable) that came her way, and continue the hill walking she enjoyed with Buion Annunciata Bray in the late '60s.

She followed her Catholic Girl Guide days by becoming a leader herself for the Brigini (7 to 11 years) section of that company. Hill walking is no longer an option for Fran, but last year a group of ex-Guides and Brigini shared an indoor campfire with Fran to celebrate their continuing friendship. It was such fun that it was decided to make Fran's Campfire an annual event. If you were in Guides or Brigini with Frances Murphy, you will be especially welcome to share Fran's Campfire this year in Fassaroe Community Centre in Little Bray on Sunday, 23rd February, at 3pm. If you didn't know Fran then, but, were a member of Buion Annunciata at another time, you will still be welcome! There is no charge, but we would be grateful if you would register so that we know how many people we need to cater for with campfire song books and hot chocolate and marshmallow! You can register by calling Fassaroe Community Centre at (01) 276 3362 and ask for Catherine, or you can email Fran's friends at franscampfire@gmail.com.

Planning application lodged for Blessington housing development

A planning application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála for a Strategic Housing Development of 360 dwelling units in Blessington.

The development on Kilmalum Road would consist of a mix of houses, duplexes and apartment units ranging from 2 to 3 storeys, including associated car parking spaces, internal roads and paths, public and private open spaces and a crèche. The application has been submitted by Windlynn Ltd.

Out of the 360 residential units, 36 are dedicated to meet the applicant's

obligations under Part V of the Planning & Development Act. Each unit has associated private open space, as well as public open spaces accessible to all units with hard and soft landscaping treatment. The proposed development includes for measures to upgrade the Blessington Orchard /Kilmalum Road and Culvert over the Deerpark Watercourse.

There would be 675 car parking spaces for the development overall, as well as residential bicycle spaces with a further 114 bicycle spaces provided throughout the development for apartment, duplexes and visitor spaces.

The crèche would be a two-storey crèche with a capacity for 80 children, associated car parking for the crèche.

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared which states that the proposed development "will not adversely affect (either directly or indirectly) the integrity of any European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects."

Public submission for the development are being taken until March 15th, and APB is due to make a decision by 5th April.

Primary school pupils invited to create a better world

Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Ciarán Cannon, T.D., has issued an invitation to Wicklow primary school pupils to share their ideas on how we can create a better world by taking part in this year's Our World Irish Aid Awards.

The Awards were launched by Minister Cannon at Carrabane National School, Athenry, Co. Galway where he was joined by pupils and teachers to also mark the 15th Anniversary of the competition, which is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's flagship global citizenship award scheme for primary schools.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Cannon said "In 2019, we published Ireland's Policy for International Development, A Better World. It sets out an ambitious view of the world we want to live in and outlines the things we must do if we are to play our part in meeting the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

"The Our World Irish Aid Awards are an important way of introducing our young people to this work and the very real challenges experienced by others less fortunate than ourselves around the world.

"This year, we mark the 15th Anniversary of the

Awards. Our theme for 2020, A Better World, is both an invitation and a challenge to Wicklow primary school pupils to think critically and creatively about how we can work together to create a more equal, peaceful and sustainable world. I would encourage schools to take part and look forward to seeing their projects later this year."

The Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, T.D., added his endorsement saying that "Children in schools up and down the country are already challenging older generations on issues like the climate and sustainability. The Our World Irish Aid Awards are a great way to encourage children to think about how they can make the world a better place." Registered primary schools nationwide receive curriculum-linked teaching and learning materials to help teachers and pupils discover more about each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Irish Aid's eight focus countries. Schools are invited to communicate their ideas and understanding of the issues in writing, song, film, artwork or another medium of their choosing.

This year's theme, A Better World, invites pupils to consider what the better world of their dreams would be like and what we can all do to make that better world a reality, for ourselves, our family and friends and for people who live far away in other countries.

Wicklow Lions Club record breaking attempt

Wicklow and District Lions Club will attempt to break a world record for the greatest number of people dressed up as lions at this year's St. Patrick's day parade in Wicklow town. The Lions Club have ordered 300 costumes that they will be selling for 15 each and will be available to purchase on Saturday 22nd and Saturday 29th February from 11am to 2pm in the Bridge Tavern. Anyone who wishes to reserve a particular size may do so by emailing their details to: lionsworldrecord300@gmail.com. Costumes will be available in the following sizes Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large.

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Karen Boyle and Gillian Lang at the Wicklow County Council Business Breakfast meeting in the Druids Glen Hotel

Highest ever passenger journeys on the Rosslare route recorded in 2019

A total of 723,000 passenger journeys were recorded on the Dublin/Rosslare rail line in 2019. This figure, encompassing both Intercity and Commuter demand on the line through Wexford and Wicklow, represents a 1.7% increase on 2018.

Economic improvements, greater numbers of people in employment, and increased road congestion have all contributed to the increase in passenger numbers. As part of the DART Expansion programme, Iarnród Éireann will undertake a detailed study of options for further capacity and service expansion on the route this year, as well as progressing major new fleet orders to benefit the national network, including Dublin/Rosslare line services.

Nationally, Iarnród Éireann recorded its highest ever number of passenger journeys in 2019, with 50.1 million passenger journeys made across DART, Commuter and Intercity services. This represents a 4.4% growth on the previous year. Commenting on the figures, Chief Executive of Iarnród Éireann, Jim Meade said: "We welcome the growth on the Dublin/Rosslare line through Counties Wicklow and Wexford. We recognise the need to enhance capacity to ensure more people can switch to a sustainable and scenic option that this route represents, and will be prioritising development of options in 2020."

The TaxSaver scheme run by Iarnród Éireann continues to grow, with more and more employers opting to join the scheme, which offers savings of up to 52% of travel costs through tax and PRSI and universal social charge savings for employees. Employers can save up to 10.75% on PRSI. Many Commuters from Wicklow and North Wexford are availing of this scheme through their employer.

'Next Govt has to get serious about attacks on sheep'

As lambing season begins, it's a worrying time for sheep farmers as with it comes the threat of dog attacks which have the potential to decimate flocks.

Responsible dog control continues to be a major issue for sheep farmers resulting in the loss and serious injury of their flock and the financial and emotional burden that it creates, according to the Wicklow Uplands Council.

There have been no reported attacks on sheep in Co. Wicklow during this year's lambing season so far. However, speaking to *Wicklow Times*, Irish Farmers Association Wicklow Chairman Chris Hill said that there almost certainly have been attacks but that there tends to be an 'under reporting' of such incidents by farmers as they are more likely to "take it on the chin".

Mr Hill said that there tends to be a feeling of futility due to the culprit dog and owner being very hard to track down.

Mr Hill explained that the bad weather at this time of year also increases the risk of attacks on sheep, as dogs are more likely to get muddy during the day and therefore be left out of the house during the night, which is when they go roving.

Wicklow has had its share of attacks over the last couple of years. In early 2019, there were two reported incidents close to the village of Aughrim, where newly born lambs were killed and maimed. In both cases, the dogs who were thought to belong locally,

were found in the midst of the attack and destroyed onsite. Some flocks have been attacked multiple times by roving dogs.

Mr Hill recalls an incident in last year where two feral dogs "killed a significant number" of sheep as well as and deer. However, he was quick to add that as horrific as these incidents are, a dog doesn't have to attack a sheep physically to do harm.

"Even being chased can be enough to worry the sheep so that it aborts her lamb. They have a nervous psychology and it can take them weeks to settle down. Also when they run away from a dog a lot of sheep can get piled on top of each other in a ditch or drain, and many suffocate or get crushed as a result. The danger is multi-faceted. Dog owners need to be responsible and make sure their dog is chipped."

The Irish Farmers Association (IFA) have said that the next Government "has to get serious" about dog attacks on sheep, and it is looking for a targeted direct payment of €30 per ewe. To combat the scourge of dog attacks, it has identified the following measures: A properly-funded dog warden service in every county; Micro-chipping of all dogs to be mandatory and properly implemented; A central database managed by a

Government Department.

IFA National Sheep Chairman Sean Dennehy said "Marauding dogs are a nationwide problem for sheep farmers. Dog owners can be held responsible for any losses from attacks on sheep, with serious financial and legal consequences. Farmers have a right to protect their sheep flock and can shoot a dog worrying, or about to worry, their flock."

The message from the Wicklow Uplands Council is that "As recreational use of the Wicklow Uplands increases, the presence of dogs close to farmland areas and the hills used for sheep farming, requires a greater awareness of Responsible Dog Control. Uncontrolled dogs are a serious threat to the livelihood of upland farmers. Dogs loose on the hills cause anxiety within a flock of sheep often causing them to be displaced and getting stuck in rough ground and vegetation."

"One of the impacts that is often unseen by recreational users is the early abortion of lambs and in the worst incidences; dogs directly attack sheep causing them severe injury or death.

"When a flock is disturbed, the loss of young lambs due to hunger can also occur if they become separated from their mother, the source of

essential milk. This is not just a problem for the landowner in terms of their livelihood but it is also a serious animal welfare issue.

"The problem is not limited to walker's dogs with damage often being caused by local dogs which stray from neighbouring properties, often with their owners unaware of their whereabouts. The farming community in County Wicklow experienced a number of serious incidents involving multiple sheep losses in 2019. This included serious incidents where newly born lambs and heavily pregnant ewes were killed and maimed. In several cases, dogs who were thought to have been owned locally were found in the midst of the attacks and destroyed onsite."

The Uplands Council asks that people observe and respect local signage and leave dogs at home if accessing land where livestock are present.

"The presence of dogs even with playful intent, can cause great anxiety within a flock of sheep. During the winter months this can prevent ewes from coming into season. In lambing season it is the main cause of stillbirths and miscarriages, which can occur 2-3 days after contact with dogs.

"Know where your dogs are at all times - attacks often occur at night. Keep dogs under

'effectual' control at all times including the use of a leash where appropriate or directed to do so. Report wandering dogs and suspicious sights to your local authorities. Make sure your dog(s) are registered and microchipped - this is now a legal requirement for all dogs."

According to Brian Dunne, Coordinator of Wicklow Uplands Council "As the lambing season is now upon us, it is the time that sheep flocks are at their most vulnerable to incidences of worrying and attacks by dogs. Dog owners are asked to be vigilant in keeping dogs under control and knowing where their dogs are at all times, especially at night when most attacks occur".

Mr Dunne added: "It is also an important breeding season for ground-nesting birds and wildlife which along with sheep, can become startled by the presence of dogs. By launching this awareness campaign, the Council is highlighting the role that all dog owners must play in tackling this serious issue".

If you witness an incident of sheep worrying or damage to livestock, report it immediately to Wicklow County Council. It is important that all incidents be report as soon as possible. Call 0404 - 20236 or email, env@wicklowcoco.ie.

New novel from Roundwood author

Roundwood author Barbara Francesca Murphy has released her new contemporary work of fiction, *Second Chances*.

Jordan, Florence, Zoe and Madelyn's friendship is put to the ultimate test when a terrible tragedy is revealed. How far will these women go to prove their loyalty? And will they take matters into their own hands? Each one of them is on a journey of their own, hiding secrets they believed had been firmly left in the past. But all is uprooted again when they decide that helping a friend in need is the right thing to do. In the end, they must face their own demons along the way. Each one of them will determine their destiny and what truly matters in life. True friendships are hard to come by. When you do find it, you will surely know, your sisters will take a bullet for you.

Barbara Francesca Murphy was born in Austria in the '70s. She started writing at an early age, mostly short stories for her family and friends to read. As a child and teenager, she travelled extensively, getting a taste for foreign cultures and countries, fueling her imagination. She graduated from high school in America and went on to study Tourism and Management in Austria. Shortly after completing the college course, she settled in Ireland, where she has been living ever since. *Second Chances* by Barbara Francesca Murphy is published by Austin Macauley Publishers and is available on AustinMacauley.com and Amazon and all good booksellers.



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Irene Ryder, with Jim and Bridie Furlong at the Arklow RNLI 'Hurry to the Curry' in the Arklow Bay Hotel

Ukuleles beginners course

Pat Byrne, the creative force behind The Harbour Ukuleles, and promoter of the world famous Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, has announced the new beginners' ukulele course for the Harbour Bar in Bray on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and the Hot Spot Music Club in Greystones on Saturday mornings at 11am.

The increasingly popular, Harbour Ukuleles' have quite a repertoire including a recording they made of 'Rainy Night in Soho' - this has received over 20,000 hits on You Tube watch it here

The Harbour Ukuleles also played to standing ovations in Christchurch, Bray, recently for The Caroline Foundation and will be giving several live performances over the summer at various charity events in Bray and beyond.

Starting out in the Hot Spot Music Club, Greystones almost a decade ago, Pat formed the Hotspot Ukes which went on to perform at many festivals and venues throughout Ireland. Although the uke group eventually moved to Bray, Pat continued to receive enquiries from Greystones' budding uke pluckers and has decided to return to where it all began - to the Hot Spot Music Club on Saturday mornings, in addition to the Harbour Bar on Tuesday evenings.

For further details, please contact patbyr@gmail.com or phone 087 676 4443



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Beidh la eile againn

Information event held on the future of hill farming

An information event titled 'The Future of Hill Farming in the Dublin Mountains' took place at the end of last week in the picturesque south County Dublin townland of Glenasmole.

Attracting over 60 people, the open event held in the Glenasmole Community Centre was organised jointly between the SUAS Pilot Project and the state agency Teagasc, to explore a range of topics related to hill farming in the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains and the issues affecting hill farming communities throughout Ireland.

Guest speakers from the National Parks & Wildlife Service, Teagasc and the SUAS Project, gave presentations on the ecological importance of our uplands, sustainable and profitable hill farming practices and the appropriate land and vegetation management approaches for upland terrain.

With the aid of visual slides, satellite footage and data collected from across Ireland's upland farming community, much discussion was had about optimum grazing periods, flock sizes and breeds, and how best to create an upland farming model using a blend of modern and traditional farming techniques.

A number of contributions were also made from the attendees, with a general consensus that

although quite challenging, the role of the upland farmers is of national importance and contribute widely to the greater public good and enhance sustainable rural communities.

In addition to managing the natural landscapes, it was agreed that healthy upland habitats play a vital role in providing good quality water sources, the prevention of flooding and the sequestrating of carbon stores.

After the 90 minutes of presentations and open discussion with attendees, many of the group travelled to a nearby hill to observe first-hand, the many ecological factors found in upland habitats.

Surrounded by stunning mountain views and overlooking the Glenasmole Valley and the 19th century Bohernabreena Reservoir, the group assembled for a short guided walk within the Wicklow Mountains National Park which is home to diverse collection of sheep flocks.

Leading the large group was Enda Mullen, the Divisional Ecologist for the National Parks and Wildlife Service, who demonstrated many of the plant species found in the upland biodiversity and gave an overview of the impact recent fires have had to the areas' sensitive ecology. Much discussion was had about the widespread use of burning to manage vegetation, with welcome contributions made from a number of attendees on the difference between controlled and planned burning and the wild burning that have plagued the area in recent years.

The attendees were made up of farmers, participants of the SUAS Project, representatives from the National Parks and Wildlife Service and other interested parties, with one group from Northern Ireland's upland partnership groups travelling down for the occasion.

Launched in 2018, the Sustainable Upland Agri-Environmental Scheme (SUAS) is a locally-led Pilot Project designed to address the decline in hill farming activities and the promotion of sustainable practices in the Wicklow and Dublin uplands.

One of 23 EIP- Agri projects in operation in Ireland, the project is working with a number of commonage groups and individual farmers on

selected sites in the region and it is anticipated that the project's findings will contribute to future national decision making on a range of issues.

Speaking following the event, Declan Byrne, Project Manager of the SUAS Pilot Project said "It was wonderful to see so many choosing to attend and actively participate in the discussion and the sharing of invaluable knowledge and experience with each other. As it is our first open event to be organised in the Dublin Mountains, the warm response received, clearly demonstrates the great interest there is to collectively find future solutions to managing our uplands"

Mr. Byrne continued, "The importance of our uplands and the preservation of it's healthy, thriving biodiversity, really cannot be underestimated. The work of the SUAS Project is to discover and promote the best approaches and methods for land management, to create a better understanding of the appropriate grazing and to better support hill-farming communities".



Pictured are attendees at the information event titled 'The Future of Hill Farming in the Dublin Mountains' which took place in the picturesque south County Dublin townland of Glenasmole. The attendees were made up of farmers, participants of the SUAS Project, representatives from the National Parks and Wildlife Service and other interested parties, with one group from Northern Ireland's upland partnership groups travelling down for the occasion.

'New Government must deliver on dementia'

Journalist and broadcaster Teena Gates has revealed that socialising and working outside the home is now practically impossible for full-time family carers like her due to the dementia care crisis that is a daily reality for the 1,274 people living with dementia and their struggling families who are fighting to access essential supports and services in Wicklow.

Yet despite this, in Wicklow only a small number of candidates signed the pledge to deliver on dementia.

Teena, who is from Dublin and is a full-time carer for her elderly father, Terry, who was diagnosed with dementia last year, has issued one last rallying call to the newly elected TDs to support The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) who are calling on all them to pledge their support to Deliver on Dementia and ensure

dementia is in the next Programme for Government.

Teena Gates said: "I used to think I knew what being a carer was. I used to think I knew what 24/7 care meant. I didn't have a clue. It means you never go to the toilet on your own again. It means you never close the door when you shower. It means you can't meet a friend for coffee without a complicated cover system. It means working outside the home is

practically impossible. Yet all of these things are possible with support. So many of us just need a little help, to help us love and care for the ones we love and care for."

The ASI knows only too well that access to dementia care in the community depends on where you live and no county in Ireland has an acceptable level of dementia support. The ASI's General Election 2020 campaign 'Deliver on Dementia - Time to

End the Crisis' aims to ensure that dementia is included in the new Programme for Government so people with dementia and their families can get the support that they need.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland say that all TDs must pledge to deliver on dementia in the next Programme for Government to ensure: The National Dementia Strategy is fully implemented; Home care for everybody; Dementia is in the Chronic Disease Management Programme.

Patricia Maguire, from Wexford who helps to care for her dad who has dementia, said: "My hope for the next Government is to give back to the people like my dad who contributed so much to our society as my mam has no support from the Government. My Mam is living in Wexford where there is no home care support for her. My Mam has her own health issues as a 70-year-old woman may have and her mental health and physical health is being impacted due to the lack of support. My parents both deserve better from this country and should be cared for in a meaningful way. We want our dad to receive the care that he deserves."



Teena Gates and her father, Terry



Teacher Megan Brady, TD John Brady, and principal Emer Breen at the official opening of Ravenswell Primary School in Bray last week.

Come enjoy pancakes a day early in Wicklow Town

Smiley Pancake Day is coming a day early to Wicklow and is on Monday, February 24th at the De La Salle Pastoral Centre within the grounds of St. Patrick's Church from 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

The event is being organised by Wicklow Mental Health Association and all funds raised will go towards supporting one of the social clubs in the local community.

There will be pancakes for everyone to enjoy and refreshments for the children and tea and coffee for the family.

"This is always a very popular social event and we welcome children, parents and grandparents and join in the fun. The idea is to add a smile to your pancake by adding sweets, cream and toppings by adding a smile to your pancake we hope that it will add a smile to your face as well. Come join us on Monday, February 24th for a Pantastic Day."

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Wicklow Dementia Support Family Carers meeting

The Wicklow Dementia Support Family Carers Support Group meets once a month in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Greystones, from 11:30am to 1pm.

This group meeting is for those caring for someone at home with dementia. It is an opportunity to meet and to share experiences and feelings in a confidential and facilitated setting. Details and dates of meetings from 089 4286928.

The next Family Carers Support Group meeting will be held on 20th March.

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The Wicklow Lions Quiz Roadshow continues every Wednesday until March 11th when the Grand Final will take place in Wicklow Golf Club. The quiz helps to support up to 20 local charities. On Wednesday 5th February the Brass Fox hosted the evening and the top scoring team on the night were regular winners Ethna Neiland, Pauline Carton, and Tina Neiland. Just a little behind were John and Mary Finlay with Leigh and Mark Ludgate. Congratulations to all. Pictured is the winning team in the Brass Fox Wicklow; Maurice Corr (Lions), Ethna and Tina Neiland, Pauline Carton and Geraldine Mooney (Lions). The Runners up were John and Mary Finlay, Mark and Leigh Ludgate with Maurice Corr (Lions)

BAP free training and workshops

Bray Area Partnership has a new programme of free courses and workshops starting in March for anybody living in Bray, Delgany, Greystones, Kilmacanogue, Kilcoole, Newcastle Lower who meets certain criteria, such as being unemployed or from certain groups in the community.

A Goal-setting and Motivation workshop on 10th March will help you set goals in any area of your life and create a plan to make them a reality! Another workshop on 11th March helps you prepare for making an application for an Apprenticeship or public sector job such as Clerical Officer by practising the psychometric aptitude tests, online assessments, and competency-based interviews these organisations use in their recruitment. You can also find out about the wide range of apprenticeships you can apply for. Parents and carers of adolescents aged 11-16 may be interested in the 6-week Parents Plus Parenting Adolescents course, which covers topics such as connecting with your teenager, building their self-esteem, positive communication, negotiating rules and boundaries, and much more.

The one-day Connect: Men in the Middle workshop on 24th March is for staff from community or voluntary groups who want to improve their engagement with middle-aged men and connect with them around mental health issues. The Partnership's Fáilte Isteach conversational English classes for migrants continue to run weekly in Bray and Kilcoole. These courses are provided through the Partnership's Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022, which is funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development and co-funded by the European Social Fund under the Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020. See www.brayareapartnership.ie to find out more.

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Luggala was Wicklow's biggest one-off sale of 2019

The sale of Luggala in Roundwood was the largest one-off property transaction recorded in Wicklow last year.

Data from the Property Price Register, analysed by property website MyHome.ie, shows that the dwelling and lands adjacent to Wicklow National Park sold for €11.585 million in October. Given the amount of land at Luggala, the full sale price would have been for more than this but the Price Register only takes into account the property plus an acre and a half.

The only sale larger in the county last year was for the Hazelbrook Rise

development in Rathnew which sold for €20,232,350 in October.

Other large one-off sales included Prospect House in Newcastle for €2.572 million in April and Templecarrig House in Templecarrig, Delgany in August for €2.15 million.

In total there were 30 sales recorded in Wicklow last year for a seven-figure sum.

As of the Property Price Register update of February 5th, just over €697.4 million had been

spent on property last year in Wicklow.

There were 1,969 sales recorded as of that date, which was up 21.5% on the 1,621 sales recorded in 2018.

Angela Keegan, Managing Director of MyHome.ie, said that the analysis confirmed a trend of significant activity in commuter counties. "We knew from our analysis of the Property Price Register for the first half of 2019 that activity in commuter counties was sharply rising, and our

analysis this time round proves that this trend continued throughout the year.

"The affordability of properties in the counties around Dublin is proving to be extremely popular especially with first-time buyers who are constrained due to the Central Bank's mortgage lending rules. It is good to see new building starts in these counties have also continued, bringing more homes on the market where they are badly needed."

Barretstown Dublin Mountains Challenge raises almost €800,000 in aid of children's charity

Barretstown, the children's charity that offers free, specially designed camps and programmes for children and their families living with a serious illness is calling on the public to take part in their seventh annual Barretstown Dublin Mountains Challenge on the 24th of May 2020.



Each year this annual fundraising challenge sees almost 600 people enjoy the stunning coastal views along the Dublin Mountain route. Since kicking off in 2014, the challenge has raised almost €800,000 for Barretstown providing vital funds for the charity and helping more children living with serious illnesses to experience the life-changing programmes at Barretstown.

Individuals and teams alike are encouraged to take part in the walk, achieving their own personal goals while also raising much needed funds for Barretstown. Participants can choose one of two routes. The 42km trek stretches from Tallaght Stadium to Shankill, it takes from 9-10 hours to finish. The shorter, 24km trek begins at Tallaght Stadium and finishes at Three Rock, it takes about 4-5 hours to complete.

Speaking about the fundraiser, Dee Ahearn, Chief Executive at Barretstown, said: "The Dublin Mountains Challenge is one of our most popular fundraising events each year. Those who participate always enjoy experiencing the beautiful Dublin Mountain Way, challenging themselves and contributing to the charities fundraising efforts. It is always a memorable and wonderful experience for everyone involved. This is the seventh year that we have hosted the fundraiser and it just keeps getting better with many participants returning year after year. I would

like to thank and applaud all those who have taken part over the years, for continuing to support this special event. We look forward to once again welcoming participants from all over the country and abroad to Dublin this May 24th."

Mark Aherne, General Manager at Lucozade Ribena Suntory Ireland, said: "2020 marks Lucozade's sixth year as the sponsor of Barretstown's Dublin Mountains Challenge. We are proud to be part of this wonderful event once again. At Lucozade, we are committed to encouraging our customers and our colleagues to enjoy active lives and our partnership with the Barretstown Dublin Mountains Challenge helps us to deliver this. We want to encourage everyone across Ireland to enjoy the benefits of exercise, while raising money for Barretstown and ultimately, having a great day out!"

The entry fee for the 42km challenge is €75 for an individual or €250 for a team of four; for the 24km walk, €50 per individual or €175 per team of four. Walkers are asked to try to reach an additional fundraising target of €100 to help more children living with serious illnesses to experience the life-changing programmes at Barretstown.

For more information or to register for the event, visit www.barretstown.org/events/dmc or contact fundraising@barretstown.org.



Wicklow County Council hosts Business Breakfast Briefing

A state-of-the-art Customer Care Innovation Hub is to be developed at County Buildings in Wicklow town to improve communications with Wicklow County Council's service users and provide greater facilities for visitors.

Details of the new Hub were outlined by the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Mr Frank Curran, in his address to the Council's 2020 Business Breakfast Briefing held in the Druids Glen Hotel & Golf Resort.

As part of its ongoing commitment to economic development, Wicklow County Council hosted the 2020 Breakfast Briefing attended by leading local and national businesspeople. The theme of this year's event was: "Endless Opportunities for Living, Leisure and Business in County Wicklow."

Guest speaker at the event was Mr Mike Seaton, Director of Development for SSE Renewables.

In a keynote address, Wicklow County Council Chief Executive, Mr Frank Curran, detailed various developments and projects which the Council had completed over the past year or is involved in for the future.

One of these, he said, was the creation of a state-of-the-art Customer Care Innovation Hub at County buildings. This would lead the process of major organisational change and improvement in how the Council delivers its services to the people of Wicklow.

Supported by a Customer Relations Management (CRM) system and a highly trained customer care team, the Hub will greatly improve communication and engagement with the public as well as achieving efficiencies in service delivery.

"It will help ensure there is clear, consistent and appropriate communi-



Joe O'Connell, Lorraine Gallagher, and John Horan at the Wicklow County Council Business Breakfast meeting in the Druids Glen Hotel

cations and service delivery between Wicklow County Council, the citizens of County Wicklow and other stakeholders", stated Mr Curran.

He also highlighted the drafting of the new County Development Plan 2021-2027 which was at an initial stage. This would set out future development across all areas such as economic development, settlement strategy, tourism and retail strategy, climate change, green infrastructure, sustainable transport, town planning and many other important issues.

Mr Curran pointed to the Council's policy on Climate Change saying that Wicklow had the potential to play an important role in the renewable energy market, particularly in the area of offshore wind energy.

Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Irene Winters, said the Council used the occasion

to update the business community on the various activities carried out by the Council, with particular emphasis on enterprise and economic development. "It is also your opportunity to network, to share your views and to provide us with feedback," she said.

The input of the business community was invaluable, she said adding: "Over the years many of you have participated on committees of Wicklow County Council including the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank, Local Community Development Committee or Strategic Policy Committees, or indeed the Business Advisory Council. These groups are essential to Wicklow County Council and help to identify actions and priorities aimed at driving economic activity and increasing employment in County Wicklow."

One area of particular

importance, Cllr Winters added, was the County Development Plan 2021 to 2027. The Forward Planning Team was currently assessing the submissions received in response to the Issues Paper, to assist the Chief Executive in the preparation of his report to the elected members.

This was due in the coming months while the Draft County Development Plan would be published later this year when a further round of public consultation will be announced.

"I would encourage you to continue to engage with us, as the plan is developed and to play your role in shaping the future of the County," she said.

Mr Seaton from SSE dealt with Ireland's Climate Change policy and the key role renewable energy would play in that. He said Ireland's offshore wind resource was vast and significantly under-

developed and pointed out that Ireland has just one offshore wind farm, located 13km off Arklow.

SSE has long held plans to develop Arklow Wind Park Phase two and are close to delivering on those and added that "this project holds significant socio-economic benefits for the county of Wicklow and the East Coast. Depending on the final design of the wind farm, we expect to invest between €1 billion and €2 billion developing the next stage of the Arklow Bank."

While they had yet to announce the location of the O&M base for the Arklow Wind Park, he said this had taken longer than hoped because of land, property and legal agreements. They hoped to be in a position to announce the location with the next month.

Mr Seaton said offshore wind energy could be an enabler to unlock new infrastructure investment in Ireland's ports and maritime businesses and create local sustainable jobs. "We have seen this at firsthand on other projects across Ireland and the UK. Already we rely on the existing local supply chain in Co Wicklow."

A number of local companies with considerable offshore wind expertise have already been retained to support the operation, he said, including two Co Wicklow firms, Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions and AlphaMarine Services. "We intend to rely further on the support of local firms, they will be critical in the years ahead as we progress the project."

The MC for the event was Alan Shortt.



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SECTION 10 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 2004 SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT AT ROAD WORKS M11/N11 (NORTHBOUND/SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY)

ROAD WORKS SPEED LIMIT ORDER NO. 1 OF 2020

Road works on the M11/N11 between junction 7 and 8 (Bray South to Kilmacanogue) are due to commence.

Notice is hereby given that in exercise of the powers vested under Section 10 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004, and in the interest of safety, it is necessary to make a Road Works Speed Limit Order, in respect of the area where the works are to be carried out.

Subject to the Road Works Speed Limit Order No. 1 of 2020, 60 km/h per hour shall be the Road Works Speed Limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on the roads as specified in the First Schedule hereto, this Special Speed Limit to apply from **Monday 17th February 2020 until the 1st February 2021**, or such earlier date as may be determined by Wicklow County Council.

First Schedule

60 kilometres per hour shall be the Road Works Speed Limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on the roads as specified hereto.

The M11/N11 northbound carriageway from a point 47 metres south of the centre point of the M11/N11 Kilmacanogue Over Bridge at Junction 8 to a point 67 metres south of the centre point of the M11/N11 Bray South Over Bridge at Junction 7.

The M11/N11 southbound carriageway from a point 168 metres south of the centre point of the M11/N11 Bray South Over Bridge at Junction 7 to a point 22 metres south of the centre point of the M11/N11 Kilmacanogue Over Bridge at Junction 8.

The M11/N11 northbound off-ramp at Junction 8 (Kilmacanogue) from its junction with the M11/N11 northbound carriageway to a point 17 metre south of the centre point of the roundabout at Kilmacanogue Village (R755).

The M11/N11 northbound on-ramp at Junction 8 (Kilmacanogue) from a point 62 metres north of the centre point of the Kilmacanogue Village Roundabout (R755) to its junction with the M11/N11 northbound carriageway.

The M11/N11 northbound off-ramp at Junction 8 (Glencormick) from its junction with the M11/N11 northbound carriageway to a point 123 metres south of its junction with the Glencormick Road (L1019).

The M11/N11 northbound on-ramp at Junction 8 (Glencormick) from a point 35 metres north its junction with the Glencormick Road (L1019) to its junction with the M11/N11 northbound carriageway.

The M11/N11 northbound off-ramp at Junction 7 (Bray South) from its junction with the M11/N11 northbound carriageway to a point 77 metres south of the centre point of Kilcorney Roundabout (R768).

The M11/N11 southbound off-ramp at Junction 7 (Bray South) from its junction with the M11/N11 southbound carriageway to a point 112 metres south west of the centre point of the Killarney Roundabout (R768).

The M11/N11 southbound on-ramp at Junction 7 (Bray South) from a point 52 metres south west of the centre point of the Killarney Roundabout (R768) to its junction with the M11/N11 southbound carriageway.

The M11/N11 southbound off-ramp at Junction 8 (Kilmacanogue) from its junction with the M11/N11 southbound carriageway to a point 58 metres north of the centre point of the Bohilla Roundabout (R755).

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CEO of Wicklow County Council Frank Curran, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council Irene Winters, and Mike Seaton of SSE Renewables at the Wicklow County Council Business Breakfast meeting in the Druids Glen Hotel



Newly elected Green Party TD Steven Matthews with his wife and campaign manager Erika Doyle, awaiting the results at the count centre in Greystones

New to You pop up fashion sale coming to Greystones

There will be a 'New to You' fashion sale on February 28th and 29th in Greystones Tennis Club.

People recycle their unwanted and gently loved clothes! Good for the environment and good for their pocket as well! All are welcome.

The funds raised will go towards the resurfacing of the tennis courts 7-9. Greystones Tennis Club said "We welcome donations and sellers of ladies fashions who will receive 50/50 back on items if sold - Days for receipt of clothing are 20th February, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, and Saturday 22nd February - 11am - 1pm. The general sale will take place on Saturday 29 February. 11-3pm.

Ladies clothes and accessories to include bags, scarves and shoes in good condition will be accepted for this New to You Pop-Up Fashion Sale.

You decide on the price for your items. If your item is sold you have the option of getting 50% of the sales proceeds back. You can also donate all proceeds to the club. Proceeds for the weekend will go towards the resurfacing of courts 7-9. If your item is not sold

you have the option of taking it back (you will be able to collect your items on Sunday 1 March). Otherwise any uncollected items will be donated to local charity shops.

Pre-sale night on Friday evening 28th February where you can view and purchase the items for sale from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. The entrance fee on Friday night is €10 which includes a glass of wine, nibbles and music in the bar from 9.30pm.

"Are you a do-er, happy to organise and help sort clothes or great at marketing? Please add your name to the notice-board or let one of the team know your availability Have 1-2 hours on Friday 28 February or Saturday 29 February to help with the sale? Have you ideas on how to make this a great night and successful weekend? Please contact Ailish 0872380265 or Marie 0872079627 and let's make this a great fun event or any of the team Dana Bradshaw, Anne Quigley, Orla O'Shea and Ruth Adams."

Mummy Mornings at the Whale Theatre

'Mummy Mornings' will take place at Whale Theatre, Greystones, on Friday 20th March with inspiring guest speakers Joanna Fortune Psychotherapist, and Sophie Morris nutrition coach.

Mummy Mornings was created by Ali Gibbons, Wicklow Mum of two and founder of online baby boutique Lou and Belle. The

event welcomes babies, with space for buggies and baby changing facilities and easy parking. Guests can enjoy hearing from two amazing speakers, (who also happen to be Mums).

Joanna Fortune is a consultant on the Newstalk Sean Moncrieff show. Joanna wrote her own parenting book in 2018 called 15-Minute Parenting. Nutrition coach, TV chef Sophie Morris sold her business Kooky Dough in 2014, and since then



Joanna Fortune

has been helping people live healthier lives through a focus on nutrition education, support and mindset. Sophie will share her journey to date and her approach to infant weaning.

Tickets available from www.whaletheatre.ie



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*In contentious business, a solicitor may not calculate fees or other charges as a percentage or proportion of any award or settlement

Laragh Coffee Morning in aid of Irish Heart Foundation

Please come along and support a great cause in the Brockagh Resource Centre on Tuesday 18th of February from 10.30 to 12 noon. Hosted by the Active Retired Laragh Glendalough.

Dennis the Menace Stops Wicklow Bird Race

So Storm Ciara brought us waterlogged wetlands all along the Murrough but Storm Dennis, has put the kibosh on the Wicklow Bird Race: the event is postponed until Sunday March 1st. Arrangements for the rescheduled date are likely to be the same but BirdWatch Ireland will post a further update on their Facebook page with the details before then.

Greystones Active Retirement Association diary of events 2020

Membership renewal and enquiries each Tuesday 10.30-11.30am at Kilian House Family Centre.

Gaiety Theatre outing: 'The Mouse Trap', Wednesday April 1st 2020. Tickets and bus transport: €48. Bus leaves Church car park at 1pm. Booking Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am.

Tea Dance: Saturday 4th April 2.30 - 5.30pm. Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy. Price €7.50. Tickets Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am and at the door.

Holiday abroad: September 2020. Austrian Tyrol. 5 nights/6days. Price €995 per person sharing. €30 per night single supplement. Non-refundable deposit of €200 payable no later than 18th February. Booking Tuesdays 12.30 - 1.30pm and Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30am

Monthly Get-together: Coffee morning Friday 28th February 2020 at 10.30.

SOSA Fitness Charity Event

Come along and get ready to 'Dance Yourself Happy' with SOSA Fitness in aid of Brain Tumour Ireland in the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh on Sat 21st March at 2.30-4.30pm. All levels, including beginners, ages 16 to 100 welcome! Tickets available on Eventbrite for €10 or at the door. For more information, contact Claire on 085 152 2991. Find us on Facebook at "SOSA with Claire" or email Tracy on byrnefundraising@gmail.com.

Coming up at The Courthouse Arts Centre...

Rocketman

Friday 21st February 8pm €6/€5

Young Reginald Dwight changes his name to Elton John and collaborates with singer-songwriter Bernie Taupin to become one of the most iconic figures in pop history. Set to his most beloved songs, it's the epic musical story of Elton John, his breakthrough years in the 1970s and his fantastical transformation from shy piano prodigy to international superstar. Taron Egerton won a Golden Globe and was nominated for a BAFTA for his portrayal of Elton John in this film by Dexter Fletcher.

Children's Workshops

Mid-Term

CLAYMAZING, Thursday 20th February, 11am - 1pm €15 Suitable for age 5+.

Claymazing workshop, mess free, air drying clay, bring children's imagination to life.

IMBLOC Saturday 22nd, 11am - 1pm €12
Storytelling & Puppet Making with Cressida Knapp. Age 7+

In this workshop participants will explore the folklore of Saint Bridget. This will be followed by making Brideog puppets and end with the children using their puppets to retell the story.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
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HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Notice in relation to the operation of the following Grant Schemes. These schemes apply to private accommodation.

HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANT

MOBILITY AIDS GRANT SCHEME

HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Wicklow County Council is inviting applications for funding under the terms of the above Grant Schemes.

HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANT – covers adaptation to make existing accommodation for people with a disability or mobility problems in privately owned properties

MOBILITY AID GRANT SCHEME – covers level access showers, ramps, rails, ceiling hoists and stairlifts in privately owned properties

HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE – covers roofs, electrical works and essential repairs in privately owned properties that are in poor condition.

As there is limited availability of funding only fully completed applications received with the necessary supporting documentation will be considered. Applications will be prioritised on medical need.

Application forms can be obtained from the Grant Section, Housing Department, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow Town, 0404 20120 or at www.wicklow.ie or email housingloansandgrants@wicklowcoco.ie

Wicklow celebrates Safer Internet Day with family event

On Tuesday, 11th February, Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) hosted an online safety event in partnership with Tusla, Wicklow Comhairle na n'Og, Extern, ISPCC and Wicklow Child and Family Project to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2020 - Together for a Better Internet.

The event took place in the Arklow Bay Hotel in and was attended by both parents and professionals, along with 25 children from 6th Class in St. John's National School, Arklow. This

year marked the third annual Safer Internet Day event hosted by the Wicklow CYPSC.

The event was opened by Fionnuala Curry, Coordinator for the Wicklow CYPSC, who

noted that the issue of online safety has been a priority area for Wicklow CYPSC since their first Children and Young People's Plan [CYPP] in 2012, and that the issue features

once again in their most recent plan for 2020-2022. The keynote speaker on the day was Dr. Colman Noctor, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist in St. Patrick's Adolescent Mental Health Services and Assistant Professor at Trinity. His specialist area of interest is in the impact of technology on our mental lives.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Noctor said, "The advent of technology has changed the landscape of family life in Ireland and we are struggling to keep a pace with these new ways of communicating. It is imperative that we try to develop healthy relationships with technology and mirror these for our children."

Dr. Noctor explored the impact of technology

and social media on our mental health, emotional wellbeing and resilience, and the ways in which our relationship with technology can affect our family, work and personal lives.

The event looked at ways in which we can support ourselves and our families to become more resilient in the contemporary world and develop better relationships in a digital era. Paul Hickey, Social Worker, Tusla, looked at the issue of cyberbullying, and delivered advice on how to stay safe on social networks and online video games.

The Wicklow CYPSC 'Device Safety Guide for Parents' was also launched at the event and is available to download at www.cypsc.ie/wicklow/



Helen Crowe, Wicklow Child and Family Project; Andrew Jackson, ISPCC; Natalie Cox, Tusla PPFS; Dr Colman Noctor; Fionnuala Curry, Wicklow CYPSC; Sinead Roche, Tusla PPFS; Richard Campbell, Extern

Nine month window to insulate your business against a hard Brexit

The United Kingdom left the European Union on the 31st of January 2020, ending a 47-year relationship with all countries in the EU. This 47-year allegiance ending will bring uncertainty to the trade relationship between the UK and the EU.

The new date for businesses within Wicklow to be aware of is December 2020. This is a transition period for the UK and EU to strike a trade deal and figure out their future relationship. Business owners should take advantage of this transition period according to the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow and use every support available, not only through the Local Enterprise Office but through other state agencies, to get their business #BrexitReady.

These 9 months represent a short time period for a trade deal to be struck. Therefore, there is a real risk that an agreement will not be made and a default agreement will come into play where the World Trade Organisation tariffs and rules will apply. This signifies a real risk of increased

costs and administration burdens to businesses. In light of these potential threats businesses in Wicklow should get as prepared as possible within this transition period.

The Local Enterprise Office Wicklow is providing free, one-to-one, and confidential Brexit Mentoring with Moira Creedon of Artemis Consulting on February 26th 2020. There are three main areas covered in these sessions; the potential risk Brexit may have to your business, the impact these risks could have if they occurred, and the steps you can take now to reduce the risk and the potential cost this will have on your business.

Moira is a teacher and consultant in Strategic Finance and has worked with both large corporate and SME clients

worldwide helping decision makers at strategic level to understand finance and hence improve their ability to formulate and implement strategy and innovation across all elements of their business. 2020 is the final opportunity for businesses to get all elements of their business prepared for the trade deal that is to come. Mentoring is free, however booking is essential.

See localenterprise.ie/Wicklow/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/. The Local Enterprise Office is also running a free Prepare Your Business for Customs Workshop on the 1st of April 2020: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Wicklow/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/Prepare-Your-Business-for-Customs-Workshop-01-04-2020.html>



Rosalie Delany, new Director of Sales & Marketing at Powerscourt Hotel

New Director of Sales & Marketing at Powerscourt Hotel

Powerscourt Hotel Resort & Spa has recently appointed a new Director of Sales & Marketing, Rosalie Delany.

Meath native Rosalie brings with her, a wealth of knowledge and flair with years of experience on the Irish five-star hotel scene. Rosalie is a graduate of Hotel Management at DIT Cathal Brugha Street, (Diploma Hotel Management) and has a foundation in business studies with time spent at both Dundalk Institute of Technology and Dublin Business School (formally LBS) before being bitten by the hospitality bug.

After completing her college training, Rosalie began her hotel career with the O'Callaghan Hotel Group moving on to work with some of the most prestigious names in the country including the former Ritz Carlton Wicklow, over 4 years at The Shelbourne Dublin and from there headed east as Director of Sales & Marketing at Mount Juliet Kilkenny. Moving back to Dublin Rosalie joined the MHL Hotel Collection where she started as Assistant Director of Sales & Marketing at InterContinental Dublin.

Rosalie is delighted to be back at Powerscourt; having previously worked at the former Ritz-Carlton she has always had a grá for both the property and its location. With great plans afoot to augment the physical property and service offerings, Rosalie is eager to put her stamp on things with aspirations of putting Powerscourt back where it belongs amongst its peers - a uniquely luxurious Irish resort.



RNLi's Area Lifesaving Manager Owen Medland makes a presentation to Michael Fitzgerald for his service to the RNLi, at the Arklow RNLi 'Hurry to the Curry' in the Arklow Bay Hotel

Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society

There will be a talk by Sean Laoide-Kemp on Wednesday 19th February, on the topic of 'Landscape as Witness: Public Works Schemes of the Great Irish Famine'. It will take place in Kilian House Family Centre, Greystones, at 8pm.

Sean Laoide-Kemp is a free lance photographer. He is a First Class Honours graduate from the Institute of Art, Design and Technology. He is currently undertaking a practice-led Masters by Research in IADT. Sean practices mainly in the genre of Aftermath Photography - that is, photographing of dark events after they have taken place.

This particular genre joins together two of his greatest passions: History and Photography. These can be seen in his ongoing project: Landscape as Witness. This project aims to document the constructions built as part of the Public Works Scheme, with reference to the Great Famine (1845 to 1852) in north Co. Clare. The project consists of images taken of these constructions. Accompanied by oral history and ethnographic accounts.



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
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SECTION 75 - ROADS ACT, 1993

PROVISION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC ROAD

Wicklow County Council hereby gives notice that it proposes the temporary closure of the following public roads **from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm on 17th March, 2020**, to facilitate the Bray St. Patrick's Day Parade.

ROADS TO BE CLOSED

Strand Road, Bray from the DART Station to the Boathouse Coffee Dock on Bray Seafront.

To include the junctions of:

**Seapoint Road and Strand Road
Seapoint Road and Seymour Road
Quinsboro Road and Strand Road
Albert Avenue and Strand Road
Sidmonton Avenue and Strand Road
Victoria Avenue and Strand Road
Convent Avenue and Strand Road
Putland Road and Strand Road
Vevay Road and Church Road and
Killarney Road and King Edward Road**

The parade route is from the Town Hall, Vevay Road, Bray (opposite St Patrick's School) proceeding down Main Street, turning right onto Quinsboro Road, turning left onto Seymour Road, right onto Seapoint Road and concludes on the Strand Road. Traffic management will be in place during the passing of the parade.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed road closure must lodge their objection in writing with the undersigned not later than 12 noon on 28th February, 2020.

David Forde,
District Administrator, Bray Municipal District,
Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
Email: braymd@wicklowcoco.ie



Pictured are some of Bife's Tourism and Bar/Restaurant students Gary O Connell, Conron Truel, Liarosa Scally, Jacqueline Atkins and Jade Forde with Deputy Principal Gabriel Allen enjoying the views over Malaga from the Alcazaba. The students are on a three-week internship in Malaga, under the Erasmus+ Programme as part of their Tourism and Bar/Restaurant courses

Wicklow people urged to volunteer for Aware's Support Line

Aware, Ireland's national charity supporting people affected by depression, bipolar disorder and mood-related conditions, has launched a volunteer recruitment campaign for its Support Line

The Aware Support Line is a national freephone service which operates from 10am to 10pm 365 days a year, located at Aware's HQ at 9 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4.

The Line provides telephone support to people concerned about issues relating to their own mood or that of a friend or family member. It operates against a backdrop of an estimated more than 450,000 people experiencing depression in Ireland at any one time, while there are approximately 45,000 people here diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Depression and bipolar disorder are mental health conditions that affect our thinking, energy, feelings and behaviour. While they can vary from mild to severe, and impact on our relationships, family and work lives, it is possible to find ways to manage the conditions, and to lead healthy and productive lives.

According to Brid O'Meara, Aware's Director of Services, volunteers gain as much as they give on the Support Line: "Our more than 400 volunteers nationwide are a crucial lifeline for people impacted by depression and bipolar disorder. They play a key part in our work supporting people affected by stress, depression, bipolar disorder and mood-related conditions, and are passionate about nurturing

people's positive mental health.

"On our Support Line, volunteers listen carefully to callers, their questions, concerns and reasons for calling, so as to best understand and respond. They are compassionate and non-judgemental, treating people with dignity and respect, and provide information and signpost people to pathways to recovery such as other services and therapies.

"We know from people who have volunteered for the Support Line that it is hugely rewarding for them. There is a real feelgood factor in giving something back, while also developing their own life skills and talents in the process."

Signing Up Volunteers for the Support Line should have good communication skills, including being fluent in written and spoken English, and be comfortable speaking on the phone.

They will need to be over 25 years, and available for three hours a week, for a minimum of 18 months. Comprehensive training is provided to volunteers in responding to different scenarios that can arise, and so no prior qualifications or experience is required.

People interested in registering their interest to become an Aware Support Line volunteer can email Emma at recruitment@aware.ie or telephone 01 237 4926. Training for the next volunteer intake commences on Saturday February 22.

If you are worried about depression or bipolar disorder, please call the Aware Support Line on Freephone 1800 80 48 48.

Staff from Wicklow Law Centre honoured for service to Legal Aid Board

Two staff members from Wicklow Law Centre were honoured for their service of more than 20 years with the Legal Aid Board. Phil Whelan and Lorraine Porter received their awards at an event in Dublin to mark the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Legal Aid Board. Established in 1979, the Board provides legal advice and representation to people with limited means.

The Legal Aid Board was established following the recommendations of a government-established Committee, the Pringle Committee, and also the influential Airey v Ireland case, which saw Johanna Airey take Ireland to the European Court of Human Rights. The Court found Ireland was in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights because Ms. Airey could not afford the legal fees charged by solicitors in seeking legal separation from her husband. The Government of the day moved quickly to establish the Legal Aid Board in response to both of these events.

Speaking at the 40th anniversary

celebration, John McDaid, Chief Executive of the Legal Aid Board, said: "Ireland is a vastly different country to what it was in 1979. In the last 40 years we have had extensive legislation in relation to matters such as marital separation, divorce, domestic violence, refugee law and tenant and home-owner protections.

"As Irish society has changed, so too has the work of the Legal Aid Board. This has been reflected in the expansion of our service provision to include supports for asylum-seekers and refugees; the Abhaile scheme, which provides legal assistance for people at risk of losing their family home because of mort-

gage arrears; and our family mediation services, with 16 family mediation centres nationwide.

"The occasion of our 40th anniversary is also an opportunity for us to acknowledge the contribution of all of those who have been instrumental in our achievements over the past four decades and those who continue to do so on a daily basis. Some of our staff have served with us for over 20 years, such as Phil and Lorraine, and we are delighted that some of those involved in the establishment of the Legal Aid Board were honoured at our anniversary celebration."

Long Service Award for Wicklow woman

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society (RUAS) member Patricia Swandel recently received the Society's Silver Service Award that recognised her contribution as a Steward and Exhibitor for the past 47 years.

A student of Gurteen Agricultural College, Co. Tipperary, but originally hailing from Co. Wicklow, Patricia firstly exhibited Jersey Cows in 1972 later opting to show Poultry at the Balmoral Show.

Since 1983, Patricia took up the position as a Poultry Steward and in 1997 she was co-opted onto the RUAS Poultry Committee where she still holds a seat to this day. Her involvement led

to her being elected to Council in 2000 and in 2014 she deservedly became Chair of the Poultry Committee.

Patricia continues to have success within the Poultry world and attends shows regularly in the mainland UK. Her latest accolades include a place on Championship Row at the Poultry Club of Great Britain in Telford and most recently, she travelled to the Federation Show in Stafford where



Patricia Swandel

she won overall Champion of the Show. This was a momentous victory as she made history as the first female competitor to win this prestigious title at the largest poultry show in the UK with a Barnevelder Bantam Hen.

Coming up at Mermaid...

Music & Antipasti

Grammy nominated Italian musician Francesco Turrisi comes to the Mermaid Arts Centre on Friday 28th February at 8pm with his show Northern Migrations. Special tickets are available that include antipasti and a glass of wine before the show (7pm) at the Betelnut Café at Mermaid.

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, famenco 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.

Tickets cost €16/14 concession. Tickets including antipasti and wine cost €20 (this will be served at 7pm and booking is essential).

For Sama screens at Mermaid

Mermaid Arts Centre will be screening the film For Sama on Monday 2 March at 8pm. A love letter from a young mother to her daughter, the film tells the story of al-Kateab's life through five years of the uprising in Aleppo, Syria as she falls in love, gets married and gives birth to Sama, all while cataclysmic conflict rises around her. Her camera captures incredible stories of loss, laughter and survival as she wrestles with an impossible choice - whether or not to flee the city to protect her daughter's life, when leaving means abandoning the struggle for freedom for which she has already sacrificed so much.

For Sama was the winner of L'Oeil D'Or, Festival de Cannes 2019, the Human Rights Award, Galway Film Fleadh 2019 and was a nominee at the Oscars 2020 Documentary (Feature). Tickets cost €9/7 concession are available.

Mr. Sands Youth Theatre at Mermaid

On 4th & 5th March at 7.30pm Mermaid Arts Centre is delighted to welcome Mr. Sands Youth Theatre with a double bill: The It by Vivienne Franzmann & Ceasefire Babies by Fiona Doyle

The It is about a teenage girl who has something growing inside her. She doesn't know what it is but she knows it's not a baby. It expands in her body - starting in her stomach, but quickly outgrows that, until eventually it takes over the entirety of her insides. She tries to live her life 'normally' while battling to keep The It inside of her but she can't contain it forever - sooner or later something's got to give...

Ceasefire Babies looks at the relationship our identities and beliefs have with the past. In a city still divided by a crumbling wall, siblings Mikey and Jamie no longer see eye to eye. There's change in the air and not everyone's ready for it. Jamie wants to reignite the old conflicts of her father and uncle but Mikey and their friends must decide to either take hold of their own destinies, or allow the ghosts of the past to dictate their futures.

Tickets cost €10/5.

For further information and bookings visit www.mermaidartscentre.ie or call Box Office on 01-2724030.



Mr Sands Youth Theatre are coming to the Mermaid on March 4th and 5th.

The 2020 Vhi Women's Mini Marathon will take place on Sunday 31st May at 2pm. The famous annual 10k charity road race occurs each June bank holiday weekend in Dublin and is the largest Women's event of its kind in the world. Will you be taking part this year?

The inaugural women's mini marathon in 1983 had 9,000 women taking part and the event reached a record attendance in 2014 with 41,006 entrants. The event has grown in popularity as women have taken an active interest in their own health and fitness. A staggering 1.06 million women have entered the event since it began.

The big winners on the day are always the many charities that the women fundraise for. The women decide themselves which charities they will support and many local causes gain vital funds from the event. It is now the largest one-day charity event in the country.

The event organizers state that "Our mission is to organise a world-class event in a safe environment and enable participants to raise much-needed funds for charities. We are committed to promoting the development of a healthy lifestyle for women and to provide a great 10km event which they can walk, jog, or run together to achieve their own personal goals."

Purple House Cancer Support

Purple House Cancer Support is seeking women to join their 2020 Mini Marathon Team. Purple House provided a range of Cancer Support services to over 1,300 families throughout Wicklow & the wider Leinster areas last year. The VHI Women's Mini Marathon is a vital fundraising event for them and one of their biggest fundraisers.

"Over the past 29 years, we have had women taking part in the mini marathon every year for us, it is a real feel-good event and a great chance for people to meet new friends. Purple House Cancer Support Centre, based on Parnell Road in Bray, would not be able to provide the level of services to people affected by Cancer without the goodwill of people taking part in great events like the VHI Women's Mini Marathon.

"For so many people to make the effort to run, jog or walk the 10km, it means so much to us and our clients and we are very grateful to everyone who supports Purple House. Over 1,300 people visited Purple House in 2018 for Counselling, support, information,

classes and advice. We cannot provide these vital services without fundraising events like the VHI Women's Mini Marathon"

If anyone wants to sign up for the Purple House Cancer Support Mini Marathon team, they can do so by contacting them by email at info@purplehouse.ie or phone 01-2866966. Each participant will receive: Sponsorship Pack; Free Purple House Technical Tee-shirt & bandana; Transport to and from the event. There will be a Post race BBQ & celebration event at the Martello Hotel on the seafront in Bray.

Open Door Day Centre

This year Open Door is proud to celebrate 36 years of caring in the community and would like to thank all its supporters for helping to make a difference to members' lives. Open Door is a charitable trust founded in 1984 and while based in Bray the catchment area covers North Wicklow and South County Dublin. The Centre provides facilities and activities for people with varying disabilities as a result of stroke, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, spina bifida and road accidents amongst others. Activities include art, music, computers, physiotherapy, ceramics and woodwork.

Open Door is a vital social outlet for its members and also provides much needed support for carers and their families.

Join the Open Door team in this year's Women's Mini Marathon and help raise much needed funds to allow Open Door continue to support adults with physical disabilities. Transport will be provided from Bray, to and from Dublin and you will finish off the day with a reception in the Centre with strawberries & cream and a glass of bubbly.

Once you have registered at www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie please contact Suzanne Cox on 01 2867123 or email developmentofficer@opendoor.ie to secure your Charity pack with sponsorship card and t-shirt.

Arklow Cancer Support

Arklow Cancer Support provides a safe place for a person diag-

nosed with Cancer and their families, providing important information and new coping skills in a non-judgemental and caring environment. They do it through their: Volunteer to drive programme, One to One counselling service, Specialised Therapies, Complementary therapies, telephone support services Information and Courier. For more information please contact us At 8 St Mary's Road or telephone 0402-23590.

Heart Children Ireland

Heart Children Ireland is a nationwide organisation offering support to parents and families of children born with Congenital Heart Defects (CHD). CHD is the most common of all birth defects affecting one in every 100 children born. Heart Children Ireland offers support to parents, families, children, adolescents and adults. These are just some of their supports; "Social events where parents can meet and talk, nationwide information days focusing on cardiac topics, free access to our Family Psychology Support Service, and annual conference with keynote speakers from the world of congenital cardiology. Support to families on the transplant journey with their child. Heart Children Ireland receives no Government funding. By taking part in the Women's Mini Marathon in aid of Heart Children Ireland you will be making a huge difference, ensuring we can continue to offer much needed support to children, adolescents and adults with Congenital Heart Disease. Just contact linda@heartchildren.ie for your mini marathon pack. Our heartfelt thanks."



Heart Children Ireland supporting parents and families, children, adolescents and adults with Congenital Heart Disease

Are you running the VHI Womens Mini Marathon?

Why not run for Heart Children Ireland. Sponsorship cards and t-shirts are available from the Heart Children Office.

Contact Linda at linda@heartchildren.ie or Lo Call 1850 217017

Heart children Ireland, supporting tiny hearts to little hearts, little hearts to big hearts.




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VHI Women's Mini Marathon Sunday 31st May 2020

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Race Day transport plus a post race party in the Martello

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Purple House Cancer Support Centre
www.purplehouse.ie
Cancer Support Centre - Counselling - Support - Advice - Information

WOMEN'S MINI-MARATHON Sunday 31st May 2020



Open Door caters for adults with physical disabilities on a daily basis. Our modern, purpose built **Activity Centre** is situated on the Vevay Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Ph: 01 286 7123
E: opendoor@eircom.net
www.opendoor.ie





Shona Beedall (pic with 4 faces) and Christina Ryan (pic with Elephants) were the winning finalists in the All Ireland Credit Union Art Competition

Coming up at Whale Theatre...



Social Fabric Podcast: Do we really need another Guru?

Conversations with people about their passion and interaction with their community. We cover a number of topics to help rebuild the Fabric of Society.

In this podcast we will be exploring why we are constantly in search of a guru, how social media is creating a need for external gratification and what do we really need to do to have a pleasant and peaceful life. Is it yoga, mindfulness, meditation, ice baths... all or none of the above?

The panel of speakers include Niamh Daly (actress/yoga teacher) Petra Fulham (Nutritionist) Fiona English (Positive Psychologist) Niall O'Murchu (Wim Hof Method instructor)

An all inclusive event to explore what makes people think. Q & A at the end. Music throughout. Thursday 27th February at 8.00pm. Tickets €15

Callan's Kicks - A Live Rehearsal!

Impressionist Oliver Callan brings his award-winning Callan's Kicks comedy show to life on stage for the first time in five years.

Aiken Promotions is totes excited to announced RTE's award-winning show Callan's Kicks Live on stage at The Whale Theatre for a very special "live rehearsal". Oliver Callan brings his huge cast of characters to the stage for the first time in the age of Boris and Trump. It's no Kylie concert, but heads a troupe of voices from the world of Irish politics, sport and entertainment.

With the 2020 General Election just passed, Callan deconstructs our leaders and stars in a special night of comedy and satirical commentary.

Oliver Callan brings his most ambitious live show yet, with dozens of impressions, sketches and voices kicking our leaders and legends into the next decade. Over 18's.

Friday 6th March at 8.00pm. Tickets €15



Mother's Day Matinee Magic with Chris Holland

Fresh from such hits as Les Miserables, Dirty Dancing and Grease, West End star Chris Holland comes to The Whale for a very special Mother's Day afternoon treat. Chris is a Wicklow native and a teacher at Temple Carrig secondary school in Greystones.

Having recently appeared Sting's The Last Ship as well as a production of Titanic in Toronto's Princess Of Wales theatre, Holland will bring his decades of stage experience and studio recordings together with a collection of songs that mixes new favourites in with the all-time classics. Get ready to sing along.

Sunday 22nd March at 4.00pm Tickets €18/€15

For all tickets see www.whaletheatre.ie or call the booking office on 01 2010550



Calling all creative amateur gardeners to apply for Bloom 2020!

Bord Bia Bloom festival returns this June bank holiday weekend from 28th May to 1st June in the Phoenix Park, Dublin. With planning well underway, Bord Bia Bloom is calling for budding gardeners from Wicklow to submit entries for the popular Postcard garden category.

Postcard gardens offer passionate amateur gardeners, garden clubs, community and GIY groups a chance to showcase their talents to over 115,000 visitors attending the event.

The Postcard gardens are small but perfectly formed 3m x 2m plots which can be used to represent a club, locality, special person or character from your community. Last year schools, communities, day care centres and resource centres from around Ireland brought themes such as autism, mental-wellbeing, climate change and children's literature to life through flowers, planting, art and woodwork. Longford Town Guild, Irish Countrywomen's Association received 'Best in Show' for their Postcard Garden 'Fork to Fork' which demonstrated how we can turn the tide on unsustainable consumption by using the earth around us to feed ourselves.

Kerrie Gardiner, Bord Bia Bloom Show Garden Manager said, "The Postcard gardens are such a special part of Bloom and are a personal favourite of mine! They offer emerging



'Pledge against Plastic', last year's Bloom entry from the Irish Girl Guides, Earthology

gardeners and community groups a chance to showcase their talents, while also inspiring other amateur gardeners to get out into nature and experience the joy of gardening". The Postcard Garden application form can be downloaded from BloominthePark.com and the closing date to

apply is Monday, 2nd March 2020.

Bord Bia Bloom, Ireland's annual showcase of the best of Ireland's horticulture and food industry is in its fourteenth year, and will once again feature a range of spectacular show gardens, food features, music, fashion, and entertainment for all

the family. With Early Bird tickets on sale until the 28th of February, buy yours today at bloominthePark.com, and remember, children go free!

Follow Bloom on www.facebook.com/BordBiaBloom and join the conversation on Twitter and Instagram via @BordBiaBloom.

Dancing with the Bear: An Exhibition By Maggie Wright

Dancing with Bear, an exhibition by Maggie Wright, will run in the Signal Arts Centre in Bray from 27th April to 10th May.

Maggie Wright is a figurative and portrait artist originally from Belfast. Graduating from the University of Ulster with a BA honours degree in Fine Art, Wright has been based in Dublin for the past number of years.

Her work is housed in both public and private collections and she has also exhibited widely. Wright's work has been shown in the Royal Hibernian Academy, the Royal Ulster Academy, the Eigse Arts Festival and the Boyle Arts Festival.

A member of the Dublin Painting and Sketching club, Wright has been drawing with the RHA self-directed drawing group since 2010. She has long been intrigued by the interactions of all living things and believes that in a lot of our waking hours we are all engaged in a form of dance. This she believes to be a primal commonality shared by all of us across all cultures.

Wright's current exhibition entitled Dancing with the Bear draws heavily on this belief. The title was inspired by a piece of music produced by A.P. Kaczmarek for the film Finding Neverland. It suggests that if we use our imagination we can dance with whomever or whatsoever we please; in this case the bear. This is a notion that very much appealed and enchanted Wright and was something she was determined to use as the theme for this exhibition and so she invites you to join her in Dancing with the Bear.

All Welcome! Opening Reception Sunday, 3rd May 3pm - 5pm.



Enniskerry students pick up special award at Mini Scientist Grand Final

Students from St. Mary's & St. Gerard's National School in Enniskerry were awarded Special Award at the Intel Mini Scientist Grand Final, an event which is the culmination of a nationwide competition which has been running since September 2019.

Their project was titled 'Farming of the Future'. The event was held at Maynooth University and students from across Ireland took part.

The Intel Mini Scientist, which is now in its 13th year, gives primary school students from

4th, 5th and 6th class, the chance to explore science through project based learning and exhibitions.

The first phase of the program involves students participating at local level exhibitions where Intel judges visit the participating schools,

choosing two winning projects in each.

The second phase saw each of these winning projects take part in the Mini Scientist Regional Finals which were hosted throughout December in Leixlip, Shannon and Cork.

The 2019 / 2020 initiative was another exciting year for the Mini Scientist competition with 7,200 students from 105 schools in 18 counties across Ireland taking part in the Grand Final event.

This year there were almost 2,400 projects exhibited as part of the Mini Scientist competition and the Grand Final brought together the top 24 projects from across the country.

At the Grand Final, which was held in the Aula Maxima at Maynooth University, the participants exhibited their projects for a panel of judges, which was made up from Intel employees along with variety of invited guests from across the world of science and engineering, who each had the difficult task of choosing the winning projects from the very creative variety. Each of the projects included visual displays, projects books and practical experiments based on a scientific area aligned with the national primary science curriculum.



Most Innovative Idea prize winners from St. Mary's & St. Gerard's National School, Enniskerry, Corin O'Leary and Eoin Walsh, with Ronan Farrell, Maynooth University and Hugh Hardiman, Intel Ireland

KnockanStockan says goodbye (but not for good)

The organisers behind KnockanStockan Music Festival have announced that the music festival will not take place this year.

In a statement released last week, they said: "KnockanStockan means a lot of different things to a lot of people. To some it's just another festival in an increasingly populated calendar, to others it's the musical highlight of the summer. Some feel it's home, where you camp, work and hang out for a few weeks every year. To others, it actually is home. Some hold it as a place to have the craic, catch new music and escape the real world for a few days. And to a few of us it's all of those things and much much more.

"For some of us KnockanStockan became the central focus of our lives, it shaped everything we did. From where we played, who we played with, the places we drank, the loves we found. And some we lost. The husbands, wives and children we have. The trades we've learned and the jobs we do. It's the lessons we've learned, the joy, the heartbreak and everything in between. Most importantly, it's the friends and community who've become family over the years. That, and the music.

"The Christmas of the Summer, the AGM of the craic, Electric Picnic on the dole, call it what you like there's no denying that there is magic in those hills and there's a decade plus of music and memories to prove it. It wasn't always easy and it wasn't always fun. In fact sometimes it was soul destroyingly difficult. But it was always real. And that's probably what made it so special. From the early, messy, outrageous, ridiculously expensive session in a field days to the smooth running, mostly on time, beautiful art having, almost breaking even, bonafide festival days, it's always been real. And that has been reflected by the acts who played each year. By the crew who worked each year. And by the people who came to share and celebrate that hard work and music.

"So much has changed over the last thirteen years that it's easy to forget what things were like when the festival started and why it started. KnockanStockan thrived because it had purpose

and enough people who believed in that purpose. We were on a mission and it felt like everything we did was important, and looking back maybe it was. Every gig, every song on the stairs, it felt like we were changing the world, and maybe in our own way we were. But things change and that's ok. The musical landscape in this country has changed dramatically and the scene is the healthiest it's been in a generation. And we'd love to think that we somewhat fulfilled our purpose and played our part getting it there.

"There's no one reason why a good thing comes to an end, nor are we sure if this is the end. To be honest we don't know what this is. All we do know is that KnockanStockan is too important to us and to so many others to just do for the sake of it, without the love and care and passion that made it what it was. If KnockanStockan is going to thrive again it's going to need to change and that change is going to take time. We're going to take that time and make sure that what we do next is the right thing for each of us and the right thing for KnockanStockan.

"So there will be no KS2020 and that's ok too. It's not a sad decision, or even a difficult one. It's the right decision. It's not goodbye for good, only goodbye for now. The last 13 years in that field have been some of the most wonderful, profound, strange, life changing and magical times of our lives and it's impossible to thank everyone properly here. But to all the bands who shared their music, all the artists who shared their work, to all the crew who gave their blood, sweat, tears and ears. To the collectives who joined us and promoted us. To the Gallagher family and all the festival land owners. To Kev Oz and the rest of Lacken and Blessington communities. Finally to all the festival goers who joined us on this journey, who gave us so much love and support over the years and to everyone who feels they can call KnockanStockan home, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you."



Pictured at the UCD Agriculture, Food Science, and Human Nutrition Careers Day were Dylan Jordan from Kilkenny, Peny Gavin from Mullingar, Charlie Staunton from Meath, and Leyla Byrne from Blessington. The event took place on Wednesday 12th February in the UCD Ad Astra Hall.

2020 Greystones Municipal District People of the Year Awards



The Awards will be presented in the Greystones Golf Club, Greystones on Thursday 7th May, 2020 at 8pm

Application forms and tickets are available from Greystones Municipal District, Tel: 01 2876694 or Email:

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Closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday 3rd April 2020

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Fitness enthusiast & pharmacology student Jess Redden gives One Nutrition range of health supplements the thumbs up. Naturalife, Ireland's leading health supplement supplier has just relaunched One Nutrition with the support of campaign ambassador Jess Redden. One Nutrition is an innovative range of premium supplements, each containing the purest of ingredients ethically sourced and now beautifully presented in almost 100% recyclable packaging. Pictured at Lough Tay, Tinnehinch, Wicklow Mountain One Nutrition campaign ambassador Jess Redden

The Soot Doctor - 'anything is doable'

The Soot Doctor was founded in 2011 by George Tracey. George is a qualified professional firefighter with extensive knowledge on building regulations, Chimney fire investigation, fire safety and fire training. He has a broad knowledge base with regard to historic and new build construction methods.

George founded The Soot Doctor as a response to the amount of chimney and house fires caused by poorly installed solid fuel appliances and chimney systems. All of these were unfortunately preventable.

"We are the leaders in flue system and chimney requirements for the home or business, specialising in all aspects of chimney construction, chimney investigation, chimney relining and rebuilding work. Through years of experience, we can recommend the best chimney lining solution for your boiler, gas fire, stove or open fire, resulting in a seamless installation and guaranteed work that you can trust. Our attitude is that anything is doable, carrying out work to your specifications."

Newtown company and TU Dublin announce new Design Innovation Award

Smart Storage Ltd (based in Newtownmountkennedy) and TU Dublin announced last week the first Smart Storage Design Innovation Award. With an initial prize fund of €5,000 the competition is looking for students to design the next storage solution for Irish homes.

Paul Jacob from Greystones, CEO of Smart Storage, said at the launch that "storage in new and existing Irish homes is always an issue. In our tenth year in business, we have partnered with TU Dublin to challenge their students to look at Irish homes and see what unused space is available and give their solution to finding extra storage in the home. We are looking for a new workable concept from students, which we could look to develop to the production stage as the next storage solution idea for homes across the country."

Robert Simpson, Assistant Head of School of Mechanical and Design Engineering, responsible for Product Design in TU Dublin, said at the launch that "Technological University Dublin are delighted that our students have been invited to participate in this competition. In TU Dublin we



Pictured above are students Rusty Paul (Louisburgh, Co. Mayo), Sam Grogan (Greystones) and Kate Hyland (Clane, Co. Kildare) - all enthusiastic second year Product Design students hoping to win the generous prize fund.

strive to get our students to apply their learning to real-world situations and this is a great example where students will be tasked with a problem and using multi-disciplinary design skills come up with novel solutions."

Students entering the competition will be asked

to detail and design a new storage idea for an unused space in the home, not being utilised to its full potential. The aim of this competition is to take full advantage of parts of the home that are currently lying unused. This competition is open to all students in TU Dublin but especially to programmes in the areas of Mechanical and Design Engineering, Timber Product Technology, Architecture, Product Design and Interior Design.

Smart Storage Ltd is an Irish company that specialise in discrete under stair storage solutions but have also evolved their storage solutions to multiple rooms and spaces in the home.

Smart Storage initially started the business in

2010, but winning investment from Norah Casey on Dragon's Den in 2012 gave the company a huge boost. Reflecting on the past 10 years, Jacob remarked "I started this company in the height of the recession, but with hard work and invaluable investment and support from Norah we now have 70 employees and installed over 40,000 storage units in homes across Ireland."

This new collaboration with TU Dublin gives students a great opportunity to put what they learn in college into practical use and, similar to Dragon Den's, pitch their ideas to a panel of experienced judges in the hope of their design being turned into a product that is brought to market.

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Students make their way to Connemara for Ard-Fheis na nÓg

Secondary school students from all over the country made their way to Ros Muc in Co. Galway on February 12th and 13th to take part in Ard-Fheis na nÓg, an event organised by Conradh na Gaeilge to give young people the opportunity to debate and give their perspective on a wide range of subjects.

Ard-Fheis na nÓg started on Wednesday afternoon, 12th February, when schools from outside of Co. Galway visited the Pearse Cultural Centre in Connemara, a place where they had the opportunity to take a tour of the centre and visit Pearse's cottage. Later that evening they participated in a night of entertainment, an event organised by the local Language Planning Committee in collaboration with Coláiste na bPiarsach, Ros Muc and with Scoil Phobal Mhic Dara, Carna.

On Thursday, 13th February, the Ard-Fheis discussion sessions were

held, where schools from every corner of County Galway were also present. A number of workshops for the students were organised, focusing on areas such as technology (thanks to the support of Techspace), social media and language planning. Also, as part of the project Gluaiseacht (a project organised by Conradh na Gaeilge and funded by the Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht), students were informed about employment opportunities available to them due to their proficiency in the Irish language.

In the afternoon the students debated a number of

motions focused on climate change, the future of Irish as the everyday spoken language of the Gaeltacht and the advantages of bilingualism.

Ard-Fheis na nÓg is organised with support from the local development organisation, Forbairt Chonamara Láir, and the local Language Planning Committee. The occasion is also organised with financial support from Galway County Council.

Niall Comer, President of Conradh na Gaeilge says: "It is of the utmost importance to give the younger generation of the Gaeltacht, and other young

people with Irish, the opportunity to discuss the questions that influence their generation amongst their peers. It is important to give them the opportunity to meet each other and get to know each other through Irish. These young people best understand the questions that are impacting this generation's choice of language usage and it is necessary that they have a platform to have their voices heard. We will be including young people's opinions while developing our national policies at our organisations national Ard-Fheis in The Galway Bay Hotel from 21-22 February 2020."



Maysa Salamn, teacher Karen Kane, and Denis Moldoven at the official opening of Ravenswell Primary School in Bray



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Tom Short intend to apply to Wicklow County Council for Planning Permission for the following structures:

- Demolition of existing straw bedded livestock building.
- Change of use of existing grain storage building to a milking parlour, dairy & ancillary rooms, livestock handling facilities and straw bedded area.
- Construction of an unroofed livestock waiting yard and exit race
- Construction of a livestock cubicle house, roofed feeding area and underground slatted slurry flow channel.
- Construction of an extension to an existing underground slatted slurry tank.
- Construction of a livestock cubicle house and underground slatted slurry tank.
- Construction of an Overground Slurry Store.
- Erection of a Meal Bin and Water Storage Tank and all associated site works at Kilmullin, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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FULL PLANNING PERMISSION Sought for:

- Proposed Ground & First Floor Extension (290 Msq) to Rear East Facing Elevation of Existing Shoreline Leisure Facility to provide for extra Studio Space.
- All ancillary site works at Shoreline Leisure, Mill Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. A63 HD25.

Signed: Wicklow Recreational Services Ltd

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I Robert Miller intend to apply for permission for construction of 2 detached dwellings, 4 Townhouses, bike and bin store, connection to all services, revised entrance onto public road, new road, footpaths, car parking area, demolition of existing commercial building and associate works at Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

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

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

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Dariusz Kalinowski seeks for Retention to Planning Permission for changes made to the front porch (small velux window fitted on the south side of the roof, roof extended to the front (canopy), stone cladding on external wall instead of pebble dash) at Eachtra, Kiladreenan, Newtownmountkennedy. The 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 during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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Deane Turner Associates - Consulting Engineers and Planning Consultants (0404 32516) are applying on behalf of Derek McConnell for retention planning permission for extensions as constructed and all associated ancillary site works and services at Tall Trees, Milltown Lane, Milltown North, Rathnew, 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 during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

RNLI AGM

The Annual General Meeting of RNLI Wicklow Fundraising Branch will take place on Tuesday, 24th March, in De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town at 8pm.

Ashford Historical Society AGM

This will be held on Wednesday 19th February at 8pm in the Ashford Community & Heritage Centre. Anyone wishing to join the society will be very welcome.

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.M.; B.H.

A Morning with Sarah McCormack

A morning with Mountain Running World Cup Champion and Endurance Running Coach, Sarah McCormack at the Brockagh Centre, Laragh from 9-12pm on Sunday 22nd March.

There will be a 2-hour run on the trails that surround Glendalough and Laragh. Sarah will offer tips on running form and functionality, ascending, descending, pacing and kit. This will be a relaxed run, with opportunities to chat with Sarah along the way. After a short break to change clothes, the group will have tea or coffee and biscuits. In conversation, Sarah will share her running story with the group, along with advice on training, racing and mindset. There will be time for questions and chats. Trail & Talk is catered specifically to women. Level - improver to advanced with moderate terrain and the distance will be determined by the overall pace of the group. There is a 30-day refund policy, less the Eventbrite booking fee.

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An opportunity has arisen at Blainroe Golf Club in Wicklow to recruit an experienced group sales and marketing co-ordinator to enhance our green fee and membership sales. Reporting and working closely with the General Manager, this part time position will be based over two days per week. This position is based initially on a 6 month contract.

The successful candidate will assist with initiatives to further improve the Club's overall offering to its members and guests. Working closely with other office staff the applicant should be able to demonstrate the following attributes:

- A proven track record in sales both on the telephone and online.
- Outstanding inter-personal skills and an ability to communicate with all groups.
- A focus on strong customer service and a desire to continually improve.
- A background knowledge of golf would be an asset but not essential.
- The ability to assist in the development of a coordinated sales and marketing strategy for the club in line with the objectives set out in the club marketing plan for the club will be essential.

Applications with a current CV should be sent in confidence to gm@blainroe.com or by post to: Patrick Bradshaw, General manager Blainroe Golf Club, Blainroe, Co. Wicklow

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