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# WICKLOW'S WINNERS

County Wicklow is a major winner in the newly formed government. As was exclusively forecast last week by Wicklow Times, the county got two senior ministers. As we predicted Stephen Donnelly secured the Health portfolio and Simon Harris moved to take up the newly created office of Higher Education. It remains to be seen whether Green Party TD, Stephen Mathews will get one of the Junior ministry positions.

Speaking to *Wicklow Times*, Minister Donnelly said "I'm deeply honoured to have been appointed by An Taoiseach as Minister for Health. The mission is Universal Healthcare. I'm really looking forward to working with our incredible healthcare workers and patients in this crucial work. I am also very much looking forward to working with Minister Harris, Deputies Mathews, Brady and Whitmore, as well as all of Wicklow's excellent councillors, to serve the



Minister for Health,  
Stephen Donnelly TD.

people of Wicklow in every way I can."

Minister Harris told *Wicklow Times* "I was

appointed to the new Government to set up a brand-new Department of Higher Education, Innovation & Science. A department that will have a big role to play in job creation and helping our economy recover but also, crucially, a department that will have to address many important issues facing students in our country. I want to see better access for students to third level and address inequality. We need to look at how we address issues relating to the wellbeing of students and



Luna, Enzo, and Indie Osbourne from Greystones celebrating what would have been Rebecca Mowatt and Lee Osbourne's wedding day, which had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Their photo was taken as part of the 'Mark Your Day' photography project. See story on page 8. Photo by Deryck Tormey

we need to look seriously at the supports the sector needs. Research and innovation will be key to creating jobs and investment in our country - using the talent and brains we have in Ireland."

Independent councillor and former TD, Joe Behan sent congratulations to Stephen Donnelly and Simon Harris on their appointment to Cabinet. "I wish them and the entire Government success for the sake of all of the people of this country," he said.

Sinn Féin TD, John Brady said "I wish both Ministers Harris and Donnelly well in their new positions, it's a proud day for them and indeed their families. However, I have absolutely no faith in Minister Donnelly's ability to deal with the crisis in our health service. Replacing a Fine Gael TD with a Fianna Fáil TD will not bring about



Minister for Higher Education,  
Simon Harris TD.

the change we need as their policies are identical.

"We must remember the reason for the recent General Election was because a motion of no confidence was to be tabled in Minister Harris. In February 2019 Deputy Donnelly and Fianna Fáil abstained in a previous motion of no confidence in Minister Harris and his handling of the Health Service, so he clearly has no issues with the condi-

tion of our health service. Government TDs including two senior Ministers in Wicklow will ensure that the many issues in Wicklow will be progressed."

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Emergency services personnel line the street at Greystones Garda Station in tribute to Garda Colm Horkan. Taking part were Gardai, Firemen, Coastguard and First Responders and retired members of the garda force. A minute's silence was observed outside the Garda Station on Marine Road, Greystones at 12 noon.

## Nursing Home apply for extension to create additional 35 bedrooms

Permission is being sought from Wicklow County Council for the construction of an additional 35 bedrooms to the previously approved 60-bed nursing home planned for Donard West Demense.

The additional nursing home wings will be in 2 blocks - (21 bedroom wing and 14 bedroom wing). Conditional permission was granted for the original application in 2017. The Council is due to make a decision by 9th August.

## Poets Wall - a digital exhibition

Check out the Whale Theatre's website to see the Poets Wall Digital Exhibition, and read all of the entries. The focus of the poems is 'My Greystones'. The poetry collection was curated by Frances Browner. The poems can also be seen on Theatre Lane and at the La Touche Hotel site.

## Special Hours at Burnaby for Over 70s

Burnaby Park on the Mill Road in Greystones now has a special designation as the area in Greystones Municipal District nominated for special exercise hours. The new hours are from 9am to 11am. These hours are available for those who are aged over 70 or who are medically vulnerable. These hours offer them a quiet space to exercise outdoors if they wish to do so. The general public is asked to consider using Burnaby Park outside of these hours. Special reminder to keep physical distancing to two metres when out exercising

## Laragh and Glendalough Sustainable Energy Action

The Laragh/Glendalough Sustainable Energy Action are currently conducting a survey on Energy Usage which you may be able to assist with. To participate in the survey at you can go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/WXQG7Y2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WXQG7Y2).

The Laragh/Glendalough Sustainable Energy Action is a community/voluntary group of local people set up to increase awareness of the causes and impacts of climate change, and to explore ways that the community can respond. The group was formed to identify the community's energy needs, and put in place, sustainable measures that will help improve energy efficiency in their homes, reduce energy costs, and to make their homes more comfortable to live in.

## Campaign to send Maria home to say farewell

Greystones native Jurdy Rave Hermita has set up a GoFundMe campaign on behalf of her mother, Maria Elena Hermita. Maria is 52 years old and she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon cancer in November 2019. In recent times, her condition has gotten much worse and it has spread to her liver and lungs.

She was undergoing chemo at St. Vincent's but has now stopped since she was told that chemo is not working anymore. The doctor has told the family that Maria has roughly 1-2 months left.

Maria's only wish is go home to the Philippines one last time so that she can say goodbye to the rest of her family but due to the current situation it is impossible for her to do so.

The goal of this fundraiser is to help pay whatever may happen in the end, with travel expenses, other treatment options if there is any and to help prepare themselves with whatever may happen. The campaign has so far raised almost €5,000 out of a goal of €20,000. To donate, go to [www.gofundme.com/f/maria-elena-hermita-stage-4-colon-cancer](http://www.gofundme.com/f/maria-elena-hermita-stage-4-colon-cancer)

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# Wicklow Cancer Support's Little Flower of Life

Organised by Wicklow Cancer Support (WCS), Little Flower of Life is a very special event when people come together to honour and celebrate the lives of those who are special to them who are gone but never forgotten. This year, because of Covid-19 and the restrictions in place, WCS cannot hold their Little Flower of Life event in the way they had hoped to do.

However you can still sponsor a flower in memory of someone special for just €5 per name ([olh.ie/product/little-flower-of-life/](http://olh.ie/product/little-flower-of-life/)). WCS will place your special dedication flower card in the hospice garden of your choice at Wicklow, Blackrock or Harold's Cross.

Your dedication also

has a double impact - you are honouring a special person in a lovely way, and you are also directly helping to support our frontline services, crucial equipment and improvements for our patients both at home and in the hospice. Through Little Flower of Life, we can all show our love and celebrate the lives and memo-

ries of those gone, but never forgotten. WCS will video and share a "reflective ceremony" on their facebook page so you can still be a part of it.

"We know you will understand these necessary restrictions are adhering to the Government guidelines," WCS said. "Thank you so

much for your consideration - through your act of dedication, each of those special people you include on your flower card will be supporting patients who will need our care when the Hospice opens. For more information on this event please do ring me on 087 0954137 or email [starmey@olh.ie](mailto:starmey@olh.ie)."

## Wicklow Dementia Support need volunteers

Wicklow Dementia Support is a charity operated and staffed by volunteers to help families living with dementia in County Wicklow.

Their driving force is to help those with dementia retain as much independence as possible and for them to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

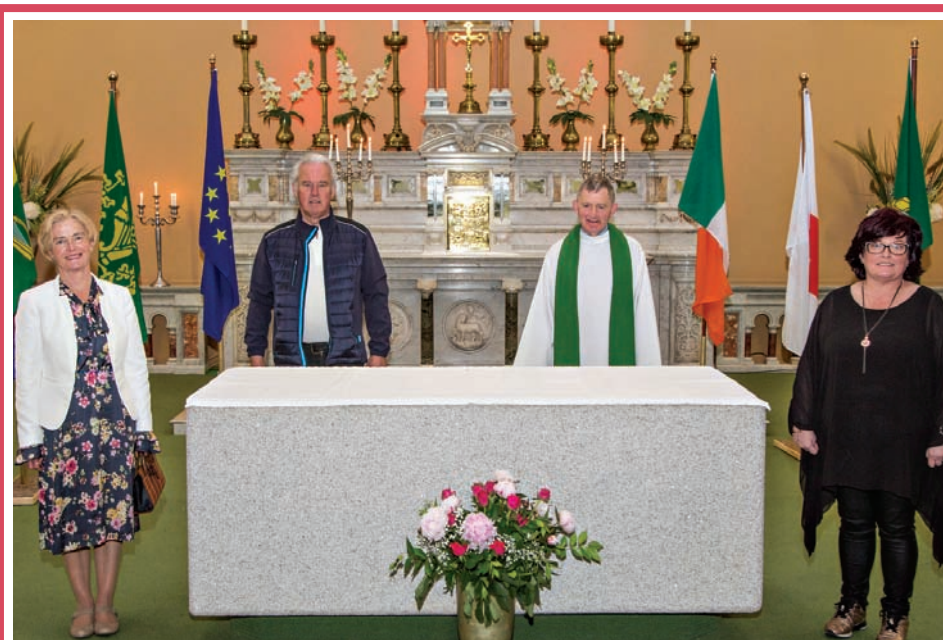
One of the services they provide is a befriending program, AlzPals, whereby they match a volunteer with a person living with dementia for weekly visits. All HSE Covid-19 guidelines will be strictly adhered to and online training and Garda vetting provided for volunteers.

Please can you help make a difference in a family living with dementia? If you have a couple hours a week to spare, contact 089 4286928, or email [info@wicklowdementiasupport.org](mailto:info@wicklowdementiasupport.org). Closing date for enquiries is Friday 10th July. Full free online training is provided.

## Mental health text service

A free, anonymous and inclusive text service is to provide support for people going through a mental health or emotional crisis.

Simon Harris TD said: "50808 is a first of its kind for Ireland, a free 24/7 text service, providing everything from a calming chat to immediate support for people who need it. It's been an exceptionally difficult time for our country, and this service is needed more than ever. There is no doubt the launch of 50808 by Crisis Text Line will save lives. 50808 has been in development for some time, and it couldn't launch at a more important moment. The service's trained Crisis Volunteers will help people through this current crisis and will continue to provide free, 24/7 support in the long term. Many people - particularly young people - don't feel comfortable making that call or reaching out for help. This is a service that will offer a lifeline to people of all ages across Wicklow and indeed across the country."



Eileen Ellis, Shaun Mills, Fr. Michael Murtagh, and Gillian Byrne are pictured at the Sts Mary & Peter's Parish special tribute to essential workers during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Arklow

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# Drugs worth €38,000 seized in Newtown

Gardai in Wicklow last week seized drugs worth €38,000 as part of ongoing operations targeting local drugs distribution networks.

The drugs were discovered when Gardai searched a parked car in the Newtown area in the early hours of Tuesday 23rd June.

Quantities of Cannabis Herb were found, along with Benzodiazepines ('Benzos', a psychoactive drug), and Zopiclone, a type of sleeping pill. The combined street value of the drugs was an estimated €38,000. The car was seized for forensic examination.

"No arrests were made during this phase of the investigation but we are following a definite line of enquiry," Gardai said.

It was the fourth large-scale drugs seizure in Co. Wicklow in the space of two months. On 1st May, Gardai conducted two separate searches in the Wicklow District which resulted in the seizure of over

35 grams of cocaine, 100 grams of cannabis and several mobile phones.

On 2nd May there was another drugs seizure in the Rathdrum area of cocaine valued at €17,000 as well as a small quantity of cannabis, €1,755 in cash and a weighing scales.

In January of this year, Gardai searched a house in Kilmacanogue as part of ongoing investigations into the sale and supply of controlled drugs in Co. Wicklow, and seized €42,000 worth of cannabis. The operation was led by members of the Bray District Drugs Unit.

According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the number of crime incidents recorded in the category of controlled drug offences rose significantly nationwide in the year to Q1 2020 compared with the previous year, and Wicklow was no exception to this trend.

There were 148 recorded controlled drug offences in the Wicklow Garda Division in the first quarter of this year, compared to 111 for the same period in 2019, and 98 for the same period in 2018.

Crimes related to the possession of drugs for sale or supply have also been increasing in Co. Wicklow over the last three years, with 12 in Q1 of 2018, 16 in Q1 of 2019, and 22 in Q1 of 2020.

In total in 2018 there were 504 crime incidents in the category of controlled drug offences in 2018, and 588 last year.

According to figures which came to light earlier this year, Wicklow's Garda Drugs Unit was reduced in size from 11 Gardai in 2011 to just four in 2019. Senator Pat Casey declared that there was "an open and acknowledged drugs epidemic in every single town and village in Wicklow".



## East Coast tourism trail could emulate success of Wild Atlantic Way

A proposed tourism trail from Carlingford Lough to Cobh will have huge economic potential for Ireland's tourism sector and will benefit towns and villages along the East and South-East coasts, Fine Gael has said.

Nineteen Fine Gael TDs, Senators and MEPs said the Irish Sea Way could have the same level of success that the Wild Atlantic Way has had in attracting huge visitor numbers to the West Coast of Ireland.

Nineteen Fine Gael representatives based in constituencies along the East and South-East coast, including Simon Harris TD, have voiced their support for the proposed tourism trail, which is contained in the Programme for Government.

The group said, "The Programme for Government contains a commitment to initiate a consultation process

with communities along the coastline from Carlingford Lough in Louth to Cobh in Cork with a view to creating the Irish Sea Way to boost tourism in those regions.

"As an island nation, we are hugely dependent on our tourism sector and the need for infrastructure which enhances our unspoilt landscape while at the same time protecting our rich biodiversity and environment.

"Tourism is one of Ireland's most important economic sectors and its significance as a source of employment and regional development cannot be understated. That is why an ambitious project such as the Irish Sea Way would be hugely benefi-



Minister Simon Harris

cial to our economy and communities.

"The Wild Atlantic Way has become a world-renowned tourist attraction since it was launched in 2014. Counties along the West Coast have made significant gains from international marketing drives and social media campaigns to promote the

tourism initiative."

Well-known beauty spots along the proposed new trail that could benefit further include Greystones and Brittas Bay in Wicklow.

"If the Programme for Government is approved, Fine Gael is committed to ensuring that tourism is placed at the centre of our National Economic plan as we focus on rebuilding the sector which has been impacted negatively by Covid-19. The Tourism Recovery Taskforce, which was recently established by this Government, has already started its work as we deal with the consequences of the pandemic and restore jobs in the industry."



Superintendent Declan McCarthy leading the tributes in Wicklow Town to colleague, Detective Garda Colm Horkan.

## Irish Water saves almost 1.9 million litres of water every day in Wicklow

Irish Water, working in partnership with Wicklow County Council has saved almost 1.9 million litres of water per day in Wicklow following a collaborative and strategic approach to reducing leakage.

That is the same amount of water as the average daily use of 14,700 people. Leakage reduction works involved the replacement of almost 20km of ageing watermain with high density polyethylene pipes and over 250 leak repairs through the First Fix Free scheme to safeguard the water supply for homes and businesses in Wicklow. The First Fix Free scheme alone has resulted in almost 150,000 litres every day being saved in 2020. New watermain were installed in Wicklow Town; Arklow; Aghrim; Kilpedder; Blacklion; Kilcoole and Bray. Working in collaboration with Wicklow County Council and Ward and Burke Limited Irish Water has also mobilised crews across the county to find leaks using specialist sounding equipment and to carry out leak repairs on the supply network. This find and fix activity continues to progress in Kilcoole, Woodstock and Newtown Mount Kennedy, Drummin and Little Bray.

All works are being carried out as part of Irish Water's national Leakage Reduction Programme and will ensure a more reliable water supply for all customers on the public water supply.

Speaking about the water saving works in Wicklow, Joe Carroll, Irish Water's Leakage Reduction Programme Regional Lead said, "We would like to thank the communities, businesses, homeowners and commuters for their patience and cooperation as we continue to deliver vital water network improvement works and leak repairs across the county helping to safeguard the water supply for 70,000 people in Wicklow. The works undertaken to date have been significant and include; 255 public side leaks have been repaired through Irish Water's First Fix Free Scheme; 2,100 public side lead service connections have been replaced; 1,285 backyard service connections replaced and almost 20km of watermain replaced. Working together with Wicklow County Council we have had a positive impact on leakage and the daily lives of our customers in the County."

Irish Water said it is "is working proactively with

our delivery partners and as part of a multi-agency working group to ensure that our construction works are carried out in a controlled and safe manner, in keeping with Government and HSE guidelines to protect workers, their families and the broader community.

"Irish Water is working at this time, with our Local Authority partners, contractors and others to safeguard the health and well-being of both staff and the public and to ensure the continuity of critical drinking water and wastewater services. Irish Water would like to remind people to follow the HSE COVID-19 advice and ensure frequent handwashing."

Despite recent rainfall, the number of schemes in drought around the country has increased from 27 to 38 and the ones in potential drought has grown from 50 to 58 since the start of the Water Conservation Order on 8 June. In Wicklow, the Rathdrum water supply remains in drought and both Barnadarrig and Kirikee are at risk of going into drought. We would like to thank the public in Wicklow for their cooperation and the efforts they have made to conserve water in their homes and gardens over the last couple of weeks and to appeal to them to continue supporting us in safeguarding water for essential uses. Irish Water and Wicklow County Council would like to remind the public to report any visible leaks to our customer care helpline which is open 24/7 on 1850 278 278.







Pictured is Max Oliver Carton, aged 4, who recently graduated from Roundwood Montessori Pre-School

## Bray Area Partnership services during COVID-19

**Bray Area Partnership has been adapting its services to respond to the COVID-19 crisis - from delivering food packs in the community to providing online support sessions and workshops.**

At a time when the Partnership's services are more critical than ever, staff have switched to connecting with people by phone, email and video calls to be able to continue to provide much-needed information, mentoring and support.

The Partnership's Local Employment Service displays job vacancies in the window of its office in Bray Main Street and via social media, and continues to provide clients with information, guidance and support over the phone and online to explore their employment and career options and apply for jobs.

"Maintaining this one-to-one connection with our clients is really important", says Partnership CEO Peter Brennan. "for example, in our ASPIRE Social Prescribing project, which works closely with clients to identify the supports and activities in their community that will improve their well-being."

The Partnership is also providing more information online at this time - through a regularly-updated COVID-19 webpage listing local and national information and resources, and regular social media updates with information on COVID-19, supports available and job vacancies.

New online workshops and classes have included conversational English classes for migrants, Well-being group sessions, training for work such as Manual Handling, and workshops for new business clients such as Managing Your Business in a Crisis.

Fun videos on how to cook healthy versions of foods like pizza, and yoga and mindfulness classes especially for children, have been created and distributed via local schools involved in the Partnership's Healthy Ireland Project and have had a great response from children and parents alike.

As part of the Wicklow COVID-19 Community Response Forum, Partnership staff have been active in responding to local need with new initiatives such as the Bia Project, which delivers free food parcels and meals to families and people cocooning. The food is donated via local business Softworks and not-for-profit initiatives Food Cloud and Good Grub and is packed up in the Partnership's SPECS Family Centre, ready for delivery by the company vans. The deliveries also provide a chance for support staff to reconnect with clients on the doorstep and find out how they are doing.

The SPECS team has also continued to support families by dropping in activity packs for children and well-being packs to parents, who say the ongoing interactions have been a positive support in challenging times.

Local Social Enterprises can avail of one-to-one mentoring and training over the phone and online to help them trade successfully and plan their future business activity in these uncertain times via the Partnership's SEED Project.

Find out more about the Partnership's different services and how you can access them at [www.brayareapartnership.ie](http://www.brayareapartnership.ie).

# Carnew firefighter helps make Covid masks more comfy for healthcare staff

**A Carnew firefighter's unique approach to solving an issue with face masks for healthcare workers has been hailed as an example of how local authorities embraced the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis.**

Jason Keogh's innovation and those of countless colleagues in Wicklow County Council, during the lockdown will be highlighted on 'Your Council Day' which takes place on Wednesday July 1st.

Your Council Day will showcase what is happening on the day throughout Wicklow County Council and also highlight the innovation shown by local authorities in supporting the community through the Lockdown.

Based in Carnew Fire Station, Jason learned from a social media post that a 3D printer could be used to make a simple plastic device that relieved the pressure on the ears of people wearing protective masks.

"I heard of people in hospitals whose ears were bleeding after a day wearing the surgical masks," said Jason, "In the fire service we wear them going out to the calls, and we are happy to take them off after only two or three hours. I can't imagine what it would be like after a 12-hour shift."

He explained: "The piece I make sits at the back of the neck and the loops of the mask go over it, relieving the pressure on the skin. I had a 3D printer and had never really done anything with it, so I made a

few for some friends, and then somebody put it up on Facebook and the next minute I was swamped!"

Jason has now made around 4,000 and is still going. Demand was so great that he had to buy another 3D printer because the first one could only make five at a time.

"I gave 120 to Wicklow Fire Service, to cover every station, and I sent some to Wexford General Hospital, Tallaght Hospital and University Hospital Waterford," he said.

Each piece costs only a few cents to make and Jason has not charged for them. However, some friends have made donations to allow him to buy filament which is the raw material used by 3D printers.

Jason, who has been with the fire service for three years, has also begun making face shields in response to requests from hairdressers returning to work.

"The current crisis has highlighted the true nature of public service in communities across the country - exemplified by the responses of Jason and his colleagues," said the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Pat Kennedy, adding, "The

unique circumstances of COVID-19 prompted Councils to innovate in how they provided both day-to-day services and additional supports to the public.

Faced with the challenge of social distancing, and with many of their own staff working from home, local authorities brought novel solutions to the complex problems posed by the new realities of Lockdown.

Thousands of public servants adopted new skills and devised innovative ways of delivering services to those who needed them most. All local authorities established Community Support Programmes to co-ordinate a multi-agency response to deliver services while Covid-19 restrictions are in force.

"Councils, including Wicklow, moved to support those faced with isolation, activating befriending services with regular phone calls, starting local radio shows and organising book and even musical instrument deliveries to combat loneliness," said Cllr Kennedy.

He added: "Vital services moved online bringing a range of virtual supports into people's homes such as inclusive exercise classes for all ages and adapted exer-



Carnew firefighter Jason Keogh

cises for older people in self-isolation. We have seen live-streamed storytelling, virtual Zoom book clubs and online choirs supporting community spirits through dark days."

Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council, commented: "This is just one sample of the innovation hap-

pening across the local authority in Wicklow during this current crisis. I want to commend Jason and all his colleagues for their unique contribution to the community."

Social media users throughout the community are also asked to post their experiences of Council initiatives using the hashtag #YourCouncilDay.

## Wicklow in the top ten for incidents of Covid in the country

**New figures show Wicklow is in the top ten counties when it comes to incidents of Covid-19. The latest figures show the county was ranked amongst the highest in the country according to the number of confirmed cases recorded on dates in June and May.**

Incident rates per 100,000 population were recorded on 14th June as well as 31st and 17th May. They show Wicklow recorded incident rates of between 471 cases on June 14th and 462 on May 17th. The highest incident rates in the country were in Cavan which had 1,127 on June 14th while the lowest were in Waterford which had 132 on the same date.

Fianna Fail TD Stephen Donnelly said it was vital the people of Wicklow continue to work hard to keep Covid-19 at bay. The response to the Lockdown has been incredible from all corners of our community but we need to keep going.

"These figures show we can't afford to relax in our efforts to stamp out the virus.

"The incredible efforts made by business owners and of course frontline workers in the county has seen the virus being massively reduced.

"However, it's really important that we keep adhering to the public health advice by washing our hands and maintaining social distancing.

"I know adhering to those rules may become increasingly difficult during the summer but they are there to save lives. "If we lose focus now we risk seeing the remarkable strides the county has made being lost."





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BIFE, as the largest Colleges of Further & Higher Education and Training in the Wicklow, Wexford area has always maintained a strong relationship with local industry and has identified emerging demands in key areas nationally. They have met these ever increasing and challenging demands from a diverse group of stakeholders by re-developing part of their institute over the past number of years. Now, the huge range of courses available at BIFE offers learners fabulous opportunities, not only for those looking for additional skills or hoping to go directly into employment, but also as an alternative route to a college course in a university or institute of technology in Ireland or abroad.

While in many cases learners, schools and parents see the CAO as the 'be all and end all' for those seeking third level education, nothing could be further from the truth according to Gabriel Allen, deputy principal at Bray Institute of Further Education (BIFE). "Over recent years many new avenues have opened up to students to enable them pursue their dream career via the Further Education route."

He added, "Further Education offers a learner, who may not have achieved the required CAO points, the opportunity to gain advanced entry onto honours degree programmes. Therefore, it is important to keep your options open and apply for a BIFE course now as places are filling fast."

Over the past few years, graduates of BIFE have achieved honours degrees across a wide range of programmes, opening up a myriad of career opportunities from graphic design to performing arts to psychology.

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As Gabriel Allen explained, "These nine courses will allow graduating students to proceed to the final year of an honours Degree Programme in Ireland or Britain if that is their ultimate ambition."

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All of the above courses will offer progression routes to higher education.

Allen assured that there are many opportunities for mature students to study and progress at BIFE. "All courses have valuable certification and offer progression routes to Higher Education, yet you don't need CAO points to study at Bray Institute."

Applications for September 2020 Courses are now open. Apply on-line at [www.bife.ie](http://www.bife.ie) or call the Institute any day on 01-2829668 for further information between 9am and 1pm.

## New Development plan will support West Wicklow pool

Policy support for a swimming pool in West Wicklow will be included in Wicklow's new County Development Plan, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council Frank Curran has said.

Mr Curran reiterated the Council's commitment to developing a West Wicklow swimming pool in his report following submissions that were made as part of the County Development Plan review process.

The campaign group behind the drive to develop a pool in the West Wicklow area, had made a submission last January to the review process which included 49 letters of support from local families, community groups, businesses, and elected representatives.

Meanwhile, the Community Pool for West Wicklow

Committee is seeking funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Supporting the application, Minister Simon Harris said "The Community Pool for West Wicklow Committee has applied for funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for an in-depth feasibility study for the swimming pool in Blessington."

"There is a clear need for this facility for people in West Wicklow. In fact, West Wicklow is the only Municipal District in County Wicklow which does not have a public swimming pool.

This needs to be rectified.

"I support the calls by my West Wicklow colleague Cllr Avril Cronin for the council to commit to a specific site for the development of this vital piece of recreational and leisure infrastructure."

"An incredible community group has come together and has worked so hard to drive this project forward. They need and deserve the full support of the local authority to make their plan a reality. There are so many benefits to swimming for people of all ages and I urge Wicklow County to support the project".

## Say cheese and 'Mark Your Day' for worthy charities!

Local Shankill photographer, Deryck Tormey, realised at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic that for many people all over Ireland the lockdown would mean cancelling or postponing their special occasions.

Occasions like weddings, communion and confirmation days, big birthdays and anniversaries, have been cancelled, all of which mark special milestones in people's lives. It also impacted on his bookings of course, overnight his busy 2020 diary was empty.

Rather than wallow in the disappointment of the cancelled appointments, Deryck realised that some good could come out of this and decided to establish 'Mark your Day'. The project benefits local charity, Saint Joseph's Shankill, dedicated to dementia care and two more national level charities, Pieta House and Bumbleance. Deryck suggests that people mark the day that should have been by donating what you can to the [www.idonate.ie/markyourday](http://www.idonate.ie/markyourday) and booking in with him to schedule a professional photographer to take a picture of you and your loved ones.

Deryck says, "people have really enjoyed being a part of this project, while they receive a beautiful portrait they also know they have supported very worthy charities". So far Deryck has 'recruited' over 30 volunteer photographers from all over Ireland to take the pictures and over 100 days have been marked, raising nearly €5000.

Siobhan Grant, from Saint Joseph's Shankill says, "Deryck's idea is simple but has been so effective in both raising money and giving people a lovely personal memento. Deryck even came to 'Mark our Day' at Saint Joseph's when we opened up to visitors again, capturing the emotional reunions. We are so grateful to Deryck and all his volunteer photographers and to those people who have donated. All the money we receive from this project will go directly to the care of people living with dementia."

Just some local people that Marked their Days were: Saoirse Mee from Bray; celebrated her missed Communion with pictures taken with her brother, Fionn and sister Keelan and also a family portrait including her parents Patricia and Declan.

Jill Breen also from Bray marked her birthday with her family, husband Damien and children Conor and Kate.

Greystones couple Rebecca Mowatt and Lee Osbourne sadly postponed their wedding day but wanted to mark their day by capturing a beautiful family portrait with their children, Enzo, Indie and Luna day.

So if you were planning a special event in you and your family's life, why not Mark Your Day and sign up with Deryck at [www.dtpography.ie/markyourday](http://www.dtpography.ie/markyourday). He will organise for a local photographer to take the picture and all you have to do is smile and donate!



Catherine Mullen, activities Coordinator at Saint Joseph's Shankill.

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the only care home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. "Our vision is to lead the way in dementia care in Ireland through innovation, education and community engagement. We want to ensure families and communities are supported, engaged and empowered to enable people living with dementia to enjoy the quality of life they deserve."

"With 11 people diagnosed with dementia every day in Ireland there is a great need in society for specialised dementia care. Everyone knows someone living with this devastating illness which is indiscriminate in its onset and the effects on people and their families can often be overwhelming."

"We rely on the support of our community, not only through engagement and volunteering but through donations and fundraising to ensure we can continue to care in this way. [www.saintjosephsshankill.ie](http://www.saintjosephsshankill.ie)."

## Wicklow Town development site sold for €900,000

The former Bay View Hotel in Wicklow Town is part of a site that was sold earlier this month for just over €900,000.

Bidding on the town centre site was opened by online property auction company BidX1, at €750,000. The site is located at The Mall and consist of the former hotel as well as two retail units, four terraced houses and a car park. The site is zoned both Town Centre and Residential - infill.

The Bay View Hotel, a Georgian four-storey building, dates back to the early 1800s and is regarded as one of the town's most prominent buildings. According to the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, it was likely a wealthy merchant's house before it was converted into a hotel. There were some renovations carried out in 1948.

In 2005, Wicklow Town Council green-lighted plans by developer M A O'Reilly to demolish the hotel and develop a shopping centre and apartments on the site.

The proposal was met with a number of objections, including appeals to An Bord Pleanála from An Taisce, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and the Irish Georgian Society.



The old Bayview Hotel at The Mall in Wicklow Town



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# Home & Garden

**T**he days are longer and the weather is better, so now is the time to tackle those home and garden projects you've been putting off. Being stuck indoors for the last few months will have given us plenty of time to ponder the improvements we'd like to make, whether it be to extend, renovate, paint, fix, or otherwise improve your house. The summer is a perfect time to paint and decorate, and materials and skilled labour are readily available. The decision to improve your home is an important financial commitment and thought and careful planning are needed. Contractors are eager for work, so get planning for your ideal home improvements.

There are many options when it comes to paint, flooring and wallpaper and it is important to choose the right one for you and your home. Whether it be wooden flooring, tiles or carpet, different people have their own preferences of what the most suitable type of floor for each room may be. You may want to give each room its own aesthetic or keep a common theme going throughout all the room of the house.

Tiles in the kitchen and bathrooms are a popular choice, while elsewhere in the home the switch from carpet to wood or vice versa is a common change and improvement that many people make.

If you are planning on renovating your kitchen, bedroom, living room or any room of your house, don't rush in without knowing exactly what you're looking for. Hire a professional or if you're planning a DIY job, make sure you know what you're doing, make a check-list, don't scrimp on materials and choose the best time to carry out the renovation.

Installing a kitchen, for instance, is a major outlay which requires planning and budgeting, no matter what your price bracket. The first consideration with doing up any room or having any major interior work done is analyzing how much you are willing to spend. No matter what your requirements, everyone has a preference for either traditional or contemporary looks, and also their own



preferences for colours and textures.

The importance of layout cannot be stressed enough. With regards to the kitchen, for example, you will be working in it so it is not sufficient that it only just looks effective.

Whatever room you're tackling, or whatever work you are having done to the interior of your home, you should do some homework first and have a fixed idea in mind of what you want. Buy the magazines, decide on what you like and what you hate. Get an overall concept in mind. Be realistic with your budget. It's also worthwhile to spend a little extra to ensure your comfort and happiness.

of the most important decisions and something you shouldn't just leave as an after-thought.

The right choice of sofa, table, bookcase, bed or cabinet can make the room, but equally the wrong choice can ruin the room and haunt you. When choosing furniture, don't just pick something that looks nice in the shop; you must always visualise how it will look in your own home and how it will compliment the other furniture and décor of the room. Do you want a wooden or glass table, for example, and if you choose wood, do you want pine or oak or something else?

In the bathroom, a dash of paint, a few tasteful additions in terms of ornamentation, lighting - even plants - will go a long way towards improving it. But these are mere small changes. We can affect real drama in the bathroom with a change of suite, window dressings, tiles and even floor coverings.

The compact dimension of a bathroom should not inhibit the choice of furniture. The basic components of a toilet, basin, bath, plus all brassware and basic accessories can be fitted into the smallest of areas without sacrificing convenience or mobility for users. As with all other rooms, careful preparation, planning and organisation are all essential ingredients for creating the perfect bathroom, but there are several things you can do to help maximize the feeling of light and space in a bathroom, for example; choose plain colours and simple patterns. These will help to maintain an uncluttered look and the lighter colours will create the illusion that the room is bigger than it actually is.

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# Home & Garden

## Install a patio or garden decking

Make sure your garden is up to scratch for those long summer evenings and lazy weekend BBQs. Decking and patios are a great extension of indoor space and can provide a seating and dining area; try shading with an awning and install lighting and outdoor heaters to make the most of the space. If you want outdoor areas for storage and growing fruit or vegetables, now is the perfect time to install that shed or greenhouse.

## Maintain your garden

General garden maintenance like mowing, weeding and repairing fencing is important too. Gardens can look untidy very quickly. Make sure that your lawn is well cared for, grass can suffer in extreme heat so you may need to install a sprinkler system and fertilise regularly.

Check that your fencing, shed or greenhouse hasn't been damaged during the winter and Spring and clear the garden of debris. You may find that outdoor furniture and fittings are covered in mould or mildew from the wet conditions, these can be easily cleaned with a soap and water mixture. Garden paths or driveways may also have come under attack from moss or algae, which is simple to remove too. Spring is a good time to repaint or stain outdoor furniture to protect it from further weather damage and to start composting.

## Exterior home improvements

Warm, dry weather means you can carry out

all those other exterior home improvements you've been putting off such as plastering, painting and cleaning outside walls, windows and doors. Don't forget to check the condition of your roof and clean your gutters too. Your roof is the most important part of your home; it has to be in good shape.

Spruce up the exterior of your weather-weary walls, but first, check that they don't have any cracks in them. Painting will also protect your home from damp - don't forget that window frames can also be transformed with a lick of paint or gloss. Painting your front door can also make a big difference to your home.

## Home extensions and conversions

Longer, drier summer days are ideal for large scale home extension and conversion projects. An extension means lots to organise, so consider hiring an architect, quantity surveyor or project manager to keep everything on track. On the other hand, if you already have an unused loft or basement, why not convert that instead? Conversions are cheaper than extensions and eight times out of ten, they don't need planning permission. Conservatories are also a low budget way to resize your home.

## Lay a new driveway

If you are looking for a simple way to revamp the exterior of your property, then laying a new driveway could be the answer. There are a variety of driveway materials to choose from; tarmac, gravel or cement are low-cost options, whereas stone or clay paving slabs are a more attractive but expensive driveway material.

## Make a budget

The first tip for surviving a summer home improvement project is to make sure to make a budget.

## Skill Level

Make sure you start one at your level, which can help to make sure you finish it. If you are a beginner, which is you have never started a summer home project make sure to pick a small one with clear instructions that you can finish in a day. If you at medium level, which is you started several summer home improvement projects and you finished all of them pick a small to medium size project you can finish in several days. If your skill level is higher, you can try for two to four small projects.

## Buy all materials in advance

There is nothing like starting a home improvement project and

realizing that you need to go back to the DIY store to pick up something else.

## New Furniture

As the saying goes: "Out with the old, in with the new". New furniture is a great way to change things up at home nad who doesn't love the feeling of a new sofa in the living room or a fancy new dining set in the kitchen. There are great deals locally with free delivery so no need to travel far to check out what's on offer and then just sit back on the old chair and wait for delivery of the new one!

## Clean what you already have

Sometimes you might not want to part with that rug in the living room or that sofa you love so much. If that's the case, consider professional cleaning and upholstery.

## Weather

Make sure to check the weather especially if this is an outdoor home improvement project. There is nothing like having everything ready and then having to put all on hold because it's raining.

## Check your roofing and guttering

Winter and Spring may have taken its toll on your roof, causing holes, leaks or broken tiles. The best thing to do is regularly check your roof, look at the tiling, cement work, verges and chimney. Your guttering is just as important and can easily be effected by ice, snow and excess water, so check you have no blockages or leaks. If water in your gutter isn't running freely it can overflow and cause serious damp problems.



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## WINDOWS & DOORS

Selecting doors and windows for your home and conservatory can be a daunting task because of the sheer choice that now exists. Not only is no home complete without them, but they also provide security, ventilation and restrict the entry of strong wind and other elements.

Do your homework before investing to ensure that you adhere to building regulations, buy the best quality within your budget and have them correctly installed.

Skimping too much on doors and windows is a false economy and can cause major problems in the future. It is recommended that you do some research and make your own decision as to which to go for. Advice from builders should be welcomed but make sure you do your own homework as well.

You may want to take into consideration the weather conditions of where you live before choosing your doors and windows. Also keep in mind that windows and doors can help reduce your electricity bill. If fitted well they will help block the escape of heat and stop the entry of cold wind from outside. Don't forget that the frames in which the windows and doors are fitted should be strong and the colour should be compatible with the home décor.

There are a number of materials to choose from including timber, aluminium, PVC, aluclad/composites, steel and structural frameless glass. There are pros and cons to all possibilities depending on your house type.

It is worth remembering, that if you have existing timber frames in good condition, there are companies who can machine these in situ and fit real double glazed units into them. By doing this you get to keep your treasured timber and perhaps, avoid a lot of re-tiling, plastering and decorating.

Internal doors are another thing to consider. Recent years have seen an advancement of different and stylish internal doors. As well as wood, they can be made of glass or steel. The front door gives a first impression of a home and a well chosen door can make your home stand out from the crowd as well as providing proper insulation and security.

The windows and doors of your conservatory are another area to consider. Conservatories have a number of uses whether it be as a playroom, dining area, an office or something else. Light is key, and your choice of windows and doors can help maximize and manipulate its potential. Important decisions might include whether you want blinds on the windows, or if you want a glass roof that lets in the light, or a roof that shuts it out. Just as your conservatory should compliment your home, a conservatory's windows and doors should also compliment, and are essential to, the style of the conservatory itself, whether it's a Victorian design, a Lean-To, a pavilion, Bespoke or Edwardian conservatory.



## The Kitchen - a room of many functions

Over the years the kitchen has developed into a room of many functions, becoming the centre of family life. A place to cook, dine, relax and entertain, the kitchen must offer an efficient and comfortable environment. Installing a kitchen is a major outlay, which requires planning and budgeting, no matter what your price bracket.

Basically you have a choice of three ways of how you can go about installing a new kitchen. If you are one of those talented individuals who God has blessed with a 'good pair of hands', you can carry out all the work yourself. If you bring the dimensions of your kitchen along to a kitchen specialist centre, they will help you to design a kitchen to your budget, and will also assist with advice of suitability of various materials. The second method is somewhat similar to the first, but recognizing that you neither have the time nor the ability to install the kitchen, you employ the services of a good carpenter and plumber. A kitchen centre will be able to supply you with names of reliable workmen who regularly do work for their customers. The final approach is the one where you hand over the entire job to kitchen specialists. They will call to your home, measure up, design plans, bring you samples of material and install the final product.



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## New CCTV system goes live in Arklow

The Community CCTV system in Arklow was turned on for testing last week. An official launch will be held at a later date when restrictions allow.

An application was submitted to the Department of Justice and Equality which received approval for the maximum grant of €40,000 towards the installation of a community-based CCTV system. Arklow Municipal District will partly fund the project also.

During 2018 Arklow Town Team set up a Sub-Committee to deliver this project which consisted of Linda McDonald, Inspector Ronan Lawlor (Chair), Cllr Tommy Annesley, Cllr Sylvester Bourke, and Christine Flood.

Inspector Ronan Lawlor of Arklow Garda Station stated that: "It is believed that the installation of a CCTV system in the town will have a positive impact and will assist in the overall promotion and development of the town helping to create a safer and secure environment for residents, businesses and visitors."

New Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, Cllr Sylvester Bourke, stated: "I am delighted that we have brought this project to fruition. It is about three years since the town team first proposed this for Arklow and with grants from the County Council and Dept of Justice we finally have 11 cameras up and running at various locations around the town. This will create a safer environment for all our citizens as they go about their business."

Visiconn were awarded the contract to install the 11 CCTV cameras which are now strategically placed around the town at locations between Upper Main Street to Lower Main Street, River Walk and the North Quay.

Cllr Pat Fitzgerald welcomed the installation of the cameras and hoped they would act as a deterrent to those in society who choose to see fit to break the law.

Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Pat Kennedy, said the new CCTV system was an important addition to the town and would reassure local people and visitors that they would be safe in Arklow while it was also an important aid to the Gardai in fighting crime and anti-social behaviour.

## Construction funding agreed for Arklow data centre

Echelon Data Centres Limited (Echelon), the Irish data centre owner and operator, has agreed construction funding for its Arklow Data Centre. The agreement was reached with Pioneer Point Partners (Pioneer), together with Davidson Kempner European Partners.

In 2019, Echelon announced its intention to invest €1bn in its data centre facilities, and with funding now in place, it can begin work on infrastructure construction. Echelon is projecting an 18-month build time and looking to deliver the first tranche of capacity at DUB10 in Q3 2021, and at DUB20 in Q4 2021.

Niall Molloy, Chief Executive of Echelon Data Centres, believes the market for data centre capacity is set to grow beyond predictions - partly driven by the 'new normal' resulting from the global pandemic - and that this level of investment is key to meeting the demand.

"The predictions say the data-verse (total amount of data created each year) will reach 175 zettabytes by 2025 (from 33 zettabytes in 2018), however that was before the explosion in machine learning (ML) technology and the realisation of more and more of the poten-

tial of the Internet of Things (IoT).

"Add to this the new reliance on messaging, video calling, streaming and webcasting (one cloud service provider claims as much as 775% usage increase in regions implementing social distancing measures!) - and the likelihood of this continuing post-pandemic - and the rationale for increasing data centre capacity is unassailable.

"The funding agreement that we have reached with Pioneer and Davidson Kempner will allow us to deliver a minimum of 184MW of capacity across two sites, with the potential for further capacity at other sites here in Ireland and in Europe.

Put into context, that 184MW represents more than 10% of all data centre capacity either operational, under construction, with planning permission or in the planning process across Ireland as a whole.

"Pioneer has a stated interest in renewable energy projects, which fits well with Echelon's philosophy of data centres as an enabler of renewable energy resource (given their consistent demand profile) and will be helpful in addressing the sustainability and climate change goals of all our key stakeholders."

Rupert Shaw of Pioneer Point Partners commented "Sustainable energy provision for data centres is becoming increasingly important, capital intensive and requiring of specialist investment expertise. This investment theme is a key focus area for Pioneer, with Ireland being a priority due to its strategic importance as one of the largest technology hubs in Europe. Pioneer identified Echelon as the ideal partner in Ireland due to its two developed large-scale projects, its pipeline and the strength of its management team."

## Joint submission calls for the Cove to be a designated bathing area

Social Democrats Councillor for Greystones District Jodie Neary and Jennifer Whitmore TD made a joint submission to Wicklow County Council last week asking that the popular swimming spot in Greystones known locally as 'the Cove' be made a designated bathing area.

The submission was sent as part of the Identification of Bathing Waters 2021 public consultation process carried out by Wicklow County Council where the public were invited to identify places they want as officially designated bathing areas.

Speaking on the submission Cllr Jodie Neary says "The Cove has been a popular bathing spot for locals for many generations and adds to the local identity of Greystones. However, despite its popularity, the Cove is still not a recognised bathing area by the Council which means there is no life-guard on duty, no pontoon for water safety and no water testing to ensure the area is safe to swim in."

"Since the advent of COVID19 restrictions and with good weather, more and more families have been spotted using the amenity, however this has raised a number of ongoing water safety concerns with several parents getting in touch with me about the lack of lifeguard duty and general water safety. The Cove is exposed to the same dangers as South Beach and other bathing areas across Wicklow yet swimmers are not afforded the same amount of protection. Many attempts have been made to get official designation for the area including Deputy Whitmore's successful Council motion which was passed, calling for the area to have a lifeguard, pontoon and water testing. Unfortunately, no movement has yet been made despite the motion having passed in 2018."

"I welcomed the opportunity to express the concern of locals on the status of the Cove through the Council's consultation process. Myself and Jennifer used the opportunity to make a joint submission to the Council calling for the designation of the Cove to be considerations on the list for 2021."

Also speaking on the submission, Deputy Whitmore says "The Cove has the potential to become an iconic public facility for the District and county, with a long-term objective of having a pontoon in the area. However, the first step to getting to this point needs to be the installation of a lifeguard."

"Unfortunately, this has not happened to date despite my successful motion passed at Greystones Municipal District level in 2018 requesting that



Cllr Jodie Neary at the Cove beach in Greystones

water testing be initiated and the area designated as a bathing area. So, it is important that this process begin as soon as possible.

"We are hopeful that the Council will take on board the points both myself and Cllr. Neary have raised in the submission and look forward to the outcome of the consultation process" concluded Deputy Whitmore.

## New Spinc '600 steps' boardwalk now open to the public

A new trail accessing the Spinc boardwalk is now open. The '600' steps have been removed and they have been replaced by a graded trail.

Over the next few months, the area around the trail will be planted with native trees and will be fenced off to protect the emerging trees from grazers. The new trail is a more sustainable option and will be easier to maintain in the future. It will also give easier access for Mountain Rescue and the Emergency Services when they are needed.

Over the coming years, as the native woodland matures it will improve the biodiversity of the area by increasing the area's native habitats.

To assist with physical distancing to help com-

bat Covid -19 the public are being asked to follow a new One-Way System on some trails. For the Spinc Trails, the Red, White and Blue Trails, please start these walks by heading up the steps at the Poulanass waterfall (which is now one-way) and then continuing up the new trail accessing the Spinc.

All Spinc Trails are classed as Hill Walks. People on these trails should have appropriate navigational experience and should make sure that they are dressed and equipped for mountainous terrain. There are dangerous cliffs in the area and the ground will be rough and/or boggy underfoot.

In line with the Government measures to combat Covid-19, Wicklow Mountains National Park is open to those who live within Co. Wicklow and those from outside the county whose home is within 20km of the National Park.





# CAR SERVICING

## Tips for safe return to Wicklow motoring

The Covid Crisis will live on in our collective and individual memories as a complete game changer on so many fronts. While many of us have done almost no motoring for the last four months, another group have been working flat out to keep us safe, as frontline and other vital staff.

Never have Commercial vehicles been so appreciated as they kept essential shops operational and stocked.

While cars have had very little use, they have been vital in enabling folks feeling positive and capable of getting back to a new normal life. They also got hundreds of thousands of frontliners get to work when public transport wasn't safe.

Will we ever appreciate our beautiful county as much with its magnificent coastline, majestic mountain walks, incredible wildlife and wonderful people?

Motor Dealerships have done incredible work to provide emergency cover for the last four months, so that vital repairs and rescues could be affected for Wicklow Motorist - in every corner of the county.

Many families with two cars, have only used one or none since St. Patrick's Day, so if we are about to take a car that have been lying up, what should we check for so we are safe venturing out.

### 1. CHECK TYRE INFLATION

If you don't have a gauge or pump, head for a garage as your first journey to get your tyres, including the spare checked.

If you don't have a gauge, do a visual inspection to ensure one tyre isn't flat.

Tyres can flat spot if lying up for months, so you may feel a vibration for the first few miles of travel, until the tyre heats up.

### 2. GENTLE ENGINE RESTART

After a few months lying idle, the engine oil will have drifted down to the Sump. Technically capable folks will remove the spark plugs and then turn the ignition key to enable the starter motor to build up some initial oil pressure. Once the oil pressure light goes out, replace the plugs and start as normal. The bearings will be well lubricated and ready to go. Otherwise gently start the car and give it a minute or two to warm up, before driving off

### 3. WASH WINDOWS.

Dirty Windows are dangerous, so even though there is a water shortage, take a bucket and sponge and clean the windows. You must be able to see out - especially at dusk.

### 4. CHECK WHEN YOUR NEXT SERVICE IS DUE.

Service intervals are usually based on a combination of mileage and time. Even if the car has not moved in four months, for warranty reasons, or PCP contract conditions, it may be due a service, without which the warranty may be compromised.

### 5. CHECK YOU TAX, INSURANCE NCT AND PARKING DISCS.

There is some leeway - especially with the NCT - but there is no leeway on expired insurance. You need to be lining these up if they are about to expire or have expired.

NCT Centres reopened on June 8th - but initially are only testing cars whose certs expired before 28th

By Martin McCarthy

March. All NCT centres which expired in April / May / June have been given a four-month extension.

### 6. CHECK BATTERY & LIGHTS

Do not leave checking if the car starts until the last minute. Modern batteries are amazing and will hold a charge for months. But if they are older, they may be dead. Best to replace it if it's a few years old - otherwise borrow a battery charger, leave it on overnight and hopefully the car will start in the morning.

### 7. HOME ASSIST

If you are a member of the AA, or insure with AXA in Bray, for example, you may have free home assistance. They will pick up your car if it won't start and transport it to your selected garage.

Whoever normally services your car will also be able to help. I have used Kelly of Bray to lift a broken down car and they were fantastic. The days of using tow ropes are over.

### 8. FUEL ISSUES

Petrol these days is 5% Ethanol and does tend to stratify out over time.

This can prevent the engine starting. If the tank was not full you can add another few litres to mix it up and see if that gets the combustible portions into the engine. Otherwise leave petrol troubles to the experts - as fires easily occur when sparks and petrol are combined.

### 9. RECHECK TOW HITCH AND SAFETY CHAIN

Towing is one of the most dangerous driving activities we do, so if you are towing a trailer, horsebox or equal, check the tow hitch mechanism to ensure all is correct - as well as the insurance cover for the weight being towed. This is highly regulated now.

### 10. CHECK THE RADIO & PHONE CONNECTION.

The Radio is one of the most dangerous items in the car. Drivers invariably drive off and start fiddling with the radio immediately. As radio's are now a small of the cars electronics, they can be tricky - and very distracting - to program. Just set the station to East Coast FM or the station of your choice - before you start the engine.

This Covid Crisis has made many people reconsider things - and one of those things is changing their car or van.

There will be amazing deals on new cars in preparation for July 1st - the start of 202 registrations. The car factories across Europe have to get cars out of stockpiles everywhere along the supply chain and they are heavily incentivizing dealers in Wicklow to sell, sell, sell.

There has never been a better time to change car.



## 'A pre-holiday service is money well spent'

Summer is here, and with many people doing a 'stay-cation this year' for their holidays, and given that many of us have used our cars very little over the last few months due to lockdown restrictions, the importance of having your car in good working order should not be overlooked.

A vehicles' service history can not only boost its value but also make the difference between a desirable and completely unwanted car. The absence of a service history may knock €1,000 or more off a car's value or, even worse, may simply make the vehicle unwanted.

A pre-holiday service is money well spent - especially if any reasonably long journey or overseas trips are in the offing.

Wherever you plan to travel to, whether home or abroad, you won't be going anywhere if you don't have a healthy vehicle to get you there.

With holiday fun planned, car maintenance is probably the furthest thing from your mind, but a mechanical problem can quickly and easily turn an otherwise fun day into a nightmare, especially if you're far from home.

By taking your car's maintenance into account during your holiday planning you can save yourself a lot of time and trouble.

If your car is due for a tune-up, bring it in to your

mechanic before you depart for any destination. If you had a tune-up before winter, there may be several things that need to be undone before your car is ready for the summer. Typically, a pre-summer tune-up consists of the following: Inspect the battery to make sure all connections are tight and it can carry a charge. Oil change and air filter replacement. Clean fuel injectors and if necessary, change the fuel filter. Change or adjust the spark plugs. Inspect the distribution. Inspect the brakes and exhaust system. Inspect the cooling system and radiator. Check and replace fluids. Check and flush hoses. Check belts for cracking. Remove winter tires.



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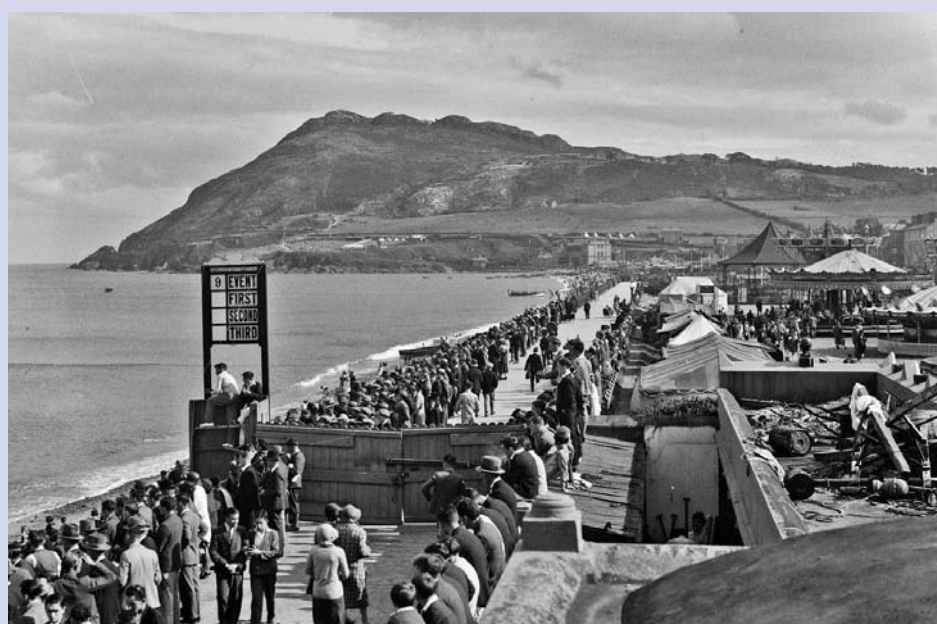
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Regatta Day at Bray, taken during the 1930s

## Photos of old Wicklow life feature in new exhibition

Regatta Day in Bray, a bustling Wicklow railway station, ladies golfing together in Greystones, and the Hall at Florence Court in Enniskillen are just some of the photographs of Wicklow digitised and freely available online from the National Library of Ireland (NLI).

As part of a new initiative entitled 'Around the Island', the Library is inviting Wicklow people, and everyone with an interest in the county, to explore these images and others from home. 'Around the Island' encourages people across the island of Ireland to connect and reconnect with their counties and their history by accessing local photographs that are readily available through the Library's rich and varied online collections.

In 2007, the National Library initiated a major project to digitise its collections of glass plate negatives. Since then, more than 60,000 images of Ireland and Irish life have been made available online. With photographs drawn from a range of historic collections, the online catalogue

offers viewers unique insights into life across the island of Ireland from the middle of the 19th century all the way up to the late 20th century. The catalogue can be accessed via <http://catalogue.nli.ie>, and visitors can search the collections according to a number of criteria, including year and region.

Commenting on the initiative, Director of the NLI, Dr Sandra Collins said: "As Ireland's memory-keeper, the National Library collects, preserves and shares the record of life in Ireland. This includes photographs of everyday local life just as much as major moments in our national history. Together, these images give a varied picture of Irish life through the last 170 years. Through 'Around the Island', we hope people will

engage with their local history using the Library's online catalogue, and perhaps see their locality and its history in a new light.

"I hope that visitors to our online collections will find enjoyment in browsing local imagery from the past, while also learning something new about their county. I encourage Wicklow people, and everyone with an interest in the county, to spread the word about the Library's online collections among family and friends - wherever they are - and to visit the catalogue."

Visitors to the catalogue are encouraged to share any interesting findings or observations on social media, using the hashtag #NLIonline, or by sending an email to [info@nli.ie](mailto:info@nli.ie).



Fitzwilliam Square in Wicklow, circa 1897-1911

# Library Summer Stars Programme moves online

Summer Stars is the public library national annual summer reading programme for children that runs until the end of August. Children throughout County Wicklow are invited to join the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer.

It is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book is regarded as having completed the programme - and it is all completely free!

Almost 3,000 young people took part in Summer Stars last year according to Margaret Birchall of Wicklow County Library Service. She went on to say that this year it would be different because of COVID-19 restrictions but added that they were excited to be able to adapt and implement the programme initially online.

She added: "We are

hopeful that in the next few weeks, we will be ready to welcome children and their parents back to our libraries where they can browse and choose items for themselves. People should keep an eye on social media for updates on this.

"It's been a challenging time for parents who have been home-schooling their children so we hope that this programme will help children keep up their reading skills in a fun and positive way"

This year, libraries have come up with some creative new ways for

young readers to access the programme online.

"Summer Stars" BorrowBox: Children of all ages can browse, borrow, read and listen to the "Summer Stars" collection of children's eBooks and eAudio books through the public library's BorrowBox app. This free app can be accessed by library members anytime, anywhere and provides access to thousands of titles for children and adults. Online Storytimes: Library staff and Irish authors will create Summer Stars virtual storytimes, including chapter-a-day read-

ings from books. These will be available to families at home on Wicklow County Library Service Facebook and other library social media pages and also on the [summerstars.ie](http://summerstars.ie) website.

Story Competition: Children and young people will have the opportunity to create their own stories and enter our Summer Stars Story Competition 'An Unexpected Adventure'.

The competition will run from the 1st of July to the 31st of August with three age categories (6-9, 10-14 and 15+) and brilliant prizes for the winners and runners up.

## 8th Annual Signal Open Exhibition set for August

Over the last 250 years 'Open Submission' exhibitions have become established as an essential element of Arts infrastructure.

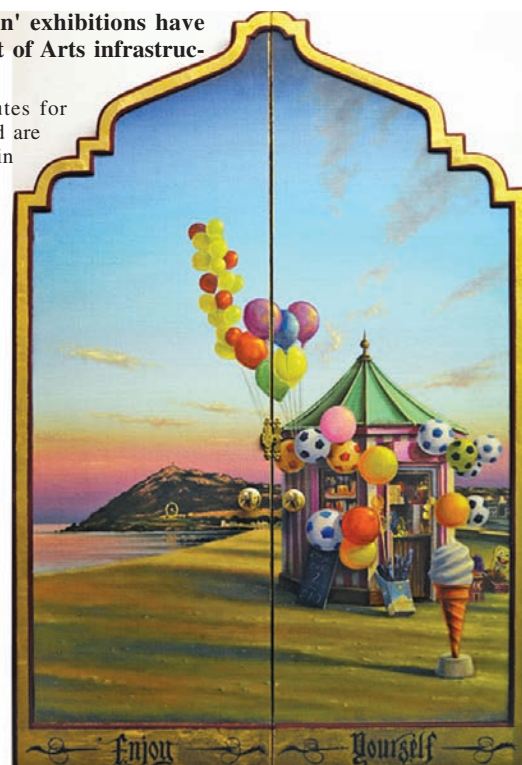
They act as one of the most accessible routes for artists to have their work seen by the public and are almost invariably amongst the stepping stones in an artist's career. These exhibitions provide an opportunity for artists to come together as a community to show and sell their work and provide the public with an eclectic insight into what's happening in the arts both locally and nationally.

A founding tenet of Signal Arts Centre is the belief that there is a huge amount of talent that goes unrecognised and that an opportunity should be there for all artists to exhibit their work. The Signal Open is just such an opportunity.

The Signal Open Exhibition is now in its 8th year and has become an annual event in artists' calendars. Signal Arts Centre say they have been delighted by the response and the quality of work submitted each year and are very grateful to all of the artists for their support.

The 8th Annual Signal Open Exhibition takes place at the Signal Arts Centre from Tuesday 4th - Sunday 16th August 2020. The 'Best in Show' winner will be awarded €1,000 and will be announced at the Exhibition Opening on Friday 7th August from 7-9pm.

Submission details: [www.signalartscentre.ie](http://www.signalartscentre.ie) or 01-2762039





# Innovative ideas during lockdown

Wicklow County Council and its staff have found innovative ways of supporting the community throughout the county during the COVID-19 Lockdown.



Delivery from Dunlavin Fire Service

Those efforts are being highlighted on Twitter with the hashtag #YourCouncilDay on Wednesday 1st July. This is an initiative that promotes and highlights the projects and services carried out by Wicklow County Council to develop and support our community. Amongst the projects and services put in place were:

## Wicklow Community Call Helpline

Wicklow County Council has set up the County Wicklow Community Call Helpline to provide support to the most vulnerable members of our communities, especially those cocooning. The Response team provided a central point for individuals wishing to volunteer, and put in place a robust process to: Coordinate community activity; Direct community assistance to where it is needed; Ensure that those most vulnerable are enabled to stay safe.

## Home Schooling Assistance

Wicklow County Library Service has provided two valuable online supports for children in the community who may benefit from extra back-up with their literacy, during this time of Covid-19 school closures. Both programmes are regularly recommended by educational psychologists and very often cannot be accessed because of the expense involved.

The first of the programmes is TTRS or Touch, Type, Read and Spell which is a multi-sensory online programme, that aims to build literacy skills in children, as they master the art of keyboarding. Users hear, read, type and spell over 5,000 words as part of the programme and as a result improve their literacy and self-esteem.

The second programme is Lexia - again, often prescribed by educational psychologists as an aid for children with a diagnosis of dyslexia or other reading delay. This programme is a reading based programme that offers students the chance to work independently at their own pace, to develop their reading skills.

## Bray Positivity Stones

"Positivity Stones" which aim to promote positive mental health and wellbeing are being used to drive home this important message on Bray beach. The temporary ground graphics are one of a number of simple actions being implemented across the town to promote the "Unity in the Community" message in these uncertain times.

The first positivity stones were added to Bray beach during Connect Ballywaltrim's 24 Hour Youth Marathon last summer which was hosted by Connect Bray Neighbourhood Youth Project. The initiative is supported by Connect Bray Neighbourhood Youth Project, Be Well Bray, Comhairle na nÓg, Wicklow County Council and Bray.ie.

Cllr Anne Ferris, Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District said: "The new ground graphic installations are currently being installed and can be seen throughout some of the main public spaces around the town."

## Dunlavin Fire Brigade Delivery Service

In mid-March Derek Ryan of Dunlavin Fire Brigade, with the permission of Wicklow County Fire Service, set up and runs a delivery service in his fire response area, covering the villages, Dunlavin, Donard, Grangecon, and surrounding areas. Vital medication and grocery supplies are delivered in the fire service van, to cocooners and people that have to isolate, so as to ease any concerns that people may have about a strange vehicle arriving at their homes. To date, over 540 deliveries have been made.

## Wicklow Together Apart

A new initiative from Wicklow County Council is setting out to create a "People's Archive" to capture and share photos, stories and experiences of Wicklow life 2020 and all are invited to participate. Whether you are at home cocooning, remote working, home-schooling children or providing an essential service to keep society functioning, the "Together Apart: Wicklow 2020 Stories" would love to record your experiences. For many, being compelled to "Stay Home to Stay Safe" has awakened a new curiosity in local heritage, history and nature; others have learned new skills, rediscovered creative talents and taken up new hobbies.

If it is queues at your local supermarket, yoga in the kitchen, wildlife in your garden or proud baking achievements, your photographs and first-hand observations can really capture the moment and create a powerful record for future generations.

Follow @Wicklowcoco on twitter and post your experiences of Council initiatives using the hashtag #yourcouncilday



The Positivity Stones on Bray Seafront



Keelan, Saoirse, and Fionn Mee from Bray celebrating Saoirse's missed communion, which would have taken place if not for Covid-19 and the lockdown. Their photo was taken as part of the 'Mark Your Day' photography project. Pic: Deryck Tormey

# SSE Renewables backs Meals on Wheels Covid response in Arklow and Wicklow

SSE Renewables, the energy company which is developing the next phase of Arklow Bank Wind Park off the Wicklow coast, has supported the county's Covid-19 response by donating €10,000 to Meals on Wheels groups in Arklow and Wicklow Town.

A much-needed donation of €5,000 has been presented by SSE Renewables to each of the volunteer-led groups, in support of their increased service provision during the lockdown restrictions. Meals on Wheels groups in Arklow and Wicklow Town have seen a significant increase in demand for the delivery of freshly-cooked meals by their volunteers to the homes of their regular service users as well as new users who are cocooning.

Meals on Wheels was selected as a beneficiary by the Project Team at SSE Renewables working on Arklow Bank Wind Park due to the vital role it has played for communities in Arklow and Wicklow during the restrictions.

Arklow Bank Project Manager James O'Hara said: "Community and voluntary groups such as Meals on Wheels have been at the heart of communities responding to the needs of the most vulnerable from the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. When their service demand increased, they dug deeper and have ramped up their efforts to ensure that those who need support most, receive it at this extremely difficult time."

"We believe that SSE Renewables and Arklow Bank Wind Park has a role to play in supporting these efforts and we are delighted to make funding available to both the Arklow and Wicklow Meals on Wheels operations. We hope that it will play a part in reducing the impact of the pandemic on both the dedicated volunteers and the service users."

Hilary Sharpe, Arklow Meals on Wheels said: "We are delighted to receive this funding which makes a huge difference to our weekly service which has increased to seven days during the Covid-19 emergency. It is vital that the most vulnerable in our society are supported during this difficult and worrying time and support for our service translates to support for our valued service users."

Rose Behan, Wicklow Meals on Wheels said: "Donations such as this from SSE Renewables are vital for our service which has increased in response to Covid-19. They enable us to continue to provide free meals to service users which we have pledged to do from May 1 to September 1, 2020."

Renewables is developing Phase 2 of the Arklow Bank Wind Park project, which has a consent to deliver 520MW of offshore wind energy and will be capable of powering over half a million homes with green power annually. The company expects to invest more than €1 billion in the delivery of the project, which is set to become Ireland's first large-scale offshore wind park. Development of the next phase of Arklow Bank Wind Park is significantly progressed and is targeting a delivery date of 2025. Once operational, the wind park will be capable of offsetting over 650,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide per annum, delivering a 1% reduction in Ireland's annual carbon emissions. Once operational, Arklow Bank Wind Park will sustain around 80 jobs at an onshore operations and maintenance (O&M) base, the preferred location for which at Arklow Harbour was recently announced by SSE Renewables.



The Arklow Meals on Wheels chef Alan Cronin.



# Open for a day, but here to stay

**New Greystones barber shop opens for one day prior to lockdown**

Saturday, March 14th saw Greystones newest Barbers, Cole & Co Barber Shop open its doors for the first time only to close again in the interest of public health after just one day's trading.

As the shop build and preparations for opening were coming to an end, the media coverage and government information around COVID-19 was really ramping up. The decision had to be taken quickly to close again, but it did bring with it a bit of unexpected fame; "Now Cole & Co is known as that guy who only got to open for a day" jokes owner and barber Paul Cole.

Whilst this wasn't exactly the ideal start for a new business, this is not dampening the spirits of this new venture. Owned and run by husband and wife team, Paul and Louise Cole, the barber shop is a realization of a desire for Paul to work in his own community. It was a family affair from the start with Paul's builder father doing the shop fit-out to a very high standard.

As a barber, Paul has worked in some of the top barbershops on Dublin City's South William Street for the past eight years including The Fireplace Barbershop and The Grooming Rooms.

When he and his family moved to Newtownmountkenedy five years ago, they



knew that the next step was to work towards basing Paul's working life near home.

"There's something really nice about living and working in the same community. My wife is already based in Bray for her job and opening Cole & Co in Greystones means our lives will be very much based around the area and community we love," says Paul.

Being community based was always a focus for this couple, but the last few months have really brought this idea to the fore. Lockdown and the need to stay home and stay local has of course been difficult and challenging for many people, but there are lessons to be learned

too. Shopping local and supporting local has never been more important and as we gradually start to re-open businesses and re-open our economy, we are seeing that the survival of business and the survival of our small towns and communities depends on people staying local.

The Greystones business community has really pulled together to support each other through this difficult time. Competition and rivalry has been replaced by support and solidarity with many sectors pulling together to support and promote each other. A great example of this is that the Hair and Beauty Salons in the area came together and

started a Facebook group. It became a place where they could share support and advice and decide on best practice going forward as they all face the same challenges around reopening safely but in a way that still allows their business to survive. Despite the challenges ahead for all small businesses, barbering has taken a real jump in popularity over the last few years.

"It's actually great to see so many men taking a bit of time for themselves and enjoying the experience of getting their hair cut and having the banter with their barber and this is going to be even more important now as we re-open our community," says Paul.

## Former Greystones Mayor to walk the Wicklow Way

Former Greystones Mayor, Stephen Stokes is walking the Wicklow Way for Greystones First Responders.

The Wicklow Way is 131 kilometres in length, and was the first such trail established in Ireland. He will commence on July 1st, and will aim to complete the walk in five days. Normally they conduct two fundraisers per year. However due to the onset of Covid 19, their annual quiz had to be postponed.

Stephen Stokes added: "This is the first fundraiser for Greystones First Responders in 2020. Every euro is vital, to pay for everything from PPE to replacing defibrillator pads after each use."

A Wicklow Way for Greystones First Responders campaign page is now active on Go Fund Me.



Purple House Cancer Support, Blessington Day-care Centre, Arklow Cancer Support and Greystones Cancer Support each benefitted from a €500 donation from one of Aldi's four Wicklow stores. Photo was taken earlier this year.

## 'Think Local, Buy Local' - Together we are stronger

The town team of Greystones, Greystones 2020 have recognised the need to support the local economy to restart and thrive as quickly as possible. Working with local businesses, they have developed a marketing campaign for the town and introduced a few measures.

They have: Developed a new dedicated business hub within the greystones.ie website greystones.ie/business-hub. A one-stop-shop for resources and support; Set up a 'Business hub' WhatsApp group for the business community to facilitate interaction and support for each other; All businesses in the district (Greystones, Kilcoole, Delgany and Newcastle) to be included on the greystones.ie business and services directory if not already listed; A public awareness campaign throughout the community will be launched throughout the district with public signage, social media, and local media; Working in partnership with the Greystones Municipal District who are offering free safety signage, free temporary outdoor dining licenses & ongoing 'Think Local Buy Local' marketing support.

If you would like your business listed or would like to join the Greystones District Business Hub 'WhatsApp Group', please see Greystones.ie.

Gráinne McLoughlin, Chairperson of Greystones 2020 said, "The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted daily business activity for us all, but we know that small businesses may find it particularly difficult to understand how to adapt and remain resilient in such a rapidly changing situation. We are committed to supporting them in any way we can. Together we are stronger - Ní neart go cur le chéile."

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# GAA grassroots archive appeal

A major drive is being launched to source and publish for the first time Wicklow GAA stories from the grassroots of the association.

The collaboration between the association and publishers, Ballpoint Press Ltd, aims to gather the most comprehensive treasure trove of Gaelic-related stories ever compiled in the 136-year history of the GAA.

As well as Wicklow and the four corners of Ireland, stories will also be sought from across the globe, in particular from those who have been GAA frontier people in

the USA, UK, Canada, Australia and many other countries.

The story gathering will include oral accounts so that all kind of stories can be written down for the first time in book form and also feature in the GAA's archives at Croke Park.

Potential contributors who feel they have a story but may not feel up to writing it can get in touch with Ballpoint Press and

relate their account. It will then be written and sent back for approval before being submitted for final publishing.

The president of the GAA, John Horan, said he welcomed the exploration through the GAA grassroots to find the diversity of stories that undoubtedly exist there.

"The grassroots are the lifeblood of our organisation and it is timely that that such an undertaking is finally going ahead. I'm delighted because it means that there will be a permanent home for these stories in both book form as well in our own GAA archive section."

Well-known journalist and author, PJ Cunningham, will spearhead the undertaking alongside GAA Communications Director, Alan Milton.

PJ said it had been an ambition of his for many years to bring what he believes is the great legacy of GAA stories together under one project.

"GAA is a way of life for most Irish people at home and abroad. It is packed with diverse stories from on and off the

pitch. I grew up listening to them and enjoying their retelling, but the reality is that many of these stories exist only in word of mouth form.

"At present, we all have a bit more time to commit such stories to paper so that they can be preserved for future generations.

"Ideally the stories should have their own unique selling point rather than just normal accounts of winning or losing matches. They can also include inter-county fare and personnel because it

is the grassroots people who gather in large numbers to support those encounters.

"Basically, we are interested in any story from 1884 onwards to the present day that has a special, novel or unusual twist to it."

For further information contact [pj@gaastories.ie](mailto:pj@gaastories.ie) or [communications@gaa.ie](mailto:communications@gaa.ie).

Letters can be sent to GAA Grassroots Stories, Ballpoint Press, 4 Wyndham Park, Bray, Co Wicklow, phone 086 8217631.



74-year-old Janet Smith from Shankill kept active during lockdown by running 5km a day in her garden to raise money for Purple House Cancer Support Centre and their services for Cancer patients during the pandemic. Janet was inspired to take up the challenge as her husband William had prostate Cancer and both Janet and William availed of the services of Purple House.

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Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and favour will be granted. Never known to fail. B.H.; T.C.

## Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands, they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good on any extra expense you have." Which of these three do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

C.J.

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Planning permission is sought for construction of new bungalow dwelling on site at Birch Grove, Kilfin, Laragh, Co Wicklow, Eircode A98C1P3, for Rob and Talita Dagg. The application includes the provision of a gateway, driveway, soakaways, well, and domestic biofiltration sewage treatment unit. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, during its public opening hours, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: [eugene@alphaplandesign.com](mailto:eugene@alphaplandesign.com)) Seeks planning permission for a dwelling, waste water treatment system to EPA standards, garage, driveway and associated works at Seaview, Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow for Z. Kelly. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: [eugene@alphaplandesign.com](mailto:eugene@alphaplandesign.com)) Seeks planning permission for a demolition of fire damaged dwelling and proposed replacement dwelling with new waste water treatment system to EPA standards in lieu of existing system, and associated works at Blainroe Upper, Wicklow for K. and L. McCall. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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