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# 'BLOODBATH' FOR SWANS?

The campaign to save Bray's swans continues to gain momentum as there are growing fears that the design of the proposed new bridge over the Dargle River in Bray will cause a 'bloodbath' as swans are injured or killed. Speaking last week, Pearse Stokes from We Help Wildlife, one of the groups in opposition to the design of the new sustainable transport bridge in Bray, painted a grisly picture, saying the new bridge "won't look so great if it's covered in blood".

Pearse was speaking following a rally at Bray Harbour on 12th September which saw famous ballerina Monica Loughman and her students, dressed as ballet swans, attend along with other concerned locals and wildlife lovers.

Their aim was to raise awareness of the danger that the

proposed suspension bridge poses to the 120 swans in Bray Swan Sanctuary, as the bridge's cables will be in the swans' flight path and swans are not blessed with forward vision.

The campaign continues to gain support and a petition on change.org to save Bray's swans has

now gained over 2,000 signatures.

Representatives from the main groups in opposition to the proposals for the bridge are now requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to Wicklow County Council where they can outline their objections to the plans.

The campaigners are



Ballerinas at the 'Save the Swans' rally at Bray Harbour. Pic: Joe McQuillan

also hopeful of obtaining records of a Council meeting from over 10 years ago where a vote was taken to request that Irish Rail install hanging reflectors on the power cables over the Dart line as the cables were hazardous to swans.

The campaigners say that this would demonstrate that the Council was made aware at that time of the threat that cables posed to swans.

Speaking on East Coast FM last week, Pearse said "Swans regularly hit the power cables that go across the DART line and volunteers from Save Our Swans regularly go down to help get the swans off the tracks."

But Pearse claims that the Samuel Beckett Bridge in Dublin is the real 'acid test': "There are far fewer swans in that area of the Liffey than

there are in Bray, and they still regularly crash into the Samuel Beckett bridge and then fall onto the road and cause traffic chaos.

Pearse claims that the volunteers objecting to this bridge in Bray "are going to be the same people who will be going down after the bridge is built to fix the problem, so it seems very unfair that the Council wouldn't listen clearly to what all of these groups have to say and change the design of the bridge".

The groups in opposition to the design of the sustainable transport bridge have called it a 'vanity project' and cannot understand why it can't be a less visually stylish design that's ultimately safer for the swans.

The deadline for public submissions on the project was 6th September.

Campaigners say that the threat to swans "Should have been

highlighted in any Environmental Impact Assessment.

"However Wicklow County Council has

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Thomas Byrne, Paul Carter, Christine Nolan and AIMS President Robert Donnelly at the launch of Avonmore Musical Society's fundraising car raffle

## Avonmore Musical Society launch raffle

Avonmore Musical Society has announced details of a once-off fundraising event. One lucky person will be in with a chance of winning a fantastic brand new 2022 Hyundai i10 car.

Tickets are now on sale for only €25, with the raffle limited to 1000 tickets. Tickets are available to purchase online via [www.gr8events.ie/avonmore](http://www.gr8events.ie/avonmore) and Avonmore will also be hosting a number of local pop-up stalls where people can purchase their tickets in person. Information on these will be posted on Avonmore Musical Society's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts.

"This car raffle, in association with Avon Motors, is a major undertaking for our society. In light of Covid-19, this raffle will be the only source of revenue to help clear off some of our outstanding debt and allow us to stage our 2022 production of 'Sister Act'," they said.

"We certainly did not expect to be in this position 18 months on from the start of the pandemic and would like to acknowledge the amazing help and support of all our friends, family and patrons."

## Alpha course

The Alpha Film Series is being run on Zoom. It's a free 10-week course exploring the Christian faith, and it is open to everyone aged 16 or over, regardless of their level of faith. Bear Grylls, Adventurer, Writer and TV Presenter, describes Alpha as, "A way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship - in a very non-pressed, non-judgemental environment."

The film series will run on Wednesday evenings from 8pm until 9:15pm, as well as one Saturday. Participants will watch a film each week covering subjects such as: 1. Who is Jesus? 2. Why and how should I pray? 3. How does God guide us? 4. How can I resist evil?

Each week there will be a discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. If you would like to find out more, or to book a place course, please email [alphawicklow@gmail.com](mailto:alphawicklow@gmail.com).

## North Beach Music Festival

The Hot Spot Music Club's North Beach Musical Festival takes place on 24th and 25th September above The Beach House at Greystones Harbour Marina. These events will be recorded and a limited audience will be permitted. No Crows, Mark Geary, Daoiri Farrell, and Andy Irvine have all been added

to the lineup, as well as a special event for Bob Dylan's 80th Birthday Celebration. Please register your interest to [thehotspotgreystones@gmail.com](mailto:thehotspotgreystones@gmail.com).

## Pop-up broadband Information event

National Broadband Ireland (NBI), is inviting people to attend a Pop-Up shop event that will be held at Tesco Greystones on 24th and 25th of September, 10am to 4pm. NBI ambassadors will be on-hand to provide information on the National Broadband Plan (NBP) rollout in Kilcoole. This event aims to give the people of Kilcoole an opportunity to learn more about the National Broadband Plan (NBP), when high-speed fibre broadband is coming to County Wicklow and how they can get connected. The NBI team will be on-hand to register people for future updates on the rollout in their area. Please RSVP to confirm your attendance at the Pop-Up Shop event in Kilcoole to [michael@heneghan.ie](mailto:michael@heneghan.ie)

## Wicklow Punter Strikes Gold

A County Wicklow punter is toasting a life-changing win after four horses beat the odds on Saturday 11th September to land a remarkable six-figure windfall. The anonymous customer put down their bets in a BoyleSports shop in Wicklow, investing a total of €44 in a €1 each-way Lucky 15 and a €7 each-way accumulator on four horses running at Leopardstown.

Panama Red was picked out at 14/1 in the 12.40 and went off at 11/1 before landing the first leg by half a length, while wins in the 2.10 and 3.45 for Real Appeal (16/1) and Ever Present (12/1) left just one horse standing in the way of the jackpot.

The expectant punter then turned to the 4.20 and 11/2 shot Masen didn't let them down when making it four winners in a row by half a length.

That slim margin was enough to send their bet-slip skyrocketing in value to a stunning total of €128,538.76.

Lawrence Lyons, spokesperson for BoyleSports said: "We must send huge congratulations to our Wicklow customer on picking up such an astronomical sum of money from their Saturday racing flutter. With over €128,500 in the bank, it's safe to say they'll not forget that weekend in a hurry and we wish them all the best with their winnings."

# 'Up the Hill' Fundraising Challenge for Jack & Jill

Funds raised go to support 11 families in Wicklow

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation is urging the people of Wicklow to go Up the Hill for Jack & Jill this October and climb a hill in solidarity with the 11 families it supports in Wicklow who have an uphill challenge in caring for their very sick child every day. This is the seventh year of the nationwide fundraising challenge which aims to raise funds for Jack & Jill's specialist home nursing care, respite support and end-of-life care for very sick children up to the age of six.

For Fiona Callaghan, Jack & Jill Specialist Children's Liaison Nurse for Wicklow, Up the Hill means so much to local families, who depend on the funds raised for their support: "To say that it has been a very tough 18 months for our Jack & Jill families is an understatement. As one of the vulnerable groups during the pandemic, our families have had to take refuge in order to keep themselves and, most importantly, their children safe. It has been really tough. Throughout this time, we have continued to provide in-home support, across the garden wall support, and over the phone support. Last year, we provided 850 hours of support to families in Wicklow. This support affords families the 'Gift of Time' to do things for themselves and other family members - whether it's spending some quality time with a sibling, grabbing a quick coffee with a friend, getting some fresh air in the great out-



Pictured flying the flag for Jack & Jill at Bray Head is Fiona Callaghan, Specialist Children's Liaison Nurse

doors, or simply taking a nap to recharge - it's that time out which means that they can continue to spend time caring for their sick child and doing what mums and dads do best."

The Up the Hill for Jack & Jill fundraising challenge couldn't be simpler, and these five easy steps will get you on the road!

**Step 1.** Register

your challenge at [www.jackandjill.ie](http://www.jackandjill.ie) for just €18 - the cost of one hour of specialist home nursing care - and to receive an optional eco-friendly banner.

**Step 2.** Identify a location for your Up the Hill challenge - it can be in a local park, or it can be a peak on a nearby mountain - whatever hill works

for your fitness level and ability. You can climb it, run it, walk it, cycle it - whatever works for you.

**Step 3.** Recruit your family members, friends and work colleagues to join you, but remember to stay within public health guidance.

**Step 4.** Decide on a date during the month of October that best suits your group and begin the countdown to let the excitement build.

**Step 5.** The final frontier - grab your hill and go! Once the day arrives and you've conquered your personal Everest, stake your claim for Jack & Jill with your Up the Hill eco-friendly banner and take a picture to proclaim your achievement to the world on social media!

Lots of inspiring steps by you. Together, one giant leap for Jack & Jill.

For more information about the Up the Hill for Jack & Jill fundraising challenge, visit [www.jackandjill.ie](http://www.jackandjill.ie) or call 045 894538.

## Mental health awareness walk at Avondale Forest Park

A walk is being held to promote the Green Ribbon and raise awareness to improve mental and physical health.

Just like the pink ribbon became a symbol for breast cancer awareness the Green Ribbon has been established as the international symbol for mental health awareness and has been introduced to Ireland by See Change.

The walk will give participants an opportunity to walk with friends, families, and communities and connect with one another whilst being mindful of our own and others' mental health and wellbeing to enjoy two things inherent to us in Ireland...nature and talking.

"We are all aware of the difficult times we have been through in the past few years and would encourage you to join us while observing public health guidelines," said organisers.

There are 4 different walks and talks focused on mental health and well-being, physical health, nature and forestry. The walks are being hosted by Coillte for See Change, Mental Health Ireland and Wicklow IFA.

The walks will be held at Avondale Forest Park in Rathdrum on Sunday, September 26th at 3pm. "We look forward to seeing you there!"

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Green Ribbon Ambassador Shauna O'Connor

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# THERE'S STILL TIME!

*N11 public consultation period extended by two weeks*

Wicklow County Council has extended the public consultation period for the N11 upgrade scheme by two weeks. The extension will ensure that opportunity is afforded to all members of the public and interested parties to engage with the process and make submissions. The closing date for receipt of submissions is now 11pm on Monday, 4th October.

Minister Simon Harris TD welcomed the announcement, saying "The Junction 4 to 14 upgrade is an enormous project and many people had contacted me regarding difficulties they had viewing documents and maps on the N11/M11 website.

"The proposal to close Junction 10 at Delgany has been the source of considerable objection by residents and commuters and the necessary extension to the consultation provides additional time for residents and commuters to examine what is being proposed.

"The idea of closing Junction 10 flies in the face of logic. Delgany has already seen significant residential development in the past number of years with more new housing granted permission.

"I have made a submission to the N11/M11 project team outlining my own trenchant opposition to this proposal and I urge all Delgany residents to make their views known as part of the public consultation running from now until October 4th".

Social Democrats TD Jennifer Whitmore last week met online with ARUP and Wicklow County Council on the N11 preferred 'red corridor' route. It followed concerns raised by residents with Deputy Whitmore over the potential exit closures, new local roads and congestion.

"There's been a huge amount of confusion and anxiety about the latest N11 proposal. I have spoken to many residents and business groups who will be affected by the proposal. Yet, they are finding it very difficult to engage with the current public consultation process," said Deputy Whitmore.

"I met with Wicklow County Council and ARUP to go through these concerns in detail including the closure of Delgany and Kilpedder exits, the alternative routes being proposed for locals and the capacity of local road networks. I requested that an online public meeting be arranged as this proposal affects many tens of thousands of people, many who do not engage online and can't access the online portal. I also requested that consultation boards be put up in Bray and Greystones municipal district offices so that people can walk in off the street to speak about the proposal.

"Business are worried that closures could affect foot traffic and commuters are concerned they'll be funnelled into busier N11 junctions making their journeys longer. I was provided with a more detailed analysis which alleviated some of those concerns, however, I reiterated that traffic congestion will still be a problem unless people can directly access bus routes or other transport measures, which are currently not in place.

"We also discussed the need for more buses and frequent bus trips to and from the towns serviced by the N11 and I was happy to hear that there will be direct bus routes from each major town to Dublin as an interim measure which should help with traffic congestion. However, it's important that active travel measures are properly linked up and that all the agencies and Councils involved work together to make this happen in a timely manner. Timing will be essential to the success of this project. We can't have one agency working and I will be watching this development closely as it reaches further stages.

"They have extended the current consultation process by a further two weeks to 4th October, 2021 and I would encourage everyone to engage and make contact with Wicklow County Council or ARUP by email n11m11@arup.com or by phone (0404) 20100. I am on hand to assist anyone who is having difficulties either" concludes Whitmore.

The public display platform will continue to provide an online booking facility where the public and other stakeholders can schedule an online or telephone meeting with a member of the project team if further information is required.

Submissions will continue to be accepted via the online feedback form available on the project website [www.n11m11.ie](http://www.n11m11.ie), by email to [n11m11@arup.com](mailto:n11m11@arup.com), or by post addressed to N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town, A67FW96. Submissions must be received during the consultation period up until 11:00pm on Monday, 4 October 2021.

To provide additional accessibility to the online platform, a touchscreen is available in the reception area of the Wicklow County Council Offices at the same address above. Assistance will be available to access and navigate the online consultation room if required. If you would like a member of the Council team to be available to discuss specific aspects of the project, it is advised to contact the Wicklow County Council Liaison Officer in advance to arrange this.

The Council said that it "welcomes all feedback, views and opinions on the development of this strategic road infrastructure project and encourages submissions at this stage from all interested parties. The feedback gained from this engagement will be fully considered by the project team at this and future stages of the development of the scheme."

The plans also include a link road that would consist of a two-lane public transport road 3.25m wide and variable width pedestrian, cyclist and shared path facilities. A new pedestrian boardwalk is proposed along the southern bank wall to link the existing walkway to the bridge crossing.



John Henderson Jr with Bray Emmets Club President Jackie Napier celebrating after Bray's victory over Glenealy in the Senior Hurling Championship in Aughrim. Pic: Michael Kelly

## 'BLOODBATH' FOR SWANS?



Dara Stokes from We Help Wildlife with Lorraine and Naoise Flanagan at the 'Save the Swans' rally.

*Continued from page 1* stated that it has concluded, from a screening determination, that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required."

The proposed bridge will be approximately 22m high with a single span of 63m.

"A bridge of this type is not suitable here as this is the flight path of approximately 122 mute swans who use the Harbour," say campaigners.

"Vertical suspension cables cause horrific injuries to swans as they only have peripheral vision and can hit the cables during flight. This would make Bray Harbour unsafe for swans."

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*Siolta Chroí incorporates a market garden, a food forest system, space for animals to graze, and a venue for training and educational courses*

## ‘Government must resist lobbying for data centres’

**The government must resist lobbying by tech giants for data centres and instead publish a strategic analysis of their impact on our climate target goals and energy security, according to Social Democrats Climate Spokesperson Jennifer Whitmore.**

"A new lobby group, Cloud Infrastructure Ireland (CII), which represents some of the biggest tech companies in the country, has demanded the government express its clear support for the continued expansion of data centres. This suggestion, that it can be business as usual for data centres - even as the government scrambles to publish the details of its Climate Action Plan - is as deluded as it is arrogant.

"We know we are facing a crisis in our energy security and we know where most of the threat is coming from - the proliferation of data centres, which are putting immense pressure on our national grid. The energy regulator has already warned that we face rolling blackouts if immediate action is not taken to mitigate this risk.

"CII need to answer a simple question: how many data centres are enough? As it stands, the annual increase in energy demand, from data centres, in the last four years was equivalent to adding 140,000 households to the power system each year. This level of increased demand is simply not sustainable.

"We also need some clear information about the economic benefit of these data centres. At the end of July, I asked Tánaiste, and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Leo Varadkar to provide the number of short and long-term jobs created by data centres and was told his Department did not collect that data. The IDA does not maintain a register of data centres either. How can we assess the economic benefit of this surge of data centres in the absence of any information about the jobs they support?

"We are facing into a twin crisis in terms of energy security and climate change in which there is just one certainty. If data centres are allowed proliferate, in the way they have to date, our national grid will be unable to cope and we will spectacularly miss our legally-binding climate action targets.

"It is now time for the government to get real. Stop listening to lobbying from tech companies and impose a moratorium on the construction of new data centres until we have more information about the risks that they pose and the best way to mitigate those risks. We need a strategic analysis of the impact of data centres on our climate target goals and energy security."

# Ground-breaking non-profit centre inspires new film

*Wicklow woman featured in film about inspirational farming, environment and wellbeing venture*

**A ground-breaking non-profit centre cofounded by a Wicklow woman is the focus of an inspiring new short new film that has just been released. Siolta Chroí is a visionary initiative that aims to restore and reinvigorate nature and communities.**

The County Monaghan based venture was cofounded by Kilmacanogue woman Karen Jeffares and her partner Gareth Conlon. The film, produced by RoInRoll Productions for Afri, is entitled 'Siolta Chroí - Seeds Of The Heart' and is available to watch for free on YouTube.

It is attracting viewers and praise from around the world. Siolta Chroí's education centre is located in Aghacloghan, about 7 kilometres from Carrickmacross. It is guided by an expert board of trustees and advisors and is increasingly seen as a practical model that can reap huge benefits for local communities around social enterprise job creation, community development, nature conversation and restoration, wildlife protection, health and wellbeing, and climate action. Siolta Chroí incorporates a market garden, a food forest system, space for animals to graze, and a venue for training and educational courses.

At a time when many are looking for new ideas, Siolta Chroí appears to be a particularly timely initiative, even though it is also rooted in what the founders say is a traditional and ancient approach to integrating food, farming, ecology, and community.

Karen previously worked internationally in peacebuilding and human rights and is also an experienced facilitator and yoga teacher. She is leading the integration of wellbeing programmes at the centre and says the past year has increased awareness of the need for change at all levels of society.

"During the past year, with the pandemic and extreme weather events, people have noticed how our food supply chain is quite distorted and doesn't always serve our needs. One of the best ways to challenge that is to support local food producers and by learning how to grow food ourselves. This includes seed saving. Currently, 60% of the world's seeds are controlled by just four companies. This needs to change so we improve food security."

"Ireland is signed up to the Sustainable Development Goals, and local councils are also developing climate action plans so there's



*Karen Jeffares and her partner Gareth Conlon*

an understanding they have a role to play and there are some great initiatives in there, but we need to go further. For us, the wider mission for Siolta Chroí is about restoring the ecosystems of Ireland and the ecosystems of communities. We need to work on the land and also to work with people and our relationship with nature," she says.

"What we are creating here is a model of what's possible," says Gareth, who has a background in environmental and global development education.

"It takes inspiration from many other people who are doing this around the world in regenerative agriculture and permaculture. We are creating a system where we grow our own food in a way that builds soil health, sequesters carbon, feeds the wildlife of the area, brings wildlife back, and feeds the community with nutritionally dense non-toxic local food. Farming often involves cutting down trees to have room for pasture but animals don't benefit from that. Often they need shelter from the sun and rain. Cutting down trees also leads to the land becoming a green desert. So tree planting

is an important part of what we do."

Gareth says that he and Karen understand that not everyone wants to live or work on a farm or grow their own food, but he believes everyone can play a role. "You've got the big supermarkets selling vegetables at below cost price. By putting our money into local food systems instead, and by supporting local food growers, that's a powerful way of creating change. In a way, this is about relearning what our ancestors knew about the wisdom of the land. Irish people have always had a deep connection with the land and we are reconnecting with that."

Siolta Chroí also works with schools and reports that young people find that learning about food, farming and health in a new way is offering them a positive focus at a time when there is a lot of doom and gloom in the air. "It is also about personal development. It helps them learn about themselves, about the land, and their connection with nature, it's important and incredibly rewarding work" says Karen. Find out more about at [www.sioltachroi.ie](http://www.sioltachroi.ie)

## Bray students say 'it's time to act!'

**Young Environmentalist Award winners are calling on future environmentalists from across Ireland to take action and apply to the 2022 Young Environmentalists Awards programme (YEAs).**

Young People from Loreto Secondary School in Bray are encouraging young people to follow in their footsteps to create action projects in their school, community or at home.

Hosted by ECO-UNESCO, the Young Environmentalist Awards is an all-Ireland programme that recognises and rewards young people for their efforts to raise awareness of climate change and improve the environment.

ECO-UNESCO visited the YEA 2021 winners from Loreto Secondary School in Bray to present their awards and launch the next year's programme. Seedling Swap won the Overall Senior category award and Senior Biodiversity category at this year's awards. Also, from Loreto Bray, The

Rainwater Rescuers won the Senior Water Category for their eco-project.

Elaine Nevin, National Director of ECO-UNESCO said "We are delighted to visit Loreto Secondary School and reward Seedling Swap and

The Rainwater Rescuers for their action projects. These young people have set an incredible example of making a positive difference and we are so excited to see the creative action projects to come this year.

"With the climate emer-

gency that we are facing, it is more important now than ever that young people get involved in creating a better future for their planet. In a recent survey by ECO-UNESCO, 58% of young people in Ireland said they would like more

local opportunities to get involved in climate action and the 2022 young environmentalist awards are the perfect opportunity!"

Erica Brierton, a young environmentalist from Seedling Swap at Loreto said "Last year we set up a seed library in our school where students could bring their own seeds into school and swap with the ones in the library. This was a really great way of promoting biodiversity in our school and community. Every action counts no matter how big or small and we encourage anyone who has an interest in the environment to apply to the YEAs."

The YEA programme is a fun and exciting way for young people to build awareness of environmental issues in their school and community and promote local actions and lifestyle changes to the environment. Registrations are now open! To apply, please go to [www.YEA.ie](http://www.YEA.ie)



*Aoife Blount, Erica Brierton, and Katrina Smyth from Loreto Secondary School in Bray are encouraging others to follow in their footsteps*

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# NEW STATE OF THE ART LIBRARY IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

Wicklow Town's new €6m library was officially opened earlier this month by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD.



Ministers Darragh O'Brien and Heather Humphreys at the official opening of the new library in Wicklow Town

The new library and County Archives are spread over six floors of what was previously a branch of Ulster Bank on Main Street.

It includes four floors of modern library facilities, including a children's library and a general reading area, adult borrowing area, study area and public access to technology and teenage library in addition to a dedicated community room, which local groups

can use for meetings and other activities.

The top floor will act as an exhibition space and a location for civic events with very attractive views over the town and harbour. In addition to the four standard library floors, there are two further floors at basement and lower basement level, dedicated to Wicklow's local history and archives.

Another significant feature is that at entry level,

from Salt House Lane, will be Wicklow County Council Local Studies which will be a welcome addition for researchers of their local area and heritage. It also contains an extensive collection of local newspapers on microfilm.

Wicklow County Council has provided a Changing Places toilet facility located at the newly opened Library which is the only such

facility in a public building in County Wicklow and possibly Ireland. Changing Places facilities are designed to enhance the health, safety, comfort and dignity of someone who may need extra support and additional equipment during personal care tasks. Changing Places promote dignity and are a key element of inclusion. The facility will make a big difference to so many people in Wicklow and beyond.

14% of the population of Wicklow or 19,244 people have at least one disability, with many reporting more than one. Wicklow County Council carried out an extensive consultation process and held a public webinar explaining the role of the Changing Places Facilities. After that, extensive work and consultation was carried out by Wicklow county council with all stakeholders including people with disabilities, disability service providers, Wicklow Tourism and the Chamber of Commerce.

Changing Places Toilet Facilities are different from standard accessible toilets. They are a large facility that provide the right equipment like a hoist and an adult sized changing bench designed to support disabled people who need it.

Imagine not being able to find a toilet when you need to. Imagine having to look after the personal care of your son, daughter, or partner on the floor of a public toilet. Imagine the indignity, this is unhygienic, undignified, and unacceptable.

Standard accessible toilets meet the needs of some disabled people but not all. For example, people with serious impairments such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis or multiple learning disabilities require extra facilities that are not provided in standard toilets or accessible WCs. This purpose-built toilet facility gives disabled people and assistants/family members more space and the right equipment to take care of personal hygiene, in safety and comfort.

Green Party TD, Steven Mathews who has been campaigning for more changing places in public buildings was delighted with the new library facilities 'I was delighted to attend the opening of the



The new state of the art library in Wicklow Town

fantastic new Wicklow Town library, it really is a credit to all who were involved in its journey from idea to completion. Part of the appeal of a library is its inclusive aspect. To use the service is free and open to all. With this in mind I'm happy to see that accessibility has been to the fore

when designing this building. The toilet facilities are fully accessible and include a large changing table and a hoist. This means that the library caters for everybody, and is a potentially life changing inclusion for some families. Equity of access to bathroom facilities in public spaces is a basic right.'

From 1st November, 'My Open Library' MOL will commence in this new Library. The 'My Open Library' facility will allow library members aged 16 years and over into the library building and children under the age of 16 when accompanied by a Parent or Guardian. MOL users may use the library

for study and reading and users can also return and borrow library items on a self-service basis. This service will be accessible from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., 365 days a year and will be a game changer for Wicklow library users who need access to the building outside staffed library hours.



Bairbre Fallon, Branch Librarian and Siobhan Jameson, Senior Library Assistant, at the new library in Wicklow Town



Librarian Loretta Rose at the self service counter in the new state of the art library in Wicklow Town



The Children's and youth section of the new Wicklow Library.



The adult mobility changing room at the new state of the art library in Wicklow Town



The Adult section of the new library in Wicklow Town





On Friday September 10th, Fine Gael Minister Simon Harris visited St. Andrew's National School in Bray where he spoke with both 5th and 6th class students about his role in political life and conducted a Q&A session with the students. The students asked Minister Harris questions on a wide variety of topics, including politics, education, family life, and pets. Following the visit Minister Harris said: "I was delighted to have been invited to visit St. Andrew's National School and to speak with both students and teachers about the impact that this past year has had on them. One of my favourite parts of my job is making politics relatable to the younger generation. We must operate from a platform where all voices and opinions can be heard, regardless of age." Minister Harris is pictured talking with principal Daphne Wood

## Calls for Blessington traffic and pedestrian safety audit

Minister Simon Harris has requested that Baltinglass Municipal District Council carry out an audit of pedestrian safety in Blessington.

Minister Harris said "I have raised an ever growing number of pedestrian safety issues in Blessington with Wicklow County Council.

"Blessington Main Street is an extremely busy thoroughfare and there was a serious incident recently which highlighted the need for an entire review of pedestrian facilities in Blessington".

Minister Harris continued: "I have also highlighted particular concerns at Burgage near the Texaco Garage where commuters from the 65 bus have to dodge traffic without any signalised pedestrian crossing in place.

"The Budget for cycling and walking has been expanded by the government and I would support any application by Wicklow County Council for funding from the Department of Transport for Blessington to improve pedestrian safety."



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# Old watermains in Greystones being replaced

Irish Water, working in partnership with Wicklow County Council, is progressing with essential water mains replacement works in Greystones to improve the security of supply and reduce high levels of leakage in the area.

The works, which are scheduled to begin on Monday 20 September, will involve the replacement of almost 1km of old problematic cast iron water mains along Trafalgar Road, including Cliff Road, that were prone to leakage. The pipes will be replaced with new, high density polyethylene (plastic) pipes which will improve water quality and reduce high levels of leakage which was impacting the water supply to customers in this area.

The works will also involve laying new water service connections from the public water main in the road to customers' property boundaries and connecting it to the customer's water supply. Where the existing service connections on the public side are lead, these will be replaced as part of this improvement work.

To facilitate the safe delivery of these works, there will be a requirement for intermittent road closures. Traffic management will be in place and diversions will be clearly signposted. Local and emergency traffic will be maintained at all times. Irish Water and Wicklow County Council say they will make every effort to maintain normal supply to all properties throughout the works however some short-term water shut offs may be necessary and the project team will give customers a



Joe Carroll, Irish Water's Regional Lead

minimum of 48 hours' notice prior to any planned water shut offs and temporary road closures.

Irish Water stated "we and Wicklow County Council regret any inconvenience these improvement works may cause. These works will be carried out on behalf of Irish Water by Ward and Burke Ltd and are expected to be completed in early December. These essen-

tial works will be delivered in adherence with the HSE and government guidance on COVID-19."

Speaking about these works, Joe Carroll, Irish Water's Regional Lead, commented "These works are vital to ensure a more secure water supply to homes and businesses in Greystones and are part of a significant investment by Irish Water to safeguard the water supply. We understand this type of work can be inconvenient and we will ensure our work crews make every effort to minimise any disruption these works may cause."

Irish Water said "Fixing leaks can be complicated with over 63,000km of water pipe in Ireland. Most leaks aren't visible, resulting in precious water being lost but we are making progress. In 2018 the rate of leakage nationally was 46%, by the end of 2020 it was reduced to 40% and we are currently on course to achieving a national leakage rate of 38% by the end of 2021.

"The national Leakage Reduction Programme which will see €500 million invested up to the end of 2021 helps to reduce the level of leakage across the country by fixing and replacing old water mains. This will ensure a safe, reliable water supply which is vital for our health, our environment and our growing population and economy."

## New pedestrian crossing confirmed at Greystones Community National School

Works will commence shortly to construct a new pedestrian crossing on the R744 road - serving Greystones Community National School. There has been a consistent residential development in this area in recent years and with the much-awaited new Greystones Community National School now open there is increased footfall in the area especially at school start and finishing time.

Upon receiving confirmation of the new pedestrian crossing, Green Party TD Steven Matthews said "I had been contacted by local residents earlier this year to enquire about traffic management and pedestrian safety matters when the school would open. The area has quite good pedestrian and cycling infrastructure but there was an obvious weak point around the lack of a safe crossing point on the R744 near the school.

"I checked back on the planning applications over the years and noted that a pedestrian crossing was a condition of a 2019 planning application for a residential development in the area. Subsequently, I liaised with Greystones Municipal District and contacted that developer to request that the work be carried out as soon as possible due to the urgency brought about by the school opening and the need to create a safe route to school.

"I have received confirmation that the developer will now proceed with the construction and a location has been agreed with the district office with a contractor is being appointed shortly.

"Road safety for cyclists and pedestrians and safe routes to school is a priority for me for all areas across Wicklow and I would encourage anyone with a concern or idea for how we can improve safety for our children cycling and walking to school to get in touch.

"The Green Party has secured unprecedented multi annual funding for cycling and walking infrastructure, matched with staff resources within our local authorities which will see huge improvements for vulnerable roads users over the coming years and I will continue my work to ensure Wicklow gets the safety improvements we need," concluded Deputy Matthews.



Deputy Steven Matthews in Greystones



# 'A Fair Deal for Wicklow workers'

A new Bill, introduced in the Dail last week, aims to create a 'fair deal' for workers and their communities as we transition to a zero-carbon economy by establishing a Just Transition Commission.

The Just Transition (Worker and Community Environmental Rights) Bill 2021 was introduced by Social Democrats TD Jennifer Whitmore, her second piece of legislation in the Dail since being elected.

"Climate action is one of the key priorities of the Social Democrats and our Just Transition Bill will ensure there is a fair deal for workers, farmers and communities as we make the transition to a zero-carbon economy" said Deputy Whitmore, the SocDems Spokesperson for Climate Action.

"The Greens, and other parties in government, frequently use the term 'just transition' but it has become nothing more than a buzz word or branding. They are not following their words with concrete action.

"This was originally a Green Party piece of leg-

islation - Eamon Ryan introduced it to the Dail in 2018. However, it has not been progressed while they have been in government.

"In fact, the notion of a just transition has been entirely absent from climate action legislation pursued by the Green Party in government. The words 'just transition' were not even mentioned in the first draft of the Climate Action Act. The Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action fought to include it, but the government refused to define the term or include just transition principles in the legislation.

"What we mean by just transition is a fair deal for those who are impacted most by climate mitigation measures. We cannot have a situation whereby people are penalised, or left behind, as we try to do the right thing and take



Jennifer Whitmore TD

radical steps to achieve our climate action goals.

"Many workers, sectors and communities in Wicklow will be vulnerable to the transition if the government's climate action plan does not protect them fully. Farmers, for example, will need a clear pathway outlining how they will be supported to incorporate and benefit from sustainable farming practices. The Just Transition

Commission my Bill sets up will help farmers address any weakness in the government's climate action plan.

"Anyone working in or selling fossil fuels, including many retailers, will also be affected during the transition to a zero-carbon economy when fossil fuels are removed from our local economies and more homes are retrofitted. They too will have access to the Just Transition Commissioner to make sure the government's climate action plan facilitates them to adjust to these economic changes, and that they are not vulnerable as a result.

"The question for the Government now is - will they support farmers, retailers, workers and communities and deliver on what they promised, or oppose their own updated legislation?"

## Donnelly launches public consultation for the future of palliative care services

Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly has praised the work of Wicklow Hospice as he announced a public consultation on the National Adult Palliative Care Policy.

The Minister visited Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services Wicklow Hospice to mark National Palliative Care Week.

During his visit he thanked staff at the hospice for the important work they do.

He said: "I would also like to thank Wicklow Hospice for the invaluable service your staff provide, which makes a real difference to the lives of people with life-limiting conditions, their families and carers.

"It's wonderful to be able to launch the public consultation for the future of palliative care services in a such a state-of-the-art facility."

He added: "I would like to acknowledge again the role of the local community in supporting the development of this new service."

Minister Donnelly also said the consultation will come in the form of an online survey to garner the views of the public on how to best care for people with serious and progressive illnesses.

Minister Donnelly appealed for as many people as possible to take part in the survey.

"The survey will provide valuable information about the views of the nation on how care for people with a serious and progressive illness is

delivered in Ireland and help to shape the development of the update to the Palliative Care Policy for adults. I would urge everybody to take part in the survey. Getting the views of both those who work in the field of palliative care, interested organisations and members of the public is vital to the development of this policy."

The survey which has been launched to coincide with National Palliative Care Week 2021 is now available to complete online will be open to the public until 25 October this year.

The public consultation will aid the Government in updating the existing Palliative Care Policy for Adults that was originally published in 2001.



Minister Donnelly at Wicklow Hospice launching the public consultation on the National Adult Palliative Care Policy



Bray Emmets Hurling team celebrate winning a three-in-a-row after beating Glenealy in the Senior Hurling Championship in Aughrim. Pic: Michael Kelly



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Joe Roberts, Tommy Morrissey, and Karl Birrell of Wicklow Rotary Club with Wicklow Rotary President Peter Byrne at the Wicklow Rotary Club Golf Classic in Blainroe Golf Club. Pic: Michael Kelly

## Wicklow Rotary golf classic a social and sporting triumph

Wicklow Rotary stepped outside Zoom calls recently to organise its annual Golf Classic at Blainroe Golf Club.

"We really appreciate the support of the community, our sponsors and the 22 teams that entered the classic," said Peter Byrne, President of Wicklow Rotary at the prizegiving in Blainroe club house.

Peter Byrne thanked the "hard-working Rotary Golf Classic under the chairmanship of Alistair Smith" for organising such a major event. "Last year they kept the competition alive during Covid-19, and this year they excelled in making this a truly memorable social and competitive event now that restrictions are being lifted," he told the large gathering in the clubhouse.

Alistair Smith, chair of the Golf Classic committee thanked the teams that entered the competition: "The scoring was superb in a day of mixed weather but as usual, the excellent golfing conditions at Blainroe Golf Club contributed enormously to the event, not to mention great food for participants," he said.

Thomas O'Dowd, Mark Carwood and Michael O'Neill, representing Astron Engineering, emerged victorious just ahead of Duncan Duke, Andrew Doyle and Tony McCann of Inverdea. The Wicklow Rugby Club team of Tommy Morrissey, Joe Roberts and Karl Burrell took third place.

"The Golf Classic is a major event in the Rotary calendar," said Peter Byrne. "Funds raised go to worthwhile local charities and voluntary organisations along with some sponsorship of international projects including Bikes for Africa."

He said the emphasis is on local projects: "The focus of our work since the outbreak of the pandemic in Ireland has been to help local organisations including Cancer Support, Wicklow Men's Shed, the Samaritans, Wicklow Youth Mental Health Initiative, Wicklow RNLI and the Youth Leadership Award."

# Irish Writers Centre appoints Wicklow woman as Chairperson of Board of Directors

The Irish Writers Centre, Ireland's flagship resource organisation for writers, has announced the appointment of Ashford woman Breda Brown as the new Chairperson of its Board of Directors.

Now in its 30th year, the mission of the Irish Writers Centre is to support, promote and inform writers at all stages of their development, through membership, professional training, information, mentoring, networking opportunities, creative writing courses and programmed events.

Breda is Co-founder and Communications Director of Unique Media, a strategic communications advisory firm, and she will engage in her new voluntary position with the Irish Writers Centre in conjunction with her professional role.

An absolute book lover, Breda's work with Unique Media extends to clients such as the An Post Irish Book Awards, where, over

the past 15 years, her strategic planning, PR, digital, and event management expertise has helped turn the initiative into one of the most significant events in the Irish literary calendar.

Breda also presents and produces the Inside Books podcast in which she interviews Irish and international authors and she reviews crime novels for the Sunday Independent. She holds an MA in Journalism and BA in Communication Studies, both from Dublin City University.

With the Irish Writers Centre celebrating its 30th anniversary, Breda says she is truly honoured to take up this role at such a pivotal time in the history of the organisation. "As

we enter our fourth decade as the home of writers in Ireland, we will be focusing on further strengthening our role and relevance for writers in what is currently a truly flourishing literary landscape.

"We are keen to explore even more innovative ways of supporting the existing professional literary infrastructure, ensure our services are as accessible as possible while also giving a platform to new voices and forms of literary expression. It's an extremely exciting time for everyone involved with the Irish Writers Centre and I'm really looking forward to a future that will be propelled by ambition and optimism for writers and writing in Ireland."



Breda Brown

## Baltinglass woman interviewed for Vanishing Ireland podcast

The new Vanishing Ireland podcast series features 16 profile interviews with elders of Irish society by historian Turtle Bunbury. In last weeks' podcast, 91 year-old Freda Jones, a much admired organist living near Baltinglass recalls journeying to her West Cork school on the back of her father's milk cart as one of her earliest memories.

She recalls her childhood days alongside the Schull to Skibbereen railway line before she left for boarding school at the Collegiate School, Celbridge. She also tells how she was obliged to give up her teaching career in Baltinglass, County Wicklow, following her marriage in 1957.

Available on Spotify, Google and all podcast channels, Vanishing Ireland with Turtle Bunbury is a podcast series of interviews with Ireland's over 70's, celebrating their life stories, challenges, courage, kindness and humour. The series documents the, very often, extraordinary lives of our older population in a way that celebrates the past while informing younger generations in shaping the future. The 2021 series will highlight the wealth of humour, resilience and wisdom from Ireland's elders. Created in audio format, Turtle discusses life and its learnings with people across Ireland, saving and celebrating their voices for future generations.

Speaking about the Vanishing Ireland Series, Bunbury says: "Introducing the voices of Vanishing Ireland to the podcast generation has been an entirely new departure for our elders but has been deeply exciting and very much in keeping with our aims. I feel very honoured to have had this time with Ireland's elders and to chronicle their unique and fascinating stories. We hope everyone enjoys listening to the series as much as we have enjoyed creating it."

The mission of Vanishing Ireland is to preserve the stories of the older generations, bringing to life the world that our grandparents knew in a manner that appeals to a 21st century audience. Vanishing Ireland supported by SuperValu hopes to inspire children and grandchildren to listen to the stories of their own parents and grandparents, as well as older friends and neighbours, creating a record of memories for future generations.



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# Calls for Courts Service to lease Wicklow Court House to Council

Minister Simon Harris TD has called upon the Courts Service to meaningfully engage with Wicklow County Council and the wider community in Wicklow Town regarding the future upkeep of Wicklow Town Court House.

Minister Harris said: "I have been working with local community groups including the Wicklow Town Team regarding the upkeep and refurbishment of the Wicklow Town Court House.

"I have raised the issue of the future upkeep of the Court House with the Courts Service, Wicklow County Council and the Minister for Justice. The Court House is a protected structure and key landmark in the heart of Wicklow Town.

"The medium term solution for the building's upkeep until it resumes use as a Court House is for the Courts Service to lease the building to the local authority. The

and the Wicklow Town Team along with the council have come forward with creative ideas for the use of the building in the short to medium term".

Minister Harris concluded: "While the intention is to reopen the complex as a Court House at a later date, after 11 years of the building being vacant it is important is not left empty indefinitely. It is not acceptable that the building be left vacant and fall into disrepair".

Green Party TD Steven Matthews recently met with Minister for Justice Heather Humphreys in Wicklow Town as part of a wider funding

been in use since 2010, is not included in any planned improvement works. Several residents have written to me over the summer to ask if anything can be done to clean up the front of the building that faces onto the square and having had the opportunity to examine the building up close last week, I completely understand their concerns.

"The works I have asked the Minister to consider include the cleaning of the whole front of the building that faces onto the square and some subtle up-lighting that will add to the ongoing positive investment in the rest of the square. The lighting in particular will be a



Deputy Matthews at Wicklow Town Courthouse, Market Square

Courts Service have indicated to me a willingness to engage with Wicklow County Council and the local community about its use while the building is not open as a Court.

"I have requested that a lease agreement be put in place between the Department of Justice/Court Services with Wicklow County Council, that would allow the Council use of the building. Any such agreement to include a clause that the Council must surrender the courthouse back, once the Department of Justice and Court Services are in a position to commence work on the development of a new court service within the building.

"This building a key part of our local heritage

announcement for the Town Square.

However, the front of the Court House, which was flagged by number of residents as needing cleaning, was not included in the planned works for the town. Following their meeting, Deputy Matthews wrote to the Minister to ask that this issue is addressed to complement the ongoing investment in the area.

Discussing the issue, Deputy Matthews said: "In recent months there has been some very positive funding announcements for Wicklow Town that will see huge improvements to the town square and the surrounding areas. Unfortunately, the old courthouse which faces the southern part of the square, which has not

welcome addition as we head into the winter months. Given the level of investment going into various aspects of Wicklow Town, the relatively small some of money required to improve the façade of the courthouse would be a very positive investment.

"I will continue to engage with Minister Humphreys and her Department in the coming weeks with the hope of getting this project carried out. I also look forward to working with Wicklow County Council in the coming months on the overall positive improvements to the public realm in the town that will improve the area for visitors and locals alike," concluded Deputy Matthews.



Residents of Ballytiege and Tansey Close, Rathdrum, are pictured with Cllr Pat Kennedy and Arklow Municipal District Engineer Avril Hill at the new green as you enter Rathdrum from Greenane. Pic: Michael Kelly

## New green area creates an even warmer welcome to Rathdrum

The residents of Ballytiege/Tansey Close have transformed a waste land into a beautiful and inviting focal point as people enter Rathdrum from the Greenane area.

When the group approached Cllr Pat Kennedy for help he came on board providing support on funding grants available through the local Council and various contacts who could also help.

"This has been a success because of all the support and goodwill we received from Wicklow County Council especially Avril Hill and Rob Mulhall, Brendan Doyle in Dan Morrisseys, John Porter Construction and Pat Kennedy. We also have a brilliant group of volunteers who gave up lots of their time to get this done," said Liam Kelly, Residents Association Chairperson.

The volunteers are: Marian and John Murphy, Patrick Kinsella, Pat, John and Ciaran Kennedy, Conor, Aidan, Liam, Karen and Liam Kelly. The new area has a 'Welcome to Rathdrum' sign, a seat so the many walkers who use the area can sit and enjoy the mountain views, along with a stone feature and colourful planters.

## Council advances 300KWP solar car ports

A solar car port project installed at Wicklow County Council's headquarters in Wicklow Town will generate renewable energy and assist in achieving climate change targets.

In August, Enerpower, a Waterford-based company, commenced the installation of 300kWp of solar panel capacity for Wicklow County Council. This project is the largest solar car port project in Ireland covering 107 car park spaces and circa 1600m<sup>2</sup> at County Buildings.

The Council has identified energy efficiency as a key goal in meeting the national targets and in reducing long-term costs.

The Council has signed up to the SEAI Partnership programme for public bodies. An Energy team is in place for the Council as it

continues with a programme of upgrading social housing with energy efficiency measures.

The Council provides services out of more than 35 buildings. These include the main County Building in Wicklow Town, area offices, Town Halls, libraries, heritage centres, swimming pools/leisure centres, fire stations, community centres and waste management sites.

The annual estimated energy consumption for Wicklow is 22 million kWh per annum of which approximately 10 million kWh's is

electricity and eight million kWh's per annum is gas. Four million kWh's is consumed by LPG, oil, and transport fuel.

Commenting on the project, Wicklow County Council Chief Executive Officer, Frank Curran, stated: "The installation of the solar panel car ports at County Buildings in Wicklow is a great example of using existing sites, such as car parks, to generate renewable energy and assist in achieving Climate Change targets."

Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Shay Cullen, added "I'm delighted to see large innovative projects like the solar carport taking shape, it is one of our key energy efficiency projects for 2021."



Photomontage of the Solar Carports at Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, on Station Road, Wicklow





There are many options when it comes to making changes to your home and it is important to choose the right one. You will have to live with your decisions!

#### Windows & doors

Selecting doors and windows for your home 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, light 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.

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.

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.

#### 'A bedroom should be cosy and relaxing'

We spend about a third of our lives in the bed-

room so it's important to get things right with regards to décor, furniture and colours. Since much of our time in the bedroom is spent relaxing or sleeping, many people prefer to choose calm and serene colours when it comes to the walls. This can mean choosing a more toned down version of whatet your preferred colour might be.

In the bedroom, the ceiling takes on more importance than it does in other rooms, since many of us spend time looking up at it while lying in bed.

You can make the ceiling more interesting simply with some added texture, colouring or design.

A bedroom should be cosy and relaxing, and the positioning of the furniture can matter a great deal with regards to this. The bed shouldn't be an obstacle you have to constantly walk around, and other items of furniture such as desks and dressers should be tailored according to the size of the room; if the dresser is too large for example it will be too domineering in a smaller room.

#### Finding the right furniture

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?

#### The bathroom - a room for relaxation

Your bathroom should be a room for relaxation - a haven from the hustle and bustle of work, children, washing, the neighbours ... the list goes on. However, for many it's a cold, uninspiring room, ill-suited to the family's needs - a room to rush into, get cleaned in and rush out of again. So if we're not exactly enamoured with the lime

green décor of ten years ago, how can we expect to enjoy that time with ourselves. Yet again, it doesn't take drastic measures like moving house to achieve the improvement that we want. A dash of paint, a few tasteful additions in terms of ornamentation, lighting - even plants - will go a long way towards improving the loo.

But these are mere small changes. We can effect real drama in the bathroom with a change of suite, window dressings and even floor coverings - after all, there's no hard and fast rule which states that you must always use floor tiles in the bathrooms. 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. Careful preparation, planning and organisation are all essential ingredients for creating the perfect bathroom.

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"We are delighted to receive All-Star Business accreditation for the fourth year in a row. This last year we have worked harder than ever and we are extremely proud of our team for all they've done in helping us achieve this recognition once again. People do business with people they trust." Sorcha Kenny, "Not only have we been recognised as an All-Star Business for four years in a row we were also accredited as the All-Star Wexford Small Business overall. Sadly, there wasn't the traditional events ceremony which we love to attend as we get to meet up with fellow All-Star businesses but there was a wonderful virtual ceremony that was just as lovely."

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their accreditation based on meeting the highest standard of verified performance, trust and customer centricity. In achieving this accreditation, K&K Windows join a unique group of businesses and continues to demonstrate unending commitment to improving services for both customer and suppliers.

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Catherine Moroney, AIB's Head of Business Banking; Aisling O'Neill, Network Ireland's National President; and Sheelagh Daly, Entrepreneurship Manager, Enterprise Ireland are pictured at the launch of the Network Ireland Annual Conference and Businesswoman of the Year Awards. Picture by Mary Browne

# Finalists gear up for Network Ireland national awards

*72 regional winners go through from over 430 entries as tickets go on sale*

Network Ireland has launched its Annual Conference and Businesswoman of the Year Awards, with Enterprise Ireland as its event partner. The gala event will be streamed live from Theatre Royal Waterford on October 8th and tickets are now on sale.

All proceeds from streaming ticket sales will go to Network Ireland's charity partner for 2021, Focus Ireland. The audience will enjoy a programme packed full of expert business insight, real-world advice and entertainment, as well as the excitement that goes along with the Businesswoman of the Year awards each year.

## The award categories are:

- \* Solo Businesswoman
- \* Emerging New Business
- \* Established Business
- \* Employee - Rising Star - recognises professional women in a company who have made important advances as they start out on their career.
- \* Employee - Shining Star - professional women, who demonstrate ambition and dedication to their careers
- \* Creative Professional
- \* STEM - recognises professional women in STEM.
- \* 'Power Within' Champion - recognises women who have used their Power Within to great impact.

A total of 435 applicants put their names forward for the awards through 14 regional branches of Network Ireland, and a hectic season of selection

events across the country in recent months has resulted in the selection of 72 finalists to go forward to October's event.

Network Ireland's National President Aisling O'Neill says "Having Enterprise Ireland on board for our flagship event is a real boost for Network Ireland. I'm really looking forward to working with them and ensuring a brilliant day for our members and audience. We're preparing a fantastic line-up of guests who will be sharing expert insight and real-world advice on areas including science, food, investment for your business or your own portfolio and more."

Sheelagh Daly from Enterprise Ireland says: "Enterprise Ireland is delighted to partner with Network Ireland and the 2021 Businesswoman of the Year awards. As part of our Action plan for Women in Business, we recognise the importance of networks for businesswomen to engage at a peer-to-peer level. Acknowledging and recognising the talent and expertise demonstrated on a daily basis by women business leaders contributes significantly to increasing women's entrepreneurship, resulting in better business and faster economic growth in Ireland. We

look forward to working with Network Ireland and its members in the lead up to the Annual Conference in October."

AIB's Head of Business Banking, Catherine Moroney - who will be a judge at the awards - paid tribute to the hard work that goes into this event each year: "The Network Ireland Annual Conference and Businesswoman of the Year Awards is always a fantastic opportunity to recognise and pay tribute to exceptional female entrepreneurship and professionalism in businesses of all sizes nationally. The awards are also the very visible evidence of the ethos of Network Ireland following on annually from a year of purposeful networking, learning and the development of a strong peer network of outstanding businesswomen. It has been particularly important through lock-down and will be equally so as we develop our 'new normal' for business and communities. I look forward to meeting the finalists, all of whom have come through their own regional heats, as they are always inspirational, remarkable businesspeople. This is a celebration of their brilliance."

Tickets for the event can be purchased via [network.ie](http://network.ie).

# Wicklow consumers respond to call to 'Look For Local'

Research released by the Local Enterprise Offices has shown that 66% of Irish consumers bought goods or services locally, to support their local economy, as a result of seeing or hearing the Look for Local campaign or similar shop local themed campaigns this summer.

The research, which was conducted as part of the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow's "Look for Local" campaign, showed that the same figure, 66%, said they intended to continue to spend more on local goods and services in the coming months.

The results also showed that 75% of adults are now more inclined to shop for local businesses online since 91% believe there are now more local Irish businesses online than ever before.

In 2020 the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow approved over 420 Trading Online Vouchers which enabled small businesses to set up an online trading presence. This was up from 39 from the year previous and helped small businesses to keep the virtual doors open, when the physical ones were shut.

Those surveyed also showed an understanding of the benefits of spending in your community or town with the research highlighting they "strongly agreed" that looking for local is beneficial to the economy and jobs and also has a positive environmental impact.

The Look for Local campaign was launched earlier this summer by Local Enterprise Office Wicklow and funded by

the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and supported by Enterprise Ireland and the Local Authorities.

The campaign which was rolled out locally by Local Enterprise Office Wicklow involved national and local advertising and promotion across the Summer encouraging consumers to look for local when purchasing products, services or experiences.

The campaign saw over 4,500 local businesses listed on the Look for Local hub on the Local Enterprise Office website that consumers could access and browse to see what was available in their area.

Damien English TD, Minister for Business, Employment and Retail said; "Across the Summer we saw thousands of Irish businesses reopening their doors, many for the first time since the pandemic began. This would have been a very exciting but anxious time for them as they recommenced trading to the public. What this research shows is that the Irish public responded to the 'Look for Local' call by the Local Enterprise Office Network and supported their own when they needed it the most. People are aware of the benefits of looking for local and they consciously

chose to support local businesses this summer and plan to do so into the future. This is a testament to the campaign.

"We have worked closely with the Local Enterprise Offices across the past 18 months to sustain businesses, help them upskill, get online and in some cases pivot as we adapt to new ways of trading we will continue to support these small businesses that are the life blood of communities across the country."

Ms. Vibeke Delahunt, Head of Enterprise, said; "The Look for Local campaign was an opportunity for the Local Enterprise Office to show support to all those small businesses in County Wicklow as they reopened and encourage consumers to do the same. To see that people intentionally spent with our local businesses this Summer is fantastic, but it also shows that consumers believed in the quality of product, service and experience they were getting on their own doorstep.

"As was outlined during the campaign, every euro that is spent locally here in Co. Wicklow is an investment in our community and that money has a knock-on effect through the county. Consumers now understand that spending local-

ly will positively impact the economy and jobs in their area and going forward for small businesses there is a big opportunity to capitalise on that sentiment."

Mr. Frank Curran, CE, Wicklow County Council, said: "Wicklow County Council in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow ran the Look for Local and Shop Local campaign to great success locally and we will continue to promote the importance of supporting local businesses and buying local."

The survey by GroupM Research, sampled over 700 Irish consumers, and highlights how Irish consumers were keen to support their own local businesses as the country reopened across the summer.

In addition to the Trading Online Vouchers the Local Enterprise Office continues to work with small businesses across the country with training, mentoring, sector & issue specific consultancy and financial supports to help them start up and grow as the country reopens fully.

For more information on Look for Local go to [www.LocalEnterprise.ie/LookForLocal](http://www.LocalEnterprise.ie/LookForLocal) and support Look for Local online using the hashtag #LookForLocal

# Coffee lovers in Wicklow urged to support Big Coffee Morning for Hospice

**Together for Hospice, which represents 26 Hospice and specialist palliative home care services throughout the country, has announced the launch of the 2021 Bewley's Big Coffee Morning Social for Hospice which takes place on Thursday 23rd September.**

Whether it's morning mochas, lunchtime lattes or afternoon americanos, simply gather a group on Thursday, 23rd September, and do coffee your way, to help raise much needed funds to support the work of Out Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Wicklow. Those taking part are encouraged to host socially distanced coffee morning socials and follow all government guidelines.

In 2020, the fundraising event raised over €1 million for local hospices and specialist palliative home-care services nationwide and contributed to a significant fundraising milestone for the event which has raised over €40 million since its inception in 1992. The funds raised have enabled local hospice groups such as Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services to fund front-line staff such as nurses and healthcare assistants who provide specialist, high quality and loving care to patients and their families, fund on-going facility enhancements as well as purchasing crucial equipment. Funds raised locally stay local and go directly back into each local hospice service.

Eleanor Flew, Director of Fundraising and Communications, Our Lady's Hospice & Care

Services said, "We are delighted Bewley's Big Coffee Morning Social for Hospice is back for another year raising funds in support of Hospice inpatient and community services around here in Wicklow and around Ireland. The funds raised each year by the Irish public ensure we continue to provide vital support to individual patients and their families every day. We are incredibly grateful to the continued generosity of the coffee morning hosts, donors ambassadors and Bewley's for their long-standing support".

To register to host a coffee morning on Thursday, 23rd September, or on a date that suits you, go to [www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie](http://www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie) or call 1890 998 995. Hosts are provided with a Coffee Morning Pack containing Bewley's coffee, posters, and invitations free of charge. Remember, every cup counts!

The public can support Bewley's Big Coffee Morning Social for Hospice on Thursday 23rd September 2021 by: 1.) Hosting a virtual coffee morning social; 2.) Hosting a socially distanced coffee morning social with a small group of family or friends; 3.) If you can't host or attend a coffee morning social, please consider donating to your local hospice online at [www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie](http://www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie).

Stay Safe - no matter what type of event you host - please always remember to stay safe, and adhere to the current HSE and Government COVID-19 guidelines. Please visit [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) to see the most up to date guidance.



# Dementia - Getting Plugged In

September is World Alzheimer Month and the Wicklow Times, in partnership with the HSE's Dementia: Understand Together campaign, is featuring a series of articles on living with dementia. This week, we focus on how technology can help.

*By Emma O'Brien, Occupational Therapist & Clinical Lead, HSE's Memory Technology Resource Rooms*

When so many of our usual routines have changed due to COVID-19, thankfully, technology has offered us ways to stay in touch. Virtual and online communication methods have become the norm and will no doubt continue to play a role in our lives. For many people with dementia, technology has been a lifeline in maintaining a level of social connection so important for health and well-being.

To showcase the advances being made, and how they can help, the HSE has Memory Technology Resource Rooms (MTRRs) in almost every county to support people with memory difficulties, including people with dementia and their families. The MTRRs often have a homely feel and feature a wide variety of low- and high-tech equipment that can help overcome common problems encountered as a result of memory loss or cognitive impairment. These include orientation clocks with the day, date and time; easy-to-use technologies such as TV remote controls, one-button radios, and picture phones; and prompts and safety technologies such as medication reminders and



*Emma O'Brien, Occupational Therapist & Clinical Lead, HSE's Memory Technology Resource Rooms*

GPS devices.

Visitors to the MTRRs are able to see what pieces of equipment might best suit, how they work, as well as check out the benefits of smart technologies.

## Smart Homes

Thanks to smart homes and the arrival of voice-activated personal assistants, advances in technology are now increasingly evident in our living spaces. These can be a great support for people with dementia, for example, in playing a favourite song, asking the day or simply requesting the device to make or answer a call. They are also great for appointment reminders and medication prompts.

## Smartphones

Smartphones too can be a great support. Unfortunately, as dementia progresses, they can become challenging. However, there are steps you can take to make things simpler:

- Increase the size of text and icons
- Change the background to a strong contrasting colour to support visibility
- Delete or conceal apps no longer in use

Smartphones also offer access to supportive apps for reminiscence, stimulation and brain challenges, e.g., Irish Film Institute (IFI) player or Luminosity. Of course, easy-to-use phones can also be purchased as an alternative.

For information on HSE Memory Technology Resource Rooms, including the services in St Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin (tel. 01 211 5186/01 211 5196) and the Primary Care Centre, Knockrobin, Wicklow (tel. 076 695 8374), where you can speak to an expert occupational therapist, visit [www.understandtogether.ie/mtrr](http://www.understandtogether.ie/mtrr). Alternatively, contact The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Helpline for support on Freephone 1800 341 341 (Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 4pm).



## Heritage Council invites people from County Wicklow to nominate their Heritage Hero

The search for Ireland's 'Heritage Hero' for 2021 has been launched by the Heritage Council. Every year, the Heritage Council seeks nominations for an individual or a group of people who have worked tirelessly to protect and promote heritage.

People from County Wicklow are invited to nominate the person or group that they feel is most deserving of the award by completing the Heritage Hero nomination form. Nominations close at 12 noon on Monday, 20th September.

Speaking about the call for nominations, CEO of the Heritage Council, Virginia Teehan said: "Heritage Heroes come in different forms: last year, the Heritage Council acknowledged Christy Cuniffe, who had recently retired as the archaeological field monument advisor for Co Galway. Mr Cuniffe was recognised as a 'Heritage Hero' for his efforts throughout his 30 years of involvement in heritage, in engaging with local communities and

heritage groups, and sharing his own knowledge and enthusiasm with those around him.

"Heritage Heroes are special people who have made a significant contribution to maintaining and promoting our heritage: it may be natural heritage, built heritage or our intangible heritage, which comprises everything from traditional skills to language and sport."

The heritage hero award is part of the National Heritage Awards, which takes place annually to celebrate the outstanding projects and events from National Heritage Week. National Heritage Week 2021 ran from 14 - 22 August, and comprised a mix of online, in-person and community activities and projects. In total, over 1,000 projects and events took place around the country and there were 46 National Heritage Week projects and events shared by project organisers in County Wicklow.

At the National Heritage Awards, the Heritage Council will also recognise the most successful heritage project from County Wicklow as part of the County Award category.



*Jeannie Higgins (right), with volunteers Aoife Martin and Orlagh Buckley at the 2019 Women's Mini Marathon.*

## Wicklow woman to help feed 2 million children

An ambitious new fundraiser is underway across the country to build on a landmark achievement by an international school feeding charity. Mary's Meals now serves over two million children in 19 of the world's poorest countries every day.

Mary's Meals Ireland are celebrating this amazing achievement by asking Irish supporters to raise enough funds to feed the entire 2 million children for a day. It costs just 9c on average to feed a child a nutritious school meal, in some of the poorest communities in the world. This amounts to just €18.30 for an entire school year!

Wicklow native, and fundraising coordinator for Mary's Meals Ireland, Jeannie Higgins, describes the joy of everyone involved as contagious. "It's simple," she said, "we don't just want your two cents worth - we want your nine cents! If every person in Wicklow gave just nine cents, we could provide a nutritious

school meal for 142,425 children!"

The campaign runs from the 8th of September to the 31st October 2021. Full details can be found on their website [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie). There are many ways to get involved; from sponsored walks to scrap metal collections, and everything in between, the ingenious supporters of Mary's Meals have come up with hundreds of ways to get to this extraordinary milestone. With such a small amount having such a large impact, it is a great cause for schools, families and businesses to get behind.

The charity had humble beginnings to say the least: a one-off good deed from a shed in the Highlands of Scotland

eventually led to a small school feeding programme in Malawi, aiming to bring vital meals to around 200 children. Now more than 30% of the primary school population of Malawi enjoys the nutritious meals, served in schools by local volunteers to help the next generation build a brighter future.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder and CEO of Mary's Meals, said: "Today we celebrate an amazing moment in the Mary's Meals story. Today, two million children ate Mary's Meals in a place of education. When we set out on this path, nearly 30 years ago, we were overwhelmed by people's goodness in donating - and that's been the story ever since. I thank you with all my

heart on behalf of each of those children".

Mary's Meals not only feeds huge numbers of children attending government-run schools in Africa, but also brings daily meals to children finding hope in non-formal education centres in India; the sons and daughters of vulnerable migrant workers in Thailand; young people engaging in education while awaiting trial in prisons in Niger and Madagascar; children affected by the ongoing conflict in Syria - through feeding programmes in Aleppo and neighbouring Lebanon; and many thousands of young learners in Haiti, which has been plagued by years of political unrest and damage from natural disasters.



*Children enjoying Mary's Meals in Liberia*





On 25th September the legendary Rob Strong returns to the Mermaid Arts Centre (with special guest Niamh Strong) after a sold-out show with Don Baker back in 2018. Rob has always enjoyed a big following in the Bray area and sold out The Hot Spot in Greystones in 2020. The Derry man recently celebrated an amazing 60 years on the road, and as the title of his recently released biography suggests, is 'STILL GOING STRONG!' Tickets €25

## Akademiska Stilleben

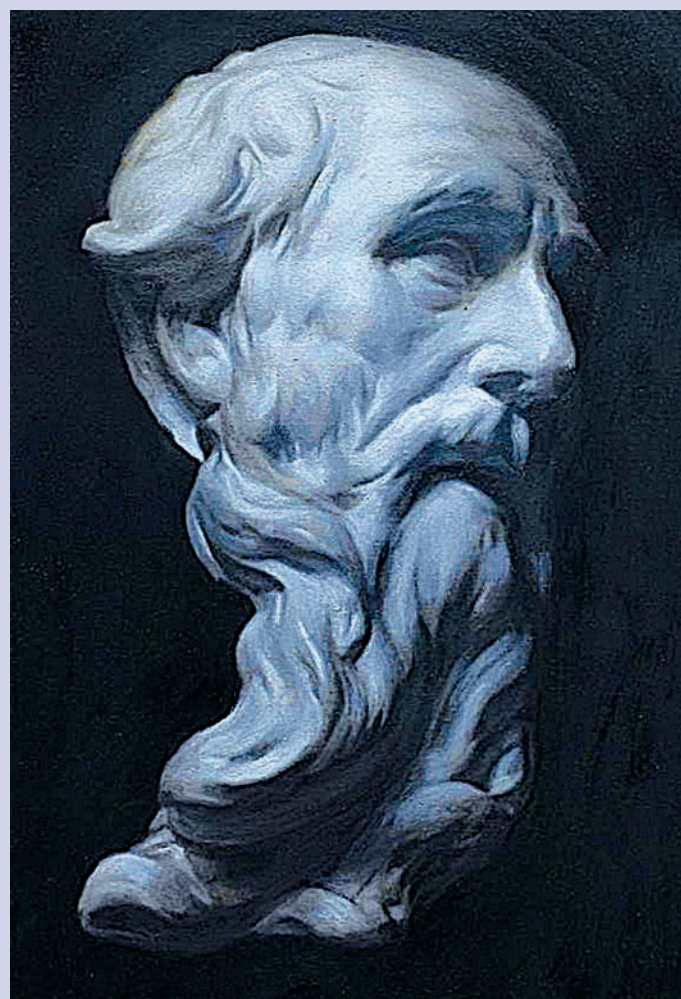
An exhibition by Nicholas Benedict Robinson

Signal Arts Centre, Monday 22nd November to Sunday 5th December

Akademiska Stilleben is an exhibition of still-life and cast paintings by artist Nicholas Benedict Robinson.

The paintings are made with specific consideration to formal elements of the academic style such as the effect of light and space on form. This is Robinson's second solo show and second show at Signal Arts Centre, Co. Wicklow.

Wicklow artist Robinson is a prize-winning Florence Academy of Art, Sweden graduate, Royal Society of Portrait Painters/ Royal Society of Oil Painters/ Hennessy Portrait Prize and Zurich Portrait Prize exhibitor.



# Coming up at Whale Theatre...

## The Visual Story of Ireland (1640-1940)

Starting Wednesday 29th September, 6th October, 13th October, 20th October, 27th October and 3rd November. All @ 7.30pm – 6 Classes €100 or €20 per Class.

The aim of the course is to explore and examine a selection of the paintings that are held in our national collection of art under various themes; to re-engage with the nation's political and cultural history through their visual representation; to understand how Irish art production was compromised by the same historical and political events and to become familiar with some of the nation's finest artists.

The course runs for 6 weeks. Each week a different theme will be explored through the examination of different paintings - giving an overview of the artist, the painting's style and composition, the context of the painting and its role in the visualizing of Irish political, cultural and social history.

Week 1 – Politics and its Role in Irish art Production; Week 2 – Home & Away: Irish artists and their influencers; Week 3 – 19th Century Irish Genre; Week 4 – Land Issues in Irish Art; Week 5 – Celtic Revival and the Yeats family; Week 6 - Irish Women Artists/Arrival of Modernism Each class starts at 7.30pm, and you can jump on board for the full six weeks for just €100, or hop on board for a single class, at €20.

The course is being run by Rosemarie Devereux, a freelance art historian from Greystones. She has a BA and Masters in Art History from UCD. Over the past few years has published 2 articles in the Irish Arts Review; facilitated 2 Irish art modules in UCD; presented The Visual Story of Ireland at the Whale theatre in 2019 and ran a series of art history courses online through Covid.

She is currently a volunteer and a guide at the NGI. This autumn she will be giving a new course on European art history to be held in the Whale Theatre as well as a repeat of last year's Irish art history course.

Rosemarie is contactable by emailing [loveirishart@gmail.com](mailto:loveirishart@gmail.com) or calling 0876137578.



Rosemarie Devereux

## A Wilde Fan: A new solo performance by Myles Breen

Thursday 30th September at 8pm– Tickets €22.

Bottom Dog Theatre company presents a new solo performance by Myles Breen that celebrates the life and works of Oscar Wilde.

Through his plays, poetry, prose and extraordinary life, Oscar has been a constant source of inspiration and obsession for acclaimed actor Myles Breen. Reuniting with director Liam O'Brien (Language UnBecoming A Lady / The Bachelor of Kilkish), the international award winning company presents their 15th production on tour. Featuring excerpts from Wilde's writings alongside Breen's trademark wit and flair, A Wilde Fan is a personal and theatrical take on one of history's greatest artists, by his biggest fan. "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken!"

This programme is supported by The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media through the Live Performance Support Scheme.



## A Song Party with Chloe Burke

Sunday 3rd October @ 6pm– Tickets €10.

Bray native Chloe Burke is delighted to perform A Song Party at Whale Theatre. Chloe has been singing for as long as she can remember. At the age of 11 she sang in Arclight's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, both here and in Stratford upon Avon.

She has performed in many of Arclight's shows since then and in 2019 she played Juliet in Romeo & Juliet and was also seen last year as Ariel in The Little Mermaid at the Pavilion Theatre.

In 2018 she starred in her own revue show alongside David Dooley, and she also appeared on The Late Late Toy Show performing a song from The Greatest Showman.

In 2019 she played the role of Rizzo in Grease. Also that year, Chloe was the featured vocalist on the song 'Stars', by Ronan Cullen, which has had over 30,000 streams on Spotify and reached Number 4 in the iTunes charts. Towards the end of 2019 she provided backing vocals for D. Cullen's massive hit single, 'Alright'. And in 2020, alongside her two great friends, Aoife McCormack and Kate Byrne, she got to sing at Croke Park for Australia Day.





# Wicklow students win top prizes in Texaco art competition

Six Wicklow students have won top prizes in this year's 67th Texaco Children's Art Competition, the results of which were delayed until now due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the 7-8 years age category, Ella Kelly (8), a pupil at Saints Michael and Peter Junior School, Arklow won first prize for an artwork entitled 'Red Apple'. Her work is described by Final Adjudicator, Professor Declan McGonagle as a "deceptively simple painting of a single apple on a dark background which is very convincing and strong in composition".

No stranger to the Competition, Ella won a Special

Merit Award in 2020.

In addition, five Wicklow winners each won Special Merit Awards for artworks that Professor McGonagle said, "demonstrated high levels of skill and imagination."

They were Fearne McMahon (17) from Glenart College, Arklow; Valencia Mascarenhas (13) from Coláiste Chraobh Abhann, Kilcoole; Holly Byrne (12) from Holy Rosary National School, Wicklow Town; Jessica

Ruiying Chen (13) from Loreto Secondary School, Bray and Eva Ruixin Chen (11) from Ravenswell Primary School, Bray.

The Texaco Children's Art Competition is popularly regarded as the longest-running sponsorship in the history of arts sponsoring in Ireland, with an unbroken history that dates back to the very first Competition held in 1955. This year, as has been the case throughout its life,

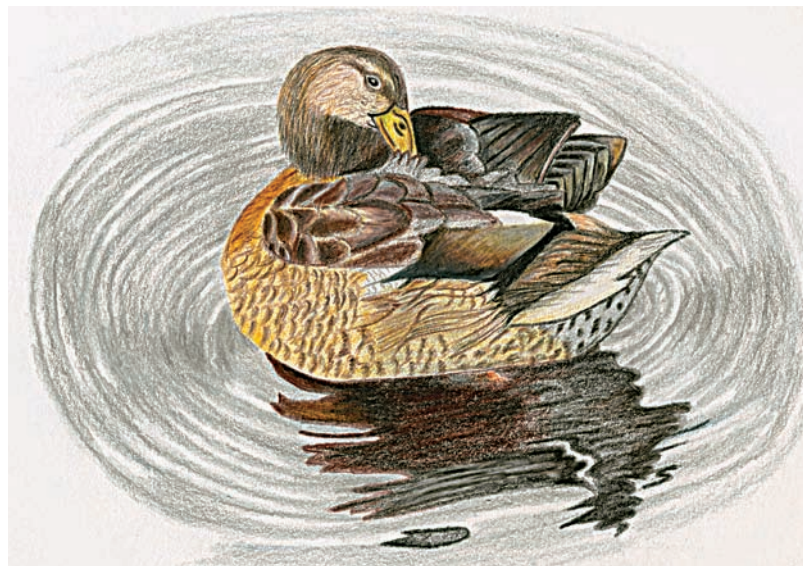
it has been a platform on which young artists from Wicklow and counties throughout Ireland have had their talents recognised and their creativity commended. From September 14 to October 2, Drogheda's Highlanes Municipal Art Gallery is hosting an exhibition of the top 126 winning paintings in this year's Competition. Admission is free and further information is available at [www.highlanes.ie](http://www.highlanes.ie)



Fearne McMahon (17) from Glenart College



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Eva Ruixin Chen (11) from Ravenswell Primary School



## Another Round

Mermaid Arts Centre, Wednesday 22nd September, 8pm. €8.  
Duration: 116mins. (Cert: 12A)

Martin (Mads Mikkelsen) and his three teacher friends all seem to have hit a middle-age rut in their lives. When one of the group tells the others about an obscure philosophy proposing that humans aren't born with enough alcohol in their blood and so cannot reach their full potential, the men decide to test the theory for themselves.

As each of the gang initially observes positive benefits from maintaining the required blood-alcohol level of 0.05%, it is not long before they decide to push the boundaries of their experiment ...

Another Round reunites Mikkelsen with award-winning director Thomas Vinterberg (The Hunt) in this entertaining but ultimately through-provoking drama, which explores friendship, masculinity and what it means to be happy.

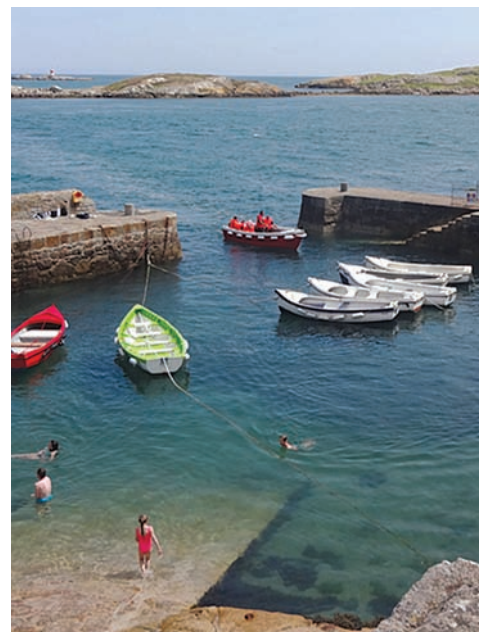
Director: Thomas Vinterberg. Cast: Mads Mikkelsen, Maria Bonnevie, Thomas Bo Larsen, Lars Ranthe.

## Bray Camera Club calls all past members

2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the formation of Bray Camera Club. The Club's first meeting took place on the steps of what is now the offices of Accident Repair Management, An Lár, on the Lower Dargle Road. .

"We will be marking this event with a birthday cake, Saturday 25th September. To mark this anniversary and so that we can collect anecdotes and pose for photographs with which to create a historical archive, we are inviting all past members of the club to attend and to please contact us at [info@braycameraclub.ie](mailto:info@braycameraclub.ie).

"For 50 uninterrupted years, from our very first meeting on the the Lower Dargle Road, the club has held its meetings on the roof of the Starlight Hotel, in the Signal Art Centre and The Bridge Tavern to name but a few. More recently we began holding our meetings on Monday evenings in the Mermaid Arts Centre. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions have put paid to these meetings and even more disturbingly, to our post-meeting, in-person retreat to Duff's public house on Main Street where we would mull over the evening's proceedings with a quiet tittle and a cementing of friendships. Happily though, Zoom has enabled us to continue our weekly meetings from the comfort of our own



home without sacrificing too many of our activities.

"Through thick and thin and without interruption since our foundation in 1971, the club has provided a forum for our members to learn from and support one another, to improve our photographic skills and to give wings to our artistic potential. Our formula has stood the test of time and until we can resume in-

person weekly meetings, we will continue to meet online to review our images and those of invited guests, to tutor each other and engage in lively, inclusive debate in an easy-going, friendly atmosphere. If you are interested in joining our club or would like further information about our club activities, please contact us. We promise you a friendly welcome."





Matt Forkin, President of Wicklow Town & District Chamber, with Cllr Gail Dunne, and Phil from Sorrel & Eve with July winner Anne Cummiskey.

## Wicklow's Shop Local Competition

Wicklow Town & District Chamber, the Town Team and Wicklow Municipal District have combined forces to mount a very strong "Shop Local - Support Wicklow" promotional campaign to coincide with the recent re-opening of non-essential retail and outdoor dining earlier in the year.

One of the initiatives was a retail promotion that ran throughout the months of July and August; where customers were encouraged to keep a copy of their receipt of a minimum spend of €10 in a local shop. The more times they shopped, the more times they could enter a draw for one of two massive hampers - costing €250.

The Winner of the July competition was Anne Cummiskey and the winner of August competition was Siobhan Dunlop.

The President of the Wicklow Town & District Chamber Matt Forkin congratulated both winners and said "Wicklow Town has been pulling out all the stops to encourage people to Shop Locally this

year, where social distancing can be more easily practiced than in larger urban centres".

Matt said he looks forward to the retailers receiving the continued support of the community throughout the year.

The Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow Municipal District agreed that over the past 18 months, they have detected a strong determination by the local retail sector to promote shopping in Wicklow Town as a very attractive alternative for shoppers. They also noted that this "Shop Local Competition" is a very tangible way of thanking the local community for their support.

This campaign highlights Wicklow Town as a shopping destination. The united message of Wicklow Chamber, Wicklow Town Team and the Wicklow Municipal District is that it makes perfect sense to Shop Locally where there is now so much on offer to the discerning shopper.



Matt Forkin with August winner Siobhan Dunlop

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## Entrepreneurs urged to apply for Competitive Start Funds

Entrepreneurs and start-ups in Wicklow are invited to apply for funding to provide an innovative product or service aimed at international markets, Wicklow Fine Gael Minister Simon Harris TD has said

Minister Harris said: "The government are inviting early-stage entrepreneurs to apply for two Enterprise Ireland Competitive Start Funds (CSFs) which are now open for applications.

"The value of the two funds for 'All Sectors' and 'Women

Entrepreneurs' amount to a combined total of €2 million.

"I would ask ambitious entrepreneurs and start-ups in Wicklow with an eligible innovative product or service set for international markets to apply for this funding.

"The 'All Sectors' Competitive Start Fund

and 'Women Entrepreneurs' Competitive Start Fund competitions form part of Enterprise Ireland's strategy for increasing the number of diverse High Potential Start-Up companies that have the potential and ambition to succeed internationally.

"Their aim is to help start-ups reach key commercial and technical milestones," Minister

Harris said.

Several support workshops will be held online by the national Business Innovation Centres (BICs) over the coming weeks. Details of these workshops, as well as the Competitive Start Fund application forms and eligibility criteria for funding can be accessed on the Enterprise Ireland website at [www.enterpriseireland.com/csf](http://www.enterpriseireland.com/csf).

Applicants can only apply for one competition and must meet the requirements for that specific competition.

The closing date for both CSF competitions is in 3 weeks' time, at 3pm

on Tuesday, 28th September 2021.

Speaking today, Minister English said: "As we emerge from the pandemic, we need to continue to cultivate our country's start-up culture and help our ambitious entrepreneurs to move their business ideas to the next level.

"Getting your own business up and running is challenging at the best of times, so I am encouraging eligible early-stage start-ups with global ambition to apply to the relevant Competitive Start Fund competition, each of which is worth up to €1m.



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**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

We, Irish Water, intend to apply for permission for development at the existing Wicklow Wastewater Treatment plant at Knockrobin Murragh, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow

The development will consist of new infrastructure and alterations at the existing sludge treatment centre to increase the volume of liquid sludge imports for dewatering, so that it can operate as a Satellite Dewatering Centre in addition to its current operation for sludge treatment. The proposed development comprises:

- Lime Silo
- Mixer shed
- Trailer shed
- Control room/ kiosk
- Odour Control Unit
- Pumps and other mechanical and electrical works associated with the above
- All associated ancillary site development works

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, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours, i.e. 9.00a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, and such submissions and observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

## Nominate an everyday hero for the Volunteers in Sport Awards

**This year's Volunteers in Sport Awards recognise and support the army of volunteers in sport and physical activity in local communities across Ireland. The Awards will take place virtually in December 2021.**

More than 450,000 volunteers across Ireland ensure that sport and physical activity take place around the country every day. Each year, this army of volunteers dedicates over 37.2 million hours of their time across the country's sports clubs and associations. They are there to support sporting clubs and communities from early morning, to late at night,

without any expectation of recognition or reward.

In partnership with the Federation of Irish Sport, EBS will once more honour the commitment and dedication of these volunteers in helping to bring sport to the fore in a safe manner, especially through the Covid-19 pandemic. EBS is now inviting members of the Irish public to nominate a volunteer in their particular sport that they would like to see recognised at the 2021 Volunteers in Sport Awards.

To nominate an everyday hero, and to be in with the chance of winning €1,000 for your local sports club, simply visit [www.volunteersinsport.ie](http://www.volunteersinsport.ie). Nominations can be made by a club, individual or sporting body and are open from September 7th, 2021, to October 17th, 2021.

Volunteers in all 32 counties of Ireland will be recognised at the Awards Ceremony. Last year, basketball stalwart, Anne McHale, of Ballina Braves Boys BC in Mayo, received the Outstanding Achievement Award for the many years of tireless service she has given to the sport and the club in her county.

Olympian Pat Hooper was posthumously honoured with a Special Recognition award for their dedication to athletics. Daingean GAA in Offaly also received a Special Recognition award for their commitment to the local community during Covid-19.

For more information on how to nominate your volunteer in sport for the 2021 Volunteer in Sport Awards visit [www.volunteersinsport.ie](http://www.volunteersinsport.ie)



### THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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

## Mark 9:30-37 GOSPEL

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' they said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So, he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**C.J.**



## ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER

**Wicklow Times** are seeking a talented and experienced Advertising Sales Manager to lead our sales team; Experience in advertising sales would be desirable but not essential, however candidates should be able to demonstrate energy and enthusiasm for the sales role. A past career that proves their initiative and work ethic would be beneficial.

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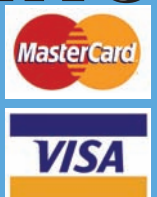
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