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WICKLOW'S KILLER GAS

Last week the EPA published new radon maps for Ireland that updated the radon risk assessment for the country. This showed County Wicklow as one of the 'High risk' counties with about one in five homes needing remediation.

The EPA told *Wicklow Times*, "Yes, Wicklow is a high risk county. There are many areas in Wicklow that are High Radon Areas. We have measured high levels in Aughrim, Avoca, Blessington, Dunlavin, Enniskerry, Glenealy, Kiltegan, Manor Kilbride and Rathdrum."

We asked 'Does radon only cause lung cancer or does it cause other cancers?'

"No. According to

current scientific knowledge, there is no other proven health effect associated with radon exposure. The risk of developing lung cancer depends on the level of radon present, the length of time one has been exposed and whether or not you are a smoker."

However, you can check if your home is at risk and the level of that risk to your home through the new Eircode map search on the EPA website.

The EPA has urged all householders and businesses, especially those in high radon areas, to test for radon.

Testing for radon is simple and fixing a radon problem will reduce the risk to your health from this radioactive gas.

The new radon maps, launched by the Environmental Protection Agency at the National Radon Forum, caused such interest and worry to



Chairperson of Tiglin Aubrey McCarthy as ringmaster, With Gavin Murphy and Hannah Finnegan at Circus Gerbola which held a charity night in aid of Tiglin and the Gavin Glynn Foundation at Belmont Demense, Greystones. Pic: Michael Kelly

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homeowners that when thousands logged on to the EPA website to check their homes it collapsed the site and the map was unavailable all last week.

The map is based on work completed by Trinity College, Geological Survey of Ireland and the Economic and Social Research Institute alongside the EPA.

Michéal Lehané, EPA Director, said: "Radon is a serious public health hazard. The new maps combine thousands of radon measurements, with detailed geological information, and are a significant revision of the previous map from 2002. We urge people to test for radon as this is the only way of protecting you and your family from this cancer-causing gas".

Employers too have a responsibility to ensure

that their employees are protected from exposure to this radioactive gas.

Yvonne Mullooly, Assistant Chief Executive of the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), welcomed publication of the new radon maps saying: "Employers in high radon areas are obliged to test their workplaces for radon. The new maps enable them to clearly identify where they are legally obliged to test, so allows for targeting of resources in the areas where the risk from radon is highest. The HSA will continue to support employers by providing information, and through our on-line risk assessment tool www.BeSMART.ie."

Radon testing is simple and inexpensive and, where necessary, reducing high radon levels in a building is also straightforward.

Since 2019, the EPA do not carry out radon testing. They now have

a list of registered radon measurement services on their website.

At present, there is no requirement for private
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Bray Lions were joined by members of the Headlands Community Garden Group at the launch of the Bray Lions Club 'Little Green Book' in the Headlands Community Garden.

'Little Green Book' promotes sustainable living

Bray Lion's Club 'Little Green Book' which was launched on Friday 20th May, promotes sustainable living by explaining the Global Warming crisis and offering suggestions on conservation, travel, waste disposal, fast fashion and other environmental issues.

The 68 page full-colour book, which was researched and written by Frank Corr, Bray Lions Club's Environmental Officer, was launched at a gathering in the Headlands award-winning Community Garden, on Putland Road, Bray.

The 'Little Green Book', which is being distributed locally by Bray

Lions, also featured at the Lions Clubs International District Convention in Clonmel with many of the 100 Lions Clubs in Ireland expressing an interest in printing and distributing the publication in their own areas.

The book project was initiated by the Bray Lions Club Environmental Team which is plan-

ning a number of environmental initiatives over the coming months.

Speaking at the launch, Joe Codyre, president of Bray Lions Club said: "Like millions of people all over the world, and particularly the younger generation, we are acutely aware of the enormous damage which has been inflicted on our Environment and the real dangers to our planet caused by greenhouse gasses and the erosion of Biodiversity.

"In the 'Little Green Book' we present some disturbing facts, but we also offer practical suggestions on how we can all push back current trends by embracing a Sustainable Lifestyle.

"We hope that readers will absorb those facts, accept at least some of the suggestions we offer, and join us in loving the truly amazing planet which has already survives for 4.5 billion years."

Bray Lions Club is distributing 1,000 free copies of the 'Little Green Book' in the Bray area. A second print run is planned for later this year. Copies can also be obtained by sending an e-mail to lit-

Redcross man to cycle to raise funds for Wicklow Cancer Support Group

Nigel Jenkinson, living in Redcross will be cycling the Ring of Clare to raise funds for Wicklow Cancer Support. The 160km cycle event takes place on July 16th.

"I got back into cycling when a friend of mine John was training for a Quest event, which is a mixture of running, cycling and kayaking," Nigel explains.

"I decided to get a road bike and join him on a Sunday morning out cycling and really enjoyed getting out into the Wicklow countryside and listening to the birds singing and clearing my head! I was hooked again, last year I turned 50 and I set myself a target of cycling 100km on a cycle and I did it the day before my birthday while on holidays in Co. Clare.

"Last autumn I caught up with my friend Sean, and told him that I had reached my goal of a 100km cycle. He congratulated me but said that I should set a greater target and challenged me to complete a 160km cycle. I am now taking on the challenge I found an event run by Skoda called the Ring of Clare 2022, which is a 160km cycle in Clare on July 16th 2022. Contrary to what my wife Claire claims, it is not a downhill cycle!"

"After signing up for this event I decided that I should put all this training to good use and try to raise money for a most



Nigel Jenkinson with Eileen Earls of Wicklow Cancer Support

deserving charity in Wicklow. I contacted Wicklow Cancer Support and got speaking to Eileen. Now there was no turning back. They quietly and voluntarily go about their work in the local community, providing emotional and practi-

cal support to those whose lives have been affected by cancer, whether it be the patients themselves or their families and friends.

"Unfortunately, cancer affects practically everyone either directly or indirectly and funding is

needed to support voluntary agencies such as Wicklow Cancer Support and enable them to do their work."

To make a donation, go to Nigel's fundraising page by searching for 'Wicklow Cancer Support' on idonate.ie

Brockagh Market

The Brockagh Market & Car Boot is once a month on the 2nd Sunday (except Jan/Feb). The next market will be on June 12th. Open to the public from 10am to 3pm. Tea, coffee and food snacks are available. Indoor and outdoor stalls with a variety of items for sale with plenty of bargains from gifts, clothes, plants, books, toys, aloe vera products, artwork, tools, household items etc. Free parking and customer toilet facilities. The barrier will be locked from 6pm Saturday evening until 8am Sunday morning. You can contact 0404 45600 (Wed-Fri 9am to 2pm) or email carbootbrockagh@gmail.com.

Wicklow's Lions BBQ

Wicklow Lion's Club BBQ takes place in Wicklow Gaol on June 3rd at 7pm. All proceeds will go to the local Lions Ukrainian fund as well as local charities. Tickets are E20. There will be good music, great food, special guest singers from Ukraine, and a big raffle on the night.

Greystones Flower Club demonstration

Greystones Flower Club are having Hamuni Langton to demonstrate on Tuesday 31st May at 8pm in the Evangelical Church, Hillside Road, Greystones. The cost for visitors to attend is €10, this includes tea or coffee and biscuits

Wicklow Parkinson's Choir

A choir for people with Parkinsons, family and friends meets every Monday morning at 11.30am in the Ashford Community and Heritage Centre. Singing together is great fun, and has many positive benefits - physical, emotional and social. New members are always welcome anytime. But if you would like to try it out and meet the group, an open rehearsal is taking place on Monday 30th May 11.30-1pm. Join for some singing, a cuppa and a chat! Dara MacMahon, Music Director of the singing group, can help with any queries (086-8146926).

Wicklowlaid4Ukraine

Wicklowlaid4 Ukraine has been set up by local support groups. These groups are travelling to Poland and Ukraine to help Ukrainian families. These families need support with relocating and logistics. All donations and help go directly to those in need. Details from Wicklowlaid4Ukraine Facebook page.



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€3.65m for Rathdrum and Baltinglass Hospitals

The Government's Capital Plan will see major building projects take place at St Colman's Residential Care Centre in Rathdrum and Baltinglass Community Hospital.

The site for the new 95 Bed Community Nursing Unit development at St. Colman's is located on the lands of the existing hospital, which is on the north western fringe of Rathdrum.

The existing hospital currently caters for residents from the vicinity and surrounding areas. The project consists of a new build multi-storey extension to the hospital of 6,623m², refurbishment and upgrade of the existing hospital of 2,561m² and demolition of 2,077m² (gross internal floor areas) on the site of

7.48 hectares.

Welcoming the announcement Senator Pat Casey said "St Colmans will receive €3.5 million to build a Community Nursing Unit to replace existing beds as per Service Priority List. This is a substantial and vital addition to the services that St Colmans offers and I am delighted that this funding has been secured.

"Baltinglass Community Hospital will receive €150,000 for the development of six single en-suite bedrooms within the existing buildings of Baltinglass Community Hospital.

The six new bedrooms will be constructed in the location of the existing Day Care Centre and this will require the construction of a new Day Care Building on the grounds of Baltinglass Community Unit to relocate the Day Care Centre.

"Securing Funding from Government on projects in Wicklow's rural towns has been a priority for me and I am delighted that this announcement today secures the future for both this vital services in Rathdrum and Baltinglass."



The future of St. Colman's

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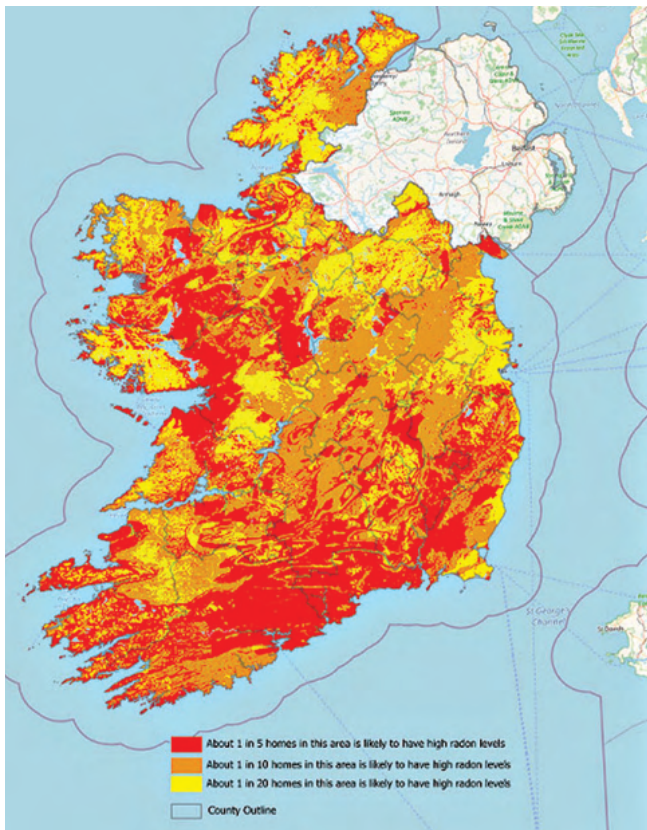
landlords to test their rented homes for radon or to reduce radon if the levels are high. If you rent your home from a Local Authority or Housing Association, you should contact your landlord for information about testing your home for radon.

Social Democrats TD, Jennifer Whitmore is encouraging residents across Wicklow to get radon testing. "Exposure to radon gas is the second-leading cause of lung cancer and is responsible for approximately 350 lung cancer deaths every year," said Deputy Whitmore.

"Given these cancers are preventable, we need to do much more to reduce radon levels in homes. The good news is that there are things that can be done to help. If you are in a particularly high-risk area, get your home checked for radon levels. This can be done relatively easily and affordably by purchasing a simple monitor (approximately €50) from a registered Radon testing service.

"If radon is identified in your home, there are measures that can be undertaken to make your home safer. However, cost can be a barrier here if works need to be carried out. I have asked the Minister if there are plans to implement grants for people so they are able to afford remediation if it turns out their home is exposed to higher radon levels.

"My colleague, Deputy Cian O'Callaghan has called for mandatory testing for radon to be introduced whenever homes are being sold or rented. Already, there are legal

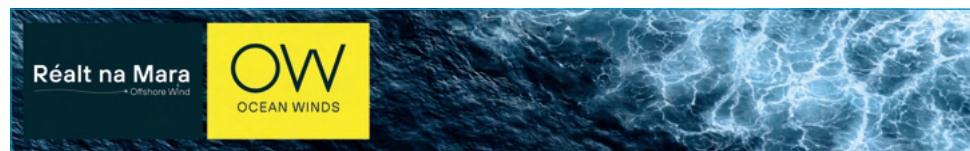


Radon risk map of Ireland

requirements for employers to test for Radon levels, yet nothing for the private sector.

"Given radon poses such a serious threat to public health, the government must act now to mitigate that

risk by mandating radon testing whenever homes are being sold or rented. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to get their home tested for radon," concluded Deputy Whitmore.



Réalt na Mara Offshore Wind

Public Consultation Phase 1

Ocean Winds (OW), a global leader in the offshore renewable energy sector are proposing the development of an offshore wind farm located in the Irish Sea, off the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow. The proposed offshore wind development will be known as Réalt na Mara.

Ocean Winds strongly supports offshore renewable energy deployment in Ireland and the significant contribution it will make to Ireland in decarbonising its economy, and achieving its 2030 renewable energy targets. We are working to help deliver some of the 5GW of offshore wind which will be required to reduce Ireland's reliance on fossil fuels and drive the transition to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. This project will bring significant environmental, economic and employment growth, supply chain opportunities and additional benefits to the local host communities.

It is envisaged that the project could generate up to 1.6 Gigawatts (GW) of clean renewable electricity, enough to power up to 1.5 million Irish homes per annum. The proposed development will also facilitate job creation, vastly reduce our reliance on imported oil and gas, and increase our security of electricity supply while helping Ireland become carbon neutral by 2050. Based on current project timelines it is envisaged that the project would be in commercial operation by 2030, with a lifespan of 25 to 30 years.



At this stage of the project, we would encourage feedback from the local, coastal and fishing communities about the proposed Réalt na Mara Offshore Wind Farm. This can include any queries or concerns you may have on the proposed development or any information you have about the local area that you feel may be of interest to us. It is also envisaged that formal consultation events will take place on the project over the coming months, details of which will be advertised on the project website and through local media.

Ocean Winds welcomes your feedback, please complete the online feedback questionnaire via the dedicated project website www.realtnamaraoffshorewind.ie.

If for any reason, you are unable to complete the online feedback questionnaire you can also download a PDF version of the questionnaire from the above website. You can then send your completed questionnaire or other views, observations, or comments to us via the following channels:

- By post to:** Ocean Winds, Osprey Business Centre, Devoy Quarter, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 X40K
- By email to:** contact@realtnamaraoffshorewind.ie
- By phone to:** Project Stakeholder Executive, Jeff: +353 87 946 0284 (Weekdays 9am-5pm)
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A project information document, and preliminary study area maps have also been made available to view on the dedicated project website. Should you not have access to the internet, a postal copy of the public consultation material can be requested by contacting the project's Stakeholder Executive (see contact details above).

The views submitted by you on our proposals, along with results from further studies, will inform the most appropriate project design to bring forward into the planning process. All feedback in relation to the proposed development will be reviewed and considered by the project team.

As part of our commitment to community engagement and to ensure you are kept up to date on the project development, you can also join our project mailing list via the project website. Visit www.realtnamaraoffshorewind.ie for more information.



Minister Simon Harris was part of a visiting committee to Shelton Abbey Prison in Arklow on Friday. Pictured (L-R) are Governor Joseph Donohue, Tom Gregan, Tommy Healy, Assistant Governor Pat Lawlor, Tony Lawlor, and Chief Officer John Long.

Kiltegan Village wins at All-Ireland Community Awards

Kiltegan Village has won a prestigious Pride of Place community award. The village claimed a special award in the Population 0-300 category, with judges drawing attention to years of hard work by local volunteers.

"This village has a long history of community activity with its tidy towns committee winning overall in 1973. The setting up of a development committee in 2018 has brought great extra cohesiveness to the village with great new initiatives. The group believe its initiative is a community wide project demonstrating the potential in every rural community in Ireland," the judges stated.

George Jones Chairman, IPB Insurance, award sponsors said: "The IPB Pride of Place Awards are an ideal platform to recognise the positive social impacts being made in communities across the island of Ireland. I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the communities involved for their spirit of collaboration and camaraderie in making it to the finals.

"It is also important to recognise the role of local authorities who work closely with their communities to support inspiring voluntary ini-

tiatives. These awards serve as one of the important ways that we can recognise those involved in working to make a difference in society", he added. Cllr Shay Cullen, Cathaoirleach, Wicklow County Council, who attend the presentation ceremony in Killarney, congratulated all involved and remarked: "This is an absolutely fabulous achievement and a real tribute to Kiltegan village and its people."

Also nominated in the Pride of Place Awards was Neighbourhood Network Wicklow, but, unfortunately, they missed out on the night.

The Pride of Place competition was initiated 19 years ago though a Co-operation Ireland programme to acknowledge the invaluable work undertaken by volunteers and those involved in local community development. Over the years it has grown into the largest competition recognising community

development achievements on the island of Ireland.

President Michael D Higgins, who is Joint Patron of Co-operation Ireland with Queen Elizabeth, said the awards played an important role adding: "The Pride of Place awards are a most important initiative, reminding us that creating societies that are ethical and inclusive is a task for all of our citizens, of all ages and circumstances."

Pride of Place founder and Chairman Tom Dowling said: "These Awards continue to be as important as ever as we are about to start judging the 20th year of the competition. The purpose of the awards has never changed. They are about recognising and celebrating the extraordinary, inspirational, and tireless work being done by communities all over the island of Ireland as they strive to make their place a better place in which to live."

Dr Christopher Moran, Chairman of Co-opera-



Pictured at the All-Ireland Community Awards are (back row, L-R); Dr Christopher Moran, Chariman, Co-operation Ireland, Tom Dowling, Chairperson, Pride of Place Initiative, Michael Nicholson,, Cllr. Shay Cullen, Cathaoirleach, Wicklow County Council, George Jones, Chairman, Irish Public Bodies Insurance, Caroline Fox, Wicklow County Council, and (Front row, L-R); Teresa Nolan, Kiltegan Tidy Towns, Paula Boland, Kiltegan GAA.

tion Ireland said: "Co-operation Ireland has no other programme that embodies the charity's

ethos better than Pride of Place. We work to build relationships across the island and Pride of Place

plays a critical role in that work. The impact the awards have had in towns and villages across

the island since they started in 2003 cannot be underestimated, and the continuing success of the

awards is down to the dedicated volunteers and their love of where they live.

Developing a community vision

Wicklow County Council and County Wicklow Public Participation Network are inviting members of community groups and interested parties, to get involved with a countywide discussion titled: 'Let's Develop Our Vision For Our Community'.

The series of consultation events, along with a zoom event, takes place in the coming weeks and will assist greatly to inform in the development of the new Co Wicklow Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) and the preparation the new Co Wicklow PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement. The Local Economic & Community Plan is an important 6-year policy that will set out the aims, objectives and actions needed to promote and support economic and community development for Co. Wicklow. These meetings offer an important opportunity for everyone, young and old, in Co. Wicklow to engage and share thoughts, and in so doing, ensuring that representative organisations and individuals are working towards a shared vision for the county. All events take place between 7-9pm. Booking is not essential, however, to help the organisers plan for these consultations, booking in advance is requested. You can do this by visiting the Eventbrite collection or by email: info@countywicklowppn.ie, call/text to: Helen on 087 189 5145 or Grainne on 086 048 7434.

New Murrough dog park is officially opened

The Murrough Dog Park situated on the seafront Wicklow Town was officially opened on Monday 23rd May by the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow Municipal District, Cllr Gail Dunne.

The Murrough Dog Park is a welcome addition and compliments the existing amenities on the seafront. The park allows for dogs to exercise off the leash and has created a safe and enjoyable space for dogs and dog owners to meet and socialise.

Cathaoirleach of Wicklow Municipal District, Cllr Gail Dunne, said: "It is a great honour after immense hard work by all to officially open the park on the Murrough and added that it will be another amenity in Wicklow Town to be enjoyed."

The park was funded by the Community, Cultural & Social Development Section of Wicklow County Council and the work was carried out by the staff of Wicklow Municipal District.



Testing out the new equipment in the Murrough dog park



At the opening of the dog park were Janet Lundy Mulrain, Joan Sinnott, Cllr Mary Kavanagh, Eileen Earls, Cllr Gail Dunne, Michael Nicholson, Cllr Paul O'Brien, Alan Martin, Breda McCarthy, Ruben O'Neill, and dogs Cind, Nidge, Ben and Mia

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Candle Making with Karen

Learn the timeless art of candle making with Karen Allison of Crafty Craic in Tearmann Community Garden. You'll explore the history of this art form and will get to roll up your sleeves to create and design your very own candle.

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National Events include

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MABS marks 30 years of supporting people of Ireland

MABS, the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is marking 30 years since it was established to support the people of Ireland who are in debt or at risk of getting into debt through its independent, confidential and non-judgmental money advice and budgeting services. It is funded and supported by the Citizens Information Board (CIB).



Michelle O'Hara, MABS South Leinster, and Jessie Anthony, MABS South Munsy, at the celebratory event in Cork to mark the 30th anniversary of MABS.

In Co. Wicklow, there are MABS offices in Bray and Arklow. A celebratory event was held in Cork City on May 9th and saw a unique 30 year exhibition unveiled, showcasing the journey of MABS from its beginnings. The exhibition is available to view by the public in the Atrium at Cork City Hall until May 13th and will travel to other locations across Ireland over the next few months. Established in 1992, MABS was introduced as part of a pilot scheme to address problems of moneylending and indebtedness. Its first offices were located

in Cork City, Limerick, Cherry Orchard Dublin, Waterford, and Clare. There are now 51 MABS offices and outreach clinics nationwide.

Over the past 30 years, MABS has played a key role in the community across a number of areas including money management education, Abhaile - free mortgage arrears support and the formation of National Traveller MABS, which works to reduce poverty, discrimination and the financial exclusion of Travellers in Ireland. MABS has also played an important role in raising awareness of policy

and practice reforms that need to be implemented at local and national level.

Commenting on the 30th anniversary of MABS, Fiona Coyne, CEO of the Citizens Information Board (CIB) said, "CIB has funded MABS since 2008 and prior to this had a role in delivering training to MABS staff. CIB has worked with MABS to grow and develop new services including delivering one of the statutory debt relief solutions, the Debt Relief Notice (DRN). The DRN was introduced as part of the Insolvency Act 2012 and

CIB worked with MABS to develop the Dedicated Mortgage Arrears service as part of Abhaile.

As the cost of living continues to rise, now more than ever, it is essential that the public has access to a free, confidential and non-judgmental advice service. I would like to congratulate MABS on this milestone and wish their teams across the country the very best of luck for the next 30 years."

In 2007, MABS launched their National Helpline and as of the end of 2021, received 326,994 calls.

Also commenting on

the 30th anniversary of MABS, Michelle O'Hara, Regional Manager, South Leinster MABS said, "We are very proud to look back on all that has been achieved over the past 30 years in supporting the public to prevent and deal with problem debt. Our team of money advisers have played instrumental roles in their communities, supporting clients with their individual financial situations."

"A huge amount has been achieved since 1992 and there is a lot more to achieve over the next 30 years."

Six local businesswoman crowned at Network Ireland Awards

Network Ireland Wicklow Branch has announced the winners of the Wicklow Businesswoman of the Year Awards 2022.

This year, six individual awards were presented to outstanding female business leaders in their respective categories on the 22nd of May at an awards Gala held in the Druid's Glen Hotel and Golf Resort, Newtownmountkennedy.

The Solo Businesswoman category was awarded to Niamh

Hannan of NiamhHannan.com. Niamh is a Chartered Psychologist (PSI) and a Professional Coach (ICF). Niamh is passionate about empowering leaders to escape self-doubt and stress and become clear and confident in who they are and their innate potential.

The Creative Professional category was awarded to Kathrina

Shine of Gallery@No:5. Kathrina Shine is a multi-disciplinary artist, with a background in Architectural draughting, Theatre, Film, Fine Art Painting and Design.

The Emerging New Business category was awarded to Klara O'Leary of Care Box Collection.

Care Box Collection is a self-care and wellness gift boxing company producing unique, meaningful and bespoke gifts, for your loved ones or company team and delivering them directly across Ireland, UK and EU.

The Established Business category was awarded to Muireann Fitzmaurice of Marketing Coach.ie. In 2020, Muireann launched a new digital agency, which builds online learning platforms for companies who want to see their content online, working with HR businesses, Leadership Coaches and Nutritionists.

The Employee Rising Star award was given to Simone McCann of Acornlife. Simone is a personal financial advisor who is passionate about sharing her knowledge and helping others. Simone brings a wealth of life experiences and her goal is to take the "ick" out of financial plan-

ning, making it easy and comfortable as possible to plan your financial future.

Network Ireland Wicklow crowned Sarah Ryan, The Style Coach as their Power Within champion for 2022. Sarah is passionate about helping women who have lots of clothes and nothing to wear to refine their style and increase their confidence. She uses a unique set of skills in styling and Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) to offer a range of holistic Style Coaching services. Network Ireland Wicklow President Christina Clarkin said, "This year our judges were looking for women who understand their business, are passionate about what they

do, and demonstrate a determination to succeed no matter what is thrown at them. Our finalists had these qualities by the bucketload which made the judging process really challenging this year!

I'm absolutely inspired by our winners and congratulate them on everything they have achieved to date in their business. I can't wait to see what they do next!"

Judging the awards were; Ciara O'Connor from East Coast FM, John Goodman from ESB, Orla Condon from AIB and Josh McKenna from McKenna Creative Marketing Solutions.

The Network Ireland Businesswoman of the Year Awards celebrates the excellence, professionalism, vision and Power within all of the women across Ireland. The Wicklow winners will now go forward to compete in the Network Ireland National Awards taking place on October 7th in Galway.

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The winning women at the Network Ireland Wicklow Awards in Druids Glen Hotel. Pic: Meabh Fitzpatrick

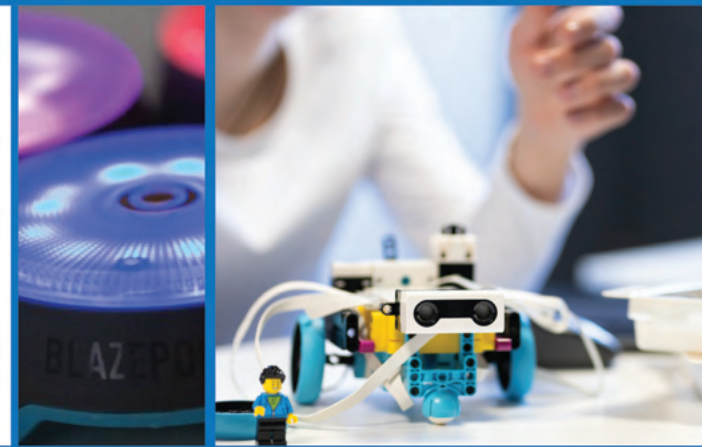
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Derola Byrne, Loretta Mutton and Emily Hadden at the Knockananna GAA/Camogie Dinner Dance in the Woodenbridge Hotel

'Hard work must begin now to win back Bray's blue flag'

Sinn Féin TD John Brady has expressed his disappointment in the announcement that the Garden County is to lose one of its blue flag Beaches.

The beach at Bray South Promenade is one of five beaches across the state to lose its status. An Taisce has ruled that it was down to the water quality that the blue flag status was lost.

Deputy Brady said: "The blue flag symbol is an internationally recognised symbol of high standards of water quality, environmental management, education and safety for beaches. It is a much-coveted award, and the loss of this status must be afforded the seriousness which it deserves."

"And while it is important to mention the hard work done by groups and individuals, many in a voluntary capacity to keep our beaches up to a high standard, the value of securing a blue flag status for the beach here in Bray, means that we have to find a way of securing the blue flag status back at the earliest opportunity. No doubt this will involve a lot of hard work, and the co-operation of Wicklow County Council, but the importance of the award and the benefits that it would bring to the area, both commercially and environmentally, cannot be overstated. It is now important to determine the reasons why the water quality has been adjudged to have deteriorated, and address it as soon as possible."



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CREATIVE WICKLOW GRANT SCHEME 2022

Wicklow County Council invites applications under the Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme 2022. This scheme has been put in place to support Wicklow County Council's role in the delivery of the Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022.

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies. Applications by individuals must be in partnership with a community, cultural or heritage group.

What will be funded?

The grant scheme seeks to support community projects that communicate and celebrate aspects of Wicklow People, Place and Topics in creative and innovative ways. We are looking for projects that effectively capture and showcase the richness of county Wicklow's culture, heritage, nature and history.

How much funding?

Grants allocated will be between €500 and €2,500 per project.

Closing Date for Applications:

5 pm 24th June 2022.

How to apply?

Online, visit <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Arts-Heritage-Archives/Creative-Ireland-Wicklow/Creative-Wicklow-Grant-Scheme-2022> for more information and to access the online application link.

To speak with a member of Wicklow County Council's Culture & Creativity Team contact:

Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer Tel: 0404 20100, Catherine Wright Archivist Tel: 0404 20100 or Wicklow Arts Office Tel: 0404 20155.

Arklow boy successfully campaigns for new wheelchair

Funding has been approved for a new wheelchair for nine-year-old Leo Dixon from Arklow, after a successful campaign which saw Leo and his family visit The Dail.

Social Democrats TD Jennifer Whitmore met with Leo and his family in Leinster House as they campaigned for a wheelchair and other disability supports. Leo attended the Dáil last week with his family to demonstrate the state of his temporary wheelchair which he's been using for over a year.

The office of Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly has now announced that Leo is to get a new wheelchair.

Leo Dixon has a rare form of Bethlem myopathy muscular dystrophy, which is a progressive muscle wasting disease with no cure and no treatment. The family were invited to the Dáil by Wexford Independent TD Verona Murphy to explain how Leo's temporary wheelchair is not fit for his needs.

"I was delighted to

have the opportunity to meet Leo and his family who have campaigned so hard to draw attention to their difficulties trying to access a new wheelchair that is fit for purpose for their son. Leo and his family have been waiting for a new chair since April 2021 when he was fitted with a substandard temporary wheelchair. Leo can't manoeuvre the chair as it is too heavy for his use and the brakes don't work. At this point it's a health and safety risk and needs to be addressed urgently," said Deputy Whitmore.

"Despite all this, Leo is full of energy and a delightful kid who just wants to get on with life. His family just want the best for Leo. But they are not the only ones. So many other children and families are in similar situations and it shouldn't take campaigning for a



Leo Dixon and his family meeting with Jennifer Whitmore TD in Leinster House

response from government.

"I requested to the Minister that he address

Leo and his family's needs and address the lack of disability supports overall for families needing new

equipment and a range of disability supports for their children," concluded Deputy Whitmore.

Bray Choral Society is back

'Bray Choral Society, part and parcel of the Bray music scene for over 35 years, have announced that they are back. Indeed they never really went away. When other groups reluctantly gave in to the onslaught of Covid, Bray Choral found a way to continue. With a mixture of Zoom and Jamulus, and a lot of effort from their Musical Director and founder Frank Kelly, they managed to keep rehearsals going.'

His good humour and perseverance ensured that for two long winters, they kept singing.

"The atmosphere and excitement when we actually returned to in-person singing, was really emotional," according to member and choir PRO Susan Kestell.

"This wasn't just a choir coming back to life, this was a reunion of friends!" As with so many Covid stories, several much loved members died, but their memory lives on in the Choral Music which this fine group of

singers can produce.

Their first tentative return to normality was a charity event which took place in the newly refurbished Holy Redeemer Church in Bray on 10th May. It is a venue very close to the hearts of the members, as this is where most of their concerts take place, and now since the pandemic they've been rehearsing in the nearby Little Flower Hall. They are greatly indebted to the Parish Priest Fr. Michael O' Kelly, and his team, for their hospitality.

"We decided to have a "Come and Sing" in aid of the Irish Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal," said Frank Kelly. "We invited all the local choirs and any Ukrainians living locally to sing John Rutter's recently composed Ukrainian Prayer, which was new to all."

The event was a huge success, netting €2,800 with no outgoings, as all involved gave their time and experience for free.

"On Sunday 22nd May, we opened our doors to the first performance in almost three years. Karl Orff's Carmina Burana was very well received by all and the Church was packed."

The choir are very grateful to the local community for their ongoing support and look forward to welcoming them back for Bray Choral's Christmas Concert. In the meantime if you fancy yourself as a singer, you can find BCS on their Facebook Page.



Ringmaster Aubrey McCarthy from Tiglin pictured with members of the Ukrainian community in Greystones at the Circus Gerbola which held a charity night in aid of Tiglin and the Gavin Glynn Foundation at Belmont Demense, Greystones.

Employability Service Wicklow turns 21

EmployabilityService Wicklow celebrated 21 years of working for Wicklow with an event in Wicklow Town Library last Thursday morning. Sixty invited guests were in attendance including employers, councillors, department of social protection officials, job seekers, and employees who had been successfully placed with Wicklow companies.

EmployAbility is a specialised community-based service, whose main task is to secure meaningful paid employment for people who traditionally find it extremely difficult to get a job.

Employability believe that everyone who has the capacity, and the motivation to work, if given the correct supports, can work.

The service is inclusive and extends across the full range of people with a disability whatever the impairment, including people with physical or sensory disabilities, those with mental health conditions, and those who acquire a disability.

EmployAbility is a not-for-profit organisation. Chairperson Paul McCormack addressed approximately 60 invited guests to mark the event which took place in the Wicklow Library.

Paul, in thanking the front line EmployAbility support staff stated that staff have a difficult and complex job which is designed to remove the many barriers that people with a disability face when starting out on a job finding journey. There are a total of seven support staff, and most have been with the service for many years.

"For the delivery to be effective the service is seen as a professional discipline. Staff require experience, knowledge, qualifications, and the competencies necessary to successfully undertake the roles required to deliver an effective service. Simply put staff need to be an excellent fit for their jobs".

Approximately 250 to 300 people with disabilities and those with additional



Barbara Duffy and Trish Lee at the 21st anniversary celebrations of Wicklow's EmployAbility Service

support needs receive a service from Employability each year.

In 2021 more than eighty new jobs were secured in the County, and a further fifty people exited the service into their new jobs and are now working completely independently of EmployAbility support.

Each one of these jobs is a success story. EmployAbility acknowledge that it took an open minded and inclusive employer to grant the employment in each case.

Employability engaged with over four hundred of Wicklow's employers in 2021 and supported on average forty-one employees in their new jobs each month.

26% of the positions secured are in the retail, 21% are Hotel and Catering Industry, 17% are in the Service Industry, 11% are in Manufacturing, the balance in Clerical, Healthcare, Horticulture/ Agriculture.

As a specialised community-based service

the County providing valuable employment supports to people who would otherwise find it very difficult to secure employment and are most distant from the labour market.

The EmployAbility annual Review for 2021 showed that people disclose different age profiles and support needs when they approach EmployAbility.

Wicklow Employers Pat O' Súilleabháin Bray Sea Life Aquarium, Noel Geraghty of Geraghty Accountants also so addressed the event and highlighted the advantages of employing a person with support needs.

EmployAbility Job Seekers Laurette Richards and Pat Lyons shared the stories of their experience with EmployAbility Service and how they had overcome significant difficulties and are now successfully working in their jobs.

Wicklow Council were also present and Councillor Paul O' Brien and addressed the attendees on behalf of Wicklow County Council. Paul stated he understood the negative impact unemployment can have on a person and offered the Councils continued support to the EmployAbility Service for their important work across the County.

The cake cutting ceremony that follow was led by Patricia Hurley who had travelled from Arklow. Patricia has been continuously working with Tesco in Arklow for 21 years and was one of the early Job Seekers who had received support from the staff of the Wicklow EmployAbility Service.



Pictured is Alan Clarke, AKA Mr Pringle, before and after his beard shave in Boomerang in Bray which raised €850 for Ukrainian refugees now living in Bray.



Hotels encourage people to check out a career in tourism and hospitality

Wicklow hoteliers have welcomed the launch of the new 'Works for Me' campaign from Fáilte Ireland, aimed at attracting more people to jobs in the wider tourism industry.

With thousands of positions available in hotels and guesthouses across Ireland, local hoteliers are encouraging people across all ages to consider a career in the industry - including parents, people returning to the workforce, retirees and those simply seeking a career change.

Gerard O'Brien, Chair, Wicklow branch of the IHF said, "Now is an ideal time to consider a career in tourism given the wide range of exciting options available for people at every stage of their working lives. We know there is an increasing number of people who are seeking greater flexibility in the number of hours they work, particularly those who may be returning to the workforce - and this is something hotels and guesthouses are ideally placed to accommodate."

"We are encouraging those with an interest in working with people to find out more about the many opportunities and positions available. Few sectors provide such a wide range of options for people across a variety of skills levels, backgrounds and interests - offering plenty of opportunities to support professional growth while meeting and working with great people and developing skills."

Tourism is Ireland's largest indigenous industry and provides employment in every town and country in Ireland. Before the pandemic, over 270,000 livelihoods were supported by the tourism and hospitality sector, equating to 1 in 10 of all Irish jobs, with 70% of these jobs located outside Dublin. These jobs are crucial to communities, especially in many parts of regional Ireland where tourism is the only show in town.

Wicklow County Council is delighted to announce Garageland Galayxz Wicklow at Cruinniú na nÓg 2022!

Garageland Galaxy is an exciting new nationwide festival featuring young musicians aged 12 - 18, with 8 Live Stages all over Ireland and a giant online multicast, featuring hundreds of young artists, special guests, and music industry workshops.

With an in-person event in Arkow, Garageland Galaxy is set to be one of the biggest events ever seen for supporting Irish Young Musicians!

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Declan Tanham, Deborah Coughlan, Patricia Hurley and Cllr Paul O'Brien celebrating 21 years of EmployAbility Service Wicklow

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ReWild Wicklow launch website and European project

As part of National Biodiversity Week, local environmental group ReWild Wicklow has announced a new website and a Europe-wide initiative called 'Snapshot Europe.' The website is rewildwicklow.ie and it features details on all the organisation's projects, tips and resources on rewilding and how to volunteer and donate.

One of those projects featured is an initiative called 'Snapshot Europe.' Launched last year, the aim is to collect wildlife camera trap data across as many sites in Europe as possible during September and October. In 2021, the UCD Wildlife Department represented Ireland in the project by placing just ten cameras across the Wicklow Mountains.

This year ReWild Wicklow are partnering with UCD Wildlife and they have just secured funding from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the Local Authority Waters Programme to purchase 25 camera traps.

"This will be the largest ever such camera trap monitoring project of mammals in Ireland,"

said Danny Alvey, chairperson of ReWild Wicklow, "and we are delighted to have this happen right here in Wicklow. However, to access these grants, we need matched fundraising from the public. I would urge anyone with an interest in Wicklow's beautiful wildlife to visit our new website, find out more about the project and consider a donation."

ReWild Wicklow was only formed in January this year but it has already recruited nearly 300 volunteers. These volunteers have taken part in a whole range of activities aimed at improving biodiversity in the county. In spring they planted over 1,600 trees across seven different sites with various private and NGO partners.

As part of Snapshot Europe, the group will not only provide addi-



ReWild Wicklow volunteers at a recent tree planting in Laragh

tional camera traps to be used but also its volunteers to setup, monitor and move the camera traps around difficult, secluded terrain.

"This project will help establish the distribution of mammals such as red

squirrels, pine marten and badgers across Wicklow," continued Danny. "We will be sharing the images we capture on our social media channels and website during the project. As an added thank you to any

person or business that sponsors a whole camera trap setup (€18), they can name the camera and all sightings on it will be reported using that name. A perfect opportunity to honour the memory of a loved one or promote a

local business's commitment to Wicklow's wildlife."

The group is also seeking landowners who have native woods on their land and would be happy to have a camera trap setup to discover

what animals might be lurking there unknown. And they are also seeking more volunteers for this and all their activities. Visit rewildwicklow.ie to find out more and donate, volunteer or contact the group.



Badger captured on camera in Wicklow as part of Snapshot Europe 2021

'Urgent need for mitigation measures along N11 to prevent collisions with deer'

Sinn Féin TD John Brady has welcomed a response received from the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in respect of the dangers presented to road users in County Wicklow along stretches of the N11, particularly at the Glen of the Downes and at junction 12 Newtownmountkennedy, where there have been a large number of incidents involving cars colliding with deer who wander out on the road.

Deputy Brady said: "While I wish to welcome the response from TII in relation to my concerns over the ongoing danger presented to road users along the N11 from the large number of deer who are wandering onto the road. I remain very concerned that if measures are not taken immediately, we will inevitably witness a serious if not fatal accident occurring."

"The TII has informed me of their plans to undertake a 'Deer Management Pilot Study' on a section of the N77 in Laois, Which will consist of an ecological assessment of the deer and their movements in an

area with similar problems with deer as in Wicklow along the N11. The TII has stated that upon completion of this study, they intend to carry out an analysis of other locations where collisions with deer have been recorded. Following which mitigation measures, such as fencing will be implemented."

"While these are welcome developments, I am concerned that road users in Wicklow will be left vulnerable in the interim. It is absolutely vital that mitigation measures are implemented on the N11 as soon as possible, as this represents a very serious public safety issue that needs to be addressed."

"Since I have highlighted this issue, I have received dozens of reports from road users in Wicklow, who have been involved in collisions with deer. Quite a number of cars have had to be written off, while others have received damage running into thousands of euros."

"There are reports of road users incurring injuries, with many others badly shaken by near misses. To date, thankfully, road users have avoided serious injury, but as long as deer are roaming this section of road there is a constant risk of a serious accident."

"I am calling for the immediate erection of more signage in the area to make all road users aware of the dangers, and of the speedy implementation of mitigation measures at the earliest opportunity. The erection of a deer proof fence along the worst affected areas of the N11 could well save a life."



Outdoor recreation funding welcomed

A new funding stream is to improve outdoor recreational facilities in Coillte forests. The €5 million scheme is based on a strategic partnership between the Department of Rural and Community Development and Coillte to promote rural tourism from 2022 to 2025.

The Wicklow projects being funded are: Avondale, €100,000; Sean Lenihan Walk, Aughrim, €11,000; Crone, Enniskerry, €10,000; Devil's Glen, Ashford, €15,000; Djouce (Deerpark), Roundwood, €8,000; Drumgoff, Glenmalur, €14,000; Kindlestown, Greystones, €7,000; Roddenagh, Aughrim, €2,000; Shay Elliot, Glenmalur, €6,000.

Discussing the announcement, Green Party TD Steven Matthews said: "I am delighted that €173,000 has been allocated to develop outdoor recreation facilities in forests and parks in Wicklow. One of the major projects that has been approved is the construction of a multi-access trail and a family cycle trail at Avondale Forest Park. There will also be maintenance works to existing paths, trails, and carparks in forests across rural areas of the county."

"Coillte is the largest provider of outdoor recreation in Ireland, and it is estimated that 18 million people visit our forests nationally every year. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, more people want to relax and reconnect with the natural world. The huge increase in footfall in our incredible outdoor spaces was clear and it was particularly welcome to see local people engaging and experiencing nature in their home county in ways that many hadn't previously."

"I look forward to the launch of the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy later this year and the announcement of further initiatives that will enhance our outdoor amenities," Deputy Matthews concluded.

Minister Simon Harris, welcoming the funding for Avondale, said "I am delighted that Avondale Forest Park is to receive this significant investment as part of Coillte's new

five year strategic plan. Over the last two years we have seen a major increase in the number of people accessing outdoor recreation infrastructure. Coillte is uniquely placed to assist us in meeting that demand to ensure that people can continue to enjoy the unique advantages offered by the Irish countryside."

"Coillte recorded a significant increase in visitor numbers to its Forest Parks and recreation sites over the past year, with a doubling of visitor numbers at some of its most popular sites. This funding announcement will assist Coillte in upgrading facilities to meet the increased demand for access to these amenities."

"The new trail will be multi access and suitable for cycling for all ages. This investment will further enhance the beautiful Avondale Forest Park and help cater for its increased visitor numbers."



NOTICE

GLENDALOUGH/LARAGH TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PILOT SCHEME

4TH JUNE 2022 – 28TH AUGUST 2022

With effect from 4th June 2022, weekend traffic management arrangements will be introduced in Laragh and Glendalough to deal with the problems caused by heavy volumes of cars entering the village on Saturday, Sundays and public holidays to visit Glendalough and the surrounding area.

This pilot scheme will involve:

- Provision of a free (weekend/public holiday) bus service to connect the Laragh carpark on the R755 and the Glendalough Visitor Centre.
- Signs to warn drivers when the Upper car park and the Glendalough Visitor Centre car park are full and drivers will be directed to the Laragh car park. This can be accessed by following directional signs provided.

Please help by:

- Using public transport options/bicycles where suitable.
- Car pooling with your friends.
- Parking in designated areas only and obeying requests from our carpark staff.
- Not parking illegally on public roads where your vehicle will cause an obstruction to other users/emergency services and may be ticketed/clamped.

Greens seek designated zones for election posters

Green Party TD, Steven Matthews has supported a new bill launched by his party colleague - Senator Pauline O'Reilly that aims to reduce the waste and street clutter associated with political posters used during elections and referendums.

Launching the bill titled - the 'Regulation of Display of Electoral and Polling Posters and Other Advertisements Bill 2022', Deputy Matthews said: "This Bill will limit the areas where candidates or campaigns are permitted to put posters with only designated areas allowed that will be chosen by individual local authorities. It will also restrict the number of posters any individual candidate or campaign can use, creating a more level playing field for groups/ candidates that are not as well resourced.

"In every election that I have run in both for the council and the Dáil, the issue of election posters cluttering up areas is brought up with me. As a politician, I fully appreciate the need to get your

name out there, particularly for new candidates, but from the perspective of residents, I totally get the frustration for someone looking out their window and having 10 smiling faces looking back at you from the nearest lamppost. This bill seeks to create a balanced approach that addresses both perspectives.

"This Bill that the Green Party launched isn't about completely banning election posters because they do play an important role in our democracy both in letting people know that an election or referendum is upcoming but also to learn the key messages or who is running. We do however need to move away from the scattergun approach adopted by many political parties that

has posters hanging from any tiny gap on a lamp-post or fence that creates potential road safety issues and more than anything is extremely unsightly.

"As a Green Party representative, I try to limit my poster use as much as possible, but you still have to try and compete and get your name out there. This bill, through restricting the number of posters permitted and limiting them to designated locations, generally locations with the heaviest foot traffic, will level the playing field for smaller parties and independents who don't have significant funding behind them.

"The benefits of this bill are very clear from an environmental perspective as so many of these posters end up in the landfill after a vote or worse, end up falling down and littering the community. Ireland is already behind many of our European neighbours

with designated areas for posters during an election being common practice in many countries already.

"I look forward to supporting the passage of this bill through the Oireachtas and I hope that it receives the backing of all political parties as it seeks to make our elections both fairer and more environmentally sustainable," concluded Deputy Matthews.



Green Party TD Deputy Steven Matthews with Oireachtas Climate Action committee Chair Deputy Brian Leddin and Green Party Chair Senator Pauline O'Reilly at the launch of their Regulation of Display of Electoral and Polling Posters and Other Advertisements Bill 2022.

'Zero tolerance' approach to traffic violations in Delgany

Gardai will be strictly enforcing traffic legislation within Delgany Village following an escalation of safety concerns among local residents, Chair of Delgany Community Council Paul Armstrong said.

"Our safety and that of visitors to Delgany is causing concern," he said. The increased enforcement will cover all elements of traffic legislation including addressing illegal and inconsiderate parking in the village, with a "zero tolerance" approach to breaches.

There's been an increase in traffic in the village due to the ongoing construction on Bellevue Hill, and several other active construction sites in the area, the largest of which is the Durkan residential site. Locals are asked to contact bellevue@dres.ie if they have any problems with Heavy Goods Vehicles related to their site.

"We have another construction company in operation between St Laurence's school and the Delgany bypass roundabout. We would hope that all developers will be keen to preserve good relationships with local residents and will be responsive to issues raised," said Mr Armstrong.

"We continue to work with Wicklow County Council to endeavour to deliver a road redesign for the Village Centre to provide a long term sustainable solution and one which provides calm in the centre of the village. We hope to see an engineer appointed to this project in the near future. We are doing all that we can to progress this. The upcoming road closure will provide an opportunity to assess the impact on traffic and how this affects access to the village for residents, business owners and customers.

"We know that we can count on your support for the Gardai as they go about the business of addressing the serious and dangerous traffic issues within our village to make our roads safer for all of our residents."



Fia Cullen, Lauren Crawford and Tessa Cullen at the Circus Gerbola which held a charity night in aid of Tiglin and the Gavin Glynn Foundation at Belmont Demense, Greystones



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

In accordance with section 21A of the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, the Minister of State, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with special responsibility for Planning and Local Government ("the Minister") hereby gives notice that he has determined an application dated 12 March 2021 for a Licence under Section 3(1) of the Foreshore Act, 1933 (as amended) made by Sure Partners Limited ("the Applicant") to carry out site investigations relating to a possible offshore windfarm off the coast of Wicklow at Arklow Bank (Application Reference Number FS007339).

DETERMINATION

The Minister has determined pursuant to the provisions of the Foreshore Act, 1933 (as amended) to grant a Foreshore Licence to the Applicant in respect of the development described in the application, subject to the conditions set out in the Foreshore Licence.

MAIN REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The Minister has had regard to the following matters in determining the application for a Foreshore Licence:

- The application for a Foreshore Licence together with accompanying documents and revised Natura Impact Statement;
- The submissions received from prescribed bodies and the applicant's responses;
- The submissions received during the public consultation and the applicant's responses;
- The nature of the proposal and its purpose;
- The consent conditions to be attached to the Foreshore Licence, if granted;
- The pre-screening for environmental impact assessment of the proposed works;
- The screening for appropriate assessment of the proposed development prepared by MERC Consultants Ltd, and adopted by the Minister;
- The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination signed by the Minister
- The Article 12 Assessment of the proposed development prepared by MERC Consultants Ltd and adopted by the Minister;
- The appropriate assessment of the proposed development prepared by MERC Consultants Ltd and adopted by the Minister
- The Appropriate Assessment Determination signed by the Minister
- The technical assessment, including the agreement and adoption of the environmental assessment of the proposed development by the Marine Licence Vetting Committee ("MLVC") and its conclusions and recommendations;
- The advice of the Foreshore Section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Having had regard to the foregoing, and in particular having regard to the environmental reports adopted by the Minister, the consent conditions attached to the Foreshore Lease, and the recommendation of the MLVC, the Minister is satisfied (i) that the proposed development on the foreshore would not have significant adverse impacts on human health and safety, nor on the marine environment; (ii) that the proposed development on the foreshore either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects would not adversely affect the integrity of any European site; and (iii) that it is in the public interest to grant the Foreshore Lease having regard to the nature of the proposal.

The following information is available on the website of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage at:
www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/5d162-sure-partners-arklow-bank-wind-park-phase-2-site-investigations/

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION:

- Approval of the Minister to Grant the Foreshore Licence;
- Foreshore Licence as executed between the parties, including conditions attached to the determination (which form part of the Foreshore Licence);
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment, adopted by the Minister;
- Appropriate Assessment, adopted by the Minister;
- Pre Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment ;
- MLVC Report and Appendix thereto;
- Information on the public participation process, including copies of all submissions received and the applicant's responses to those submissions;
- Submissions made by prescribed bodies and the applicant's responses to those submissions;
- Application for a Foreshore Licence together with supporting materials;
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination
- Appropriate Assessment Determination
- EU Habitats Directive: Article 12 Assessment
- Submission (Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination)
- Submission (Appropriate Assessment Determination)
- Submission (FS007339 Foreshore Licence Application)

This material may also be inspected free of charge at the following office of the Department:

Foreshore Section
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Newtown Road, Wexford. Y35 AP90
Tel: 1890 20 20 21 Email: foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie

REVIEW PROCEDURE

A review procedure is available before the High Court whereby the substantive or procedural legality of the Minister's determination may be challenged. The review procedure is governed by Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts, 1986 (S.I. 15 of 1986). A person wishing to avail of the review procedure must first file (i) a statement of grounds; and (ii) a verifying affidavit in the Central Office of the High Court. It is then necessary to make an application for leave to apply to the High Court.

An application for leave to apply for judicial review shall be made within three months from the date when grounds for the application first arose under Section 21(1) of Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts as amended by S.I No 691 of 2011. The time-limit for such a review commences from the Date of Publication of this Notice of Determination. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information's website at www.citizensinformation.ie

Section 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, applies inter alia to Judicial Review Proceedings. The matter of costs is addressed under Subsections (2),(2A),(3) &(4). Notwithstanding anything contained in Order 99 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. 15 of 1986) and subject to subsections (2A), (3) &(4) in proceedings to which this section applies, each party to the proceedings (including any notice party) shall bear its own costs. The full text of Section 50B is available at:

www.irishstatutebook.ie/2010/en/act/pub/0030/sec0033.html#sec33

Part 2 Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011, Costs of Certain Proceedings to be Borne by Each Party in Certain Circumstances

www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2011/act/20/section/3/enacted/en/html#part2

Wicklow woman climbs mountains to support people of Ethiopia and remember Grandfather



(L-R) Graham Connolly, Jeannie Higgins and Aidan Losack, on top of the Sugar Loaf - the third and final peak for the day.

A Wicklow woman has climbed three Wicklow mountains in one day, to raise funds for international school feeding charity Mary's Meals.

Jeannie Higgins, who works as the Fundraising Coordinator for the organisation in Ireland, was so moved by recent updates from their partner in Ethiopia that she felt compelled to fundraise, in her own time, for the victims of what she calls 'a forgotten war' in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

"Our partner has told us stories of children hiding in caves while rebels raid their village, only to return and find their parents dead. Other children are wandering refugee camps alone, having been separated from their parents, hoping that they will be reunited with them eventually," says Jeannie. "It genuinely breaks my heart, especially if I think of my own children in that situation - alone, scared and traumatised."

The weekend before last, Jeannie climbed three iconic Wicklow mountains, all in one day. She was joined by partner Aidan Losack and friend Graham Connolly, of Native Treks.

"This was a nod to my late grandfather", she says, "who climbed all three, before breakfast, whilst in his eighties! He fought in the Korean War, also known as the Forgotten War, but sadly it seems to me that most wars are forgotten these days. So, following in his footsteps feels rather fitting while I fundraise for

yet more people that might otherwise be forgotten."

Mary's Meals is an international organisation providing a daily meal in a place of education for children in some of the poorest communities in the world. They are currently feeding more than 2 million children in 20 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. While just €18.30 feeds a child for an entire school year, those daily meals enable children to come to the classroom and gain the education that could be their ladder out of poverty in the long term.

Through trusted relationships with partner organisations, the charity can also be well placed to respond to emergency situations, such as the humanitarian crisis in Tigray, Ethiopia, which has seen millions internally displaced, over a million facing famine, and countless dead. Following an emergency appeal last year, Mary's Meals partner in Ethiopia (who we cannot name for their own safety) was able to coordinate a response, along with the Red Cross and five other local organisations, and assist thousands of internally displaced people with shelter and food - well before UN agencies, international or national organisations provided any assistance to them.

Eighteen months on and the

conflict continues to escalate - fuel has run out, a government-imposed blockade stops food entering the region and so over a million people face famine. Hospitals, having run out of the most basic supplies, are closing too and government airstrikes are becoming more frequent.

On her most recent call with Mary's Meals staff, their partner tells them "Tigray is completely isolated, and it often feels that no one cares."

With national media blackouts, and little response from the international community, it is no wonder she feels like Ethiopia has been forgotten.

However, the compassion she has witnessed between the people in Tigray, and the "touching collaboration" with Mary's Meals, gives her hope in an otherwise harrowing situation.

Mary's Meals feeds children in 20 countries: Malawi, Liberia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Haiti, Kenya, India, South Sudan, Uganda, Ethiopia, Benin, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Myanmar, Thailand, Ecuador, Madagascar, Romania and Niger.

Mary's Meals currently feeds over 2 million children every school day. To read more about Mary's Meals' work in Ethiopia, or to donate, please visit www.marysmeals.ie.

Kilcoole Lodge Nursing Home residents raise over 17K for Wicklow Hospice

Over the past few months Kilcoole Lodge Nursing Home residents, kindly supported by their loving families and staff have raised €17,323 in aid of the local Wicklow Hospice.

The fundraising idea came as part of Bewley's Coffee Morning Social for Hospice event held last September 2021 and prolonged over the past few months due COVID restrictions. The organised events were symbolic and were held inhouse and virtually as Coffee mornings, Raffle draws,

Art & craft exhibitions of the work of our residents.

"It was our way of saying thank you and recognising the work of local palliative care teams supporting Wicklow people. We know how passionate people are about the Hospice and the great work they do," said the staff of Kilcoole Lodge Nursing Home.

"Acknowledging our residents who have been the backbone of our communities for many years and who have contributed so much to their country, as accountants, nurses, soldiers, homemakers, teachers, electricians, and office administrators to name but a few, with sheer determination, strength and courage still shines through, and still wanting to make a difference in other people lives.

"We especially want to thank Eamonn Darcy Former Ryder Cup Player who presented the cheque to the Wicklow Hospice on Wednesday 11th May. We would like to thank the Darcy family for their generosity."

On the day of the presentation, much excitement was happening in

Kilcoole Lodge as residents got ready to travel to the Hospice and enjoy the surroundings, look at the sea and present the cheque. There, they met Sinead Tarmey in person whom they have been in contact with for many months. Sinead kindly

spoke to all the residents and gave the story of the Hospice and the opening and services it provides. The residents and staff met with Hazel who is the Team lead for community nurses who attend to people in their homes or in nursing homes.

Hazel spoke about the great work they do and the specialised personalised care they provide. Then, the residents were back on the bus to head for lunch in Kilcoole Lodge, singing songs and making jokes all the way home.

"It was an honour and privilege to help raise funds for Kilcoole Lodge Nursing Home," says Eamonn Darcy. "My mother-in-law is a resident in the Lodge, and

she receives the best of care on a daily basis. All the staff go above and beyond to ensure the residents are looked after, from a medical point of view to the beautiful rooms, wonderful activities and as for the delicious food, the list is endless. Wicklow Hospice provides such a service to people in need, and we all know the people working in the hospice are truly heavenly sent."



Residents of Kilcoole Lodge Nursing Home were supported by Manager Caroline Murnane, activities Coordinators Tsveta Ivanova, Angela Bobocsa, Senior Healthcare Assistant Simona Ciubotarasu and former Ryder Cup member Eamon Darcy at the Wicklow Hospice where they presented a donation to Hazel Bayley and Sinead Tarmey.



Abbie Seville, who took part in the bike ride to raise funds for Living Life Counselling. The Over The Hill Gang is a movement of bikers in Bray that endeavour to have a positive impact on society and raise a little money for beneficial associations and in this instance the Living Life Counselling Centre that provide low cost counselling. The ride started in Bray and touched almost every corner of the garden counties highways and byways. Pic: Shayne Phelan

Arklow community encouraged to participate in 'Donate Don't Waste' textiles research pilot

Take the survey, donate clean and dry clothing & home textiles

Arklow has been selected as a pilot area for the Donate Don't Waste separate textiles collection pilot, part of Community Resources Network Ireland's (CRNI) innovation & demonstration project, Developing a Circular Textiles System for Ireland, which will inform national policy.

This project is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy grant-aid funding programme.

CRNI, SVP - Vincent's Charity Shops East Region, Wicklow County Council, St. Mary's College and Clean Technology Centre at MTU are involved in the

Arklow pilot project.

The Donate Don't Waste pilot in Arklow aims to understand attitudes and behaviours around unwanted clothing and home tex-

tiles through a survey, share information on where and what to donate, and make donations easier through community collections. The survey can be found at

www.donatearklow.ie and the next community collection is taking place on 1st June from 10am-3pm at the Arklow Recycling Centre. Last week's collection took place at St. Mary's College car park.

All clothing and home textiles have value and keeping them in circulation for longer within Ireland has potential to save environmental resources and create new local jobs, training and business opportunities. The fashion industry is responsible for 10% of annual global carbon emissions. In Ireland, about 68,000 tonnes of textiles are discarded every year by householders and commercial users. By comparison, about 14,500 tonnes of textiles are reused by Irish Charity Shops Association (ICSA) members. If just 15% of discarded textiles were reused, there could be environmental savings of over 100,000 tonnes of carbon.

Charity shops are the main drivers of textile reuse and ICSA's members include Vincent's charity shops, who support the



St. Mary's College students Ali Duggan and Lauren Raftery at the launch of Donate Don't Waste



Students from St. Mary's College in Arklow at the launch of 'Donate Don't Waste'.

work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP), the project's charity partner.

Christine Costelloe, CRNI's Circular Textiles Research Lead, said "We're delighted that the Arklow community is getting involved in the project by taking the survey and donating clothing and home textiles, which will positively contribute to environmental, social and economic change."

Dermot McGilloway, National Retail Development Manager for SVP, said "At Vincent's charity shops, we are an essential link in the circular economy, enabling local donors to pass on pre-loved

items for reuse in our local communities. We are committed to tackling the twin problems of poverty and deprivation on the one hand and the excessive consumption of fast fashion on the other."

Take the survey on unwanted clothing and home textiles at www.donatecharleville.ie. Respondents could win one of six €50 One4All gift vouchers.

Donate clean and dry clothing and home textiles at existing collection points, including charity shops, and at the collection on Wednesday, 1st June from 10am-3pm at the Arklow Recycling Centre,

Arklow Croghan Industrial Estate, Emoclew Road, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, Y14 K381. Donations will benefit SVP - Vincent's Charity Shops East Region.

Share survey and Donate Don't Waste information with friends, families, students, staff members, customers and community group members, for example.

To get involved, view the latest announcements and see details about the community collections, visit www.donatearklow.ie, contact info@crni.ie or 087 173 5184, follow #DonateDontWaste and @CRNIreland on social media.

Wicklow primary school pupils become latest Global Goal Getters

The work of Catie and Anna Grassetti, pupils at St. Patrick's National School, Loreto, Bray and 6th Class pupils from Kilcoole Primary School have been chosen to feature in the latest edition of the Our World Irish Aid Awards online magazine Global Getters, placing them in the running for a coveted place at the prestigious national final event taking place - in person - at Farnleigh House on Tuesday 14th June 2022.

Catie and Anna Grassetti, pupils at St. Patrick's National School, created artistic and thoughtful posters all about our planet while 6th

Primary School have been busy working on videos (https://vimeo.com/700781646), poster and even a podcast.

Congratulating the pupils at St. Patrick's

National School and Kilcoole Primary School and their teachers, Minister of State for Overseas Development and Diaspora, Colm Brophy T.D. said: "Our

second Global Getters magazine is packed full of exceptional projects that challenge us all about thing we can individually and collectively do to tackle the big issues facing the

world today and in the future.

"I am so encouraged not just by the level of participation in this year's Awards, but also by the level of insight and understanding demonstrated by our young people when it comes to making our planet a better home for all. This is a testament to the commitment of our national school teachers and their passion for the Awards and nurturing an ethos of global citizenship."

St. Patrick's National School and Kilcoole Primary School will now compete for a place at the National Final Ceremony and inclusion in a special edition printed annual magazine which will be distributed nationwide. As well as the School of the Year, there will be additional awards such as Teacher of the Year, Best Performance and the Gaeilge Award for the best entry submitted in Irish. The national final will take place on Tuesday 14th June, in person at Farnleigh House and will be streamed live on YouTube.



Artwork by Catie Grassetti from St. Patrick's National School



Artwork by Anna Grassetti from St. Patrick's National School



6th Class pupils from Kilcoole Primary School have been busy working on videos, poster and podcast.

Greystones Players present: The Memory of Water



Georgina Lawless, Ciara Kelly, and Miranda Egan-Langley in *The Memory of Water*

*The Whale Theatre, 9th – 12th June, Thursday – Saturday, 7.30 pm,
Sunday 4 pm. Tickets €20 from whaletheatre.ie*

Greystones Players is delighted to present its first stage production since December 2019. *The Memory of Water* by Shelagh Stephenson, at the Whale Theatre between 9th and 12th June (inclusive), will tick all the boxes for a drama-hungry audience! Directed by Aideen Walton, this award-winning darkly comedic rollercoaster of a play about the nature of grief, memory and familial relationships is a must-see for theatre lovers.

First produced in 1996, Stephenson's play won the Lawrence Olivier award for best new comedy in 2000, and it has stood the test of time, proving a firm favourite with theatre goers.

The story revolves around three very different and fractious sisters gathering on the eve of their mother Vi's funeral in the family home. They clash when sharing recollections not only of their individual childhood experiences but of their parents and are unable to agree on what is actually true. Their deceased parents continue to loom large in their daughters' lives, and the play explores the impact that their emotionally unavailable father and conventional but frustrated mother have had on each. Barely contained sibling rivalries and resentments rise to the surface and hidden feelings are exposed, both

among the sisters and between them and their respective partners.

While the themes of grief, trauma and memory are explored, Stephenson's magnificently crafted humour and wit interweave throughout, never allowing us to dwell too long out of our comfort zone. *The Memory of Water* is at its best when comedy and tragedy blend together, highlighting the terrible yet funny things you really shouldn't do but can't help laughing about in grief. This play includes adult themes and language and is not recommended for under-16s.

*Niamh Clancy: Vi
Georgina Lawless: Mary
Ciara Kelly: Teresa*

*Miranda Egan-Langley: Catherine
Eoin O'Mahony: Mike Donagh Noone: Frank*

Blast from the Past with Metropolis in Greystones

Hot Spot Music Club, Greystones, Saturday 4th June

Formed originally in 1979, Metropolis quickly established themselves as one of Dublin's most interesting and innovative bands, playing the music they used to call Jazz-rock, mostly self-composed but including pieces ranging from Frank Zappa through Weather Report to The Police. Indeed Sting from that band came to their three-year residency in Dublin's Parliament Inn to witness a gig.

Flash forward forty years, Metropolis believe that there is still much more to uncover and enjoy. They still play music that excites and challenges, but the priority now is the sheer enjoyment of improvising together. Metropolis now are Keith Donald, playing Clarinet and Sax, Paul Barrett playing keyboards, Paul McAteer playing Drums and Garvan Gallagher playing Bass.

Doors 8pm | Show 9pm, in the Hot Spot Music Club, upstairs at the Beach House, Greystones Harbour. Tickets €15 www.thehotspot.ie/tickets | Phone 087 291 7519 or pay €18 on the door.



Whale Theatre announces autumn artists & summer sizzlers!



Gemma Hayes

The Whale Theatre has just announced the first of their Autumn shows, but if you can't wait until then, the team have also released a few iconic summer sizzlers across June and July, including Gemma Hayes, Mundy, Cathy Davey and Luka Bloom! These are sure to be some of Wicklow's hottest summer tickets, so grab them while you can!

Already this year, the theatre has hosted performances from The Blizzards, Des Bishop, Deirdre O' Kane, Jade Phoenix, Fiachna Ó Braonáin and Tom Dunne to sold out audiences, and after a busy few months, the popular venue will "go dark" for much of July and August in preparation for the new season!

The theatre's Autumn season will kick off on Friday 9th September with Arclight Theatre Company's production of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Directed by Paul Cullen, and featuring a musical score composed and performed by D. Cullen, this energetic, visceral and highly visual production will run for 3 performances only with a special matinee show on



Sunday 11th September. With *Macbeth* featured on the 2023 Leaving Certificate syllabus, this is the perfect opportunity for students and parents alike to experience

Arclight's award-winning production.

For theatre fans, there is still another treat in store as Rex Ryan's Glass Mask Theatre makes its Whale Theatre debut,

with a new play titled "Pop Tart Lipstick". Written by Rex Ryan and directed by Stephen Jones, the story revolves around Harris, who has just been released from Mountjoy Prison, and John, who is pursuing a new way of life as a bus driver. The piece unfolds in real time, as the two old friends meet again, and a string of comic absurdities ensues.

There is something for younger audiences too, as Trio Tain join acclaimed soprano Catherine Redding and narrator Nicholas Grennell to present a bite-size version of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. Suitable for all the family, this 60-minute musical romp tells the story of Tamino, a handsome prince, as he sets out to free the beautiful Princess Pamina from the clutches of the dark and mysterious Sarastro. With the aid of his spectacular magic flute and his faithful friend Papageno, our hero soon discovers that nothing, not even Day and Night, is quite as it first appears.

For music fans, the Whale Theatre never disappoints, and some of the names which have

already been announced for Autumn include Mary Coughlan, The 4 Of Us and Anne Randolph. This is just a taster for what's to come at the Whale Theatre for the rest of 2022, and you can be sure there will be plenty of music, comedy, theatre, film, family shows and much more to look forward to. Head over to www.whaletheatre.ie for full details and to join the mailing list!



Luka Bloom

The Art of MS – Symptoms Under the Spotlight

Featuring 12 original artworks from living with Multiple Sclerosis in Ireland to raise public awareness of the disease

'The Art of MS – Symptoms Under the Spotlight' is an art exhibition created by MS Ireland in partnership with Novartis Ireland. It opened last week and features 12 original works of art created by people living with MS in Ireland. The exhibition has been organised to raise awareness of MS and the wide-ranging symptoms of the disease to mark World MS Day 2022.

The exhibition opened last Thursday, 26th May, and will run until Wednesday 1st June at the Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute. The exhibition is free of charge.

The 12 works of art on display were shortlisted by a panel of judges and chosen for their ability to impactfully depict the many symptoms of MS, many of which are invisible and unknown to the general public such as fatigue, vision impairment, depression and difficulties with memory and thinking. The exhibition features paintings, digital illustrations, free-standing sculptures and creative video content all of which aim to help the viewer better understand what it is like to live with MS day to day.

One of the groups contributing to the exhibition is the Greystones Scribblers.

Who were founded in 2009 by members of the East Wicklow Branch of MS Ireland and is funded and ran by the branch.

The group currently has five members who all have written a piece for the Life With MS exhibition. Four of the members are living with MS and the fifth is a long time advocate for people with MS. The piece we have put together is a Visual Narrative Piece and all written pieces are reflective of our lives in living with MS. The piece is a short video of rolling images and written work with an overlay of audio from each artist. One of the members is also using the aid of a lightwriter to

read his piece.

"We felt it was important to have visual as well as audio as another of our members has also lost his sight. We feel this medium of delivering the art work then is more inclusive of all and it highlights how people living with MS have varying issues to contend with," the group says.

The group are very excited to have their work included in such a wonderful exhibition for World MS day and hopes it helps give the visitors to the event a better understanding of what Life With MS really entails.

The exhibition was officially opened by Senator Erin McGreehan for Louth and East Meath and spokesperson on Children, Disability,

Equality and Integration.

Speaking at the launch, Senator McGreehan said "It is my pleasure to attend the official opening of The Art of MS - Symptoms Under the Spotlight exhibition. The artists have done a fantastic job of portraying how they live with the varying symptoms of MS on a daily basis. Showcasing the artwork in the main foyer of Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute is such a great idea, bringing together innovation, creativity and real life experiences for all to see."

Find more information about MS and to view the profiles of the artists who feature at the exhibition at www.MS-Society.ie.

To join the conversation, use the hashtag #TheArtOfMS.



Pictured are the Greystones Scribblers group. Ahead of World MS Day, MS Ireland in partnership with Novartis Ireland launch 'The Art of MS – Symptoms Under the Spotlight' exhibition featuring 12 original artworks from people living with Multiple Sclerosis in Ireland to raise public awareness of the disease. Pictured at the launch of The Art of MS – Symptoms Under the Spotlight are Ava Battles Chief Executive MS Ireland and Audrey Derveloy, General Manager, Novartis Ireland. Picture: Andres Poveda



Super Paua Stories Workshop

A multilingual storytelling workshop for families

Mermaid Arts Centre, Sunday 12th June, 2pm

Free, but booking essential - Book through Box Office on 01-272 4030

Are you bursting with stories to tell? Where in your area has magic hidden beneath the surface? Where would the ghosts come to dance?

Join this workshop for both parents and children who speak more than one language. Participants will be exploring storytelling skills through different languages and cultures. The workshop will be run through English, but you are welcome to speak and express yourself in whatever languages you speak!

The workshop is for children (8-12) and their parents and adults who speak more than one language (18+).

"Working together we'd love to get to know what you love about stories to help us create an audio piece for children in your town for our fourth series of Super Paua Stories, a multilingual podcast for young people 5-12 years old."

Inni-K at Mermaid Arts Centre

Saturday 4th June, 8pm, €20/18

Named by RTÉ as "one of ten fierce women defining Irish culture", Inni-K plays Mermaid Arts Centre as part of her album launch tour with her band on 4th June.

'Iníon' ('Daughter'), Inni-K's third album release, recorded in Dublin over 4 days in Nov '21, sees the Dublin-based singer, songwriter immerse herself in her extensive background in sean-nós and traditional song. Together with her exceptionally skilled collaborators, from jazz to classical, Inni-K breathes exquisite beauty into these songs, creating for her audience a uniquely fresh experience in sean-nós song.

"The roots of this album reach deep. In my mind's eye, I see myself, aged 11, at home, tracing my finger across a small dent in the front of the record

player and listening to a Gael Linn record that Mam and Dad had, hearing the singing of Seosamh Ó hÉanaí. In that moment, I was transfixed. I became fascinated by sean-nós singing and, through the years since, have explored that compulsion alongside other musical curiosities and influences. Iníon is a circling back to my musical lineage to honour my first deep love of sean-nós song and what has been passed onto me. The same momentum carries me and this music forward, joyfully falling into step with fellow explorers of different musical genres, from jazz to

classical, to imagine together and share new iterations of some of the songs I love most from our singing tradition.

"I try to be a caring, attentive daughter of our rich song and music traditions, and also hope to be an innovative, curious and adventurous one!"

"These nine songs on 'Iníon', I deeply love. Some I've been singing since childhood & really feel a part of me. I wanted to dive in, explore and inhabit these songs as fully & creatively as I could, with the perspective & treatment I think I could only bring to them now at this stage

in my musical journey and life. Working with the musicians Matthew Berrill, Brian Walsh & Mary Barnecutt on the album and also with



Inni-K

Caimin Gilmore on one of the tracks, was a musically mind-opening experience. They massively helped me bring my vision for these songs to life.

"The album making process, through some difficult and challenging covid times, was a joy and creatively really satisfying. We took the time to experiment and to find sonically, what could work for these songs that are traditionally unaccompanied.

"We didn't shy away from experimentation! Some ideas worked straight off the bat, others needed more 'finding' time, which I'm pleased we gave them. I'm really proud of this album and look forward very much to sharing it and performing it live!"

Inni-K's music draws on her extensive background in folk and traditional Irish music, even as she ventures into new musical territories. Her original songwriting career ('The Hare & the Line'

2019 and 'The King has Two Horse's Ears' 2015), combines ethereal vocals with deft musicianship, evocative lyrics and a unique approach to song-writing.

She has also performed, toured and recorded with Ré - traditional group including Cormac Begley, Liam Ó Maonlaí, Maitiú Ó Casaide & Peter O Toole. Having shared stages with such varied and renowned musicians as Malian kora master Toumani Diabaté, Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh, Lisa O'Neill, jazz drummer Jeff Ballard, Glen Hansard, Javier Mas (Leonard Cohen's spanish guitarist), Wallis Bird, Efterklang, Tiny Ruins and many more, Inni-K is becoming a well-established presence in Irish music. 'Iníon' was produced with the assistance of The Arts Council of Ireland, through the Deis Recording and Publication Award.



Pictured is the Kilcoole team that took part in the Cumann na mBunscol hurling blitz at Bray Emmets. There were goals and points galore as some of Wicklow's finest young hurlers put on a show for the lucky spectators that were there to witness it. The schools represented included St. Cronan's, St. Laurence's, Greystones Community National School, Gaelscoil na Clocha Liath, St. Patrick's (Wicklow Town), Kilcoole N.S and Scoil Chualann. There were some great contests with each team getting 5 matches each.

Bray schools vandalised repeatedly in 'mindless' attacks

Several attacks of vandalism have been perpetrated on schools in the Bray area in recent weeks. Coláiste Ráithín will have to pay out what the school estimates to be €10,000 to cover the cost of a mindless act of vandalism which left nine windows in the school closed. Two other schools in the area, Ravenswell, and North Wicklow Educate Together, have also been damaged.

Sinn Féin TD John Brady said, "I am appalled at these mindless acts of vandalism. I have been in contact with local Gardaí, and a local property company in order to prevent access to an adjacent waste ground, the direction from which vandals have approached every time that they have been throwing rocks at the windows.

"Coláiste Ráithín has already been forced to contend with damage totalling €12,000 so far since September. This is the result of repeated acts of outrageous and mindless vandalism. While the school had previously installed CCTV cameras, the vandals gener-

ally remain far enough back from the school to avoid being caught on camera.

"The people responsible for these acts are not just attacking school property, they are attacking the local community. Schools are under a lot of pressure at the moment. Between the impact of covid, and the funding challenges that they currently face, schools are also being impacted by price hikes on heating fuel etc. They are certainly not in a position to pay out unnecessarily to clean up the mess of mindless vandals.

Coláiste Ráithín is only one of three schools which has been

repeatedly targeted in the same area. And while I am no doubt wasting my breath, I appeal to those responsible to stop. To think of the impact of their actions on their community.

We need to see the introduction of a policing plan to cover the whole area in order to ensure that the problem doesn't just get shifted onto another school. This will require a multi-faceted approach from the Gardaí, the property company which owns the adjacent waste ground, and local schools in order to put an end to this anti-social, and anti-community behaviour.

Council joins forces with Scouts to deliver reuse service for schoolbooks and uniforms

As another school year draws towards its end Wicklow County Council is focused on ensuring that schoolbooks and uniforms which students are finished with can find a new home.

The recycling centres in Arklow, Bray and Wicklow town will provide a reuse service where the public can donate books and uniforms. A sale of the items will then be held on the 6th of August in the three recycling centres from 2.30pm to 5.00 pm.

Secondary school students will finish up over the next week or two and many will have books they no longer need or a uniform that they have outgrown. These can be donated at any of the three recycling centres.

The local scouts will get involved organising and running

a sale of the books and uniforms with all proceeds going to the local scout group to fund their activities.

Donating unneeded books and uniforms is a great way to ensure they can be reused. Reuse of these items prevents further resource consumption, contributing to the circular economy. It will help County Wicklow deliver on Climate Action and the Sustainable Development Goals.

More than ever there are many of us who will welcome the opportunity to cut costs. Back to school puts strain on every one's

financial resources. Your donation can help a family to cut those costs and get their child ready for school without extra expense.

Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Shay Cullen, welcomed the initiative saying that "Wicklow County Council has run very successful book and uniform sales in our recycling centres in the past, being unique as a local authority in offering this type of service to the public. I am delighted to see the scouts partnering with the project. Their work on running the sale is much appreciated and it is great that local troops will raise funds through their work".

Books and uniforms can now be donated in the three recycling centres.

Brittas Bay NS appeals against removal of teaching post

Social Democrats TD Jennifer Whitmore has appealed to the Minister for Education to make sure Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara-Brittas Bay National School, doesn't lose a much-needed teaching post for the upcoming school year.

A decision was recently made by the Department of Education to remove a teacher. These decisions are based on last year's enrolment figures. The school has submitted an appeal to the Department of Education on this decision hoping to retain a teacher due to increased enrolment numbers since last year.

Deputy Whitmore has been in touch with the school and many of the parents who are concerned about losing a teacher for the upcoming school year, despite a rising demand in school places, higher enrolment numbers and Ukrainian children looking for school places as well.

"The Principal, teachers and parents from the school community have been in touch with me about

concerns that they are due to lose a teacher. This decision was made by the Department of Education, based on August 2021 figures, however enrolment numbers have since increased meaning the school could face squeezing 31 students into classrooms made for 24," said Deputy Whitmore.

"This is completely unsustainable and unwarranted given the fact that Brittas Bay NS is currently oversubscribed. It is unfair that teacher allocations are only provided based on previous enrolment figures.

"On top of that, the school still doesn't have a P.E. hall so exercise is contingent on the weather. As a small school, they have split classes, therefore, it will not be the case that a teacher will be teaching all of 1st class for example, they will be teaching at least two different classes in the same room.

"I have written to the Minister asking that she look at the school's appeal application and take into account the circumstances facing the school. I hope to be meeting with the school shortly and will wait to hear back from the Minister in the meantime," concluded Deputy Whitmore.

Young Wicklow environmentalists earn top awards

Young environmentalists from Wicklow have been named top winner's at the 23rd Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA) on Thursday 19th of May. St. Mary's College in Arklow have been awarded winners of the Senior Climate Change Category.

Hosted by ECO-UNESCO and RTE presenter, Clara Murray, The Young Environmentalist Awards programme took place virtually and were officially opened by Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Communications, Eamonn Ryan made an address. The YEAs is a nationwide programme that recognises and rewards young people aged 10-18 who have taken environmental action in their school or community, and created and come up with creative solutions to solve environmental issues.

Over 2,000 young people have been involved in this year's programme. Carbon Captures: Is

Seaweed a Silent Superhero in the Battle against Climate Change? A project created by Ciara Kelly and Lauren Raferty from St. Mary's College in Arklow has been named the Senior Climate Change Category Winners for their project which looked at compensating national carbon emissions by aquaculture bioremediation. The project focused on seaweed farming and how reintroducing seaweed back into the marine space may improve biodiversity, the fishing economy and the levels of CO2 in our atmosphere.

Elaine Nevin, Director of ECO-UNESCO said "Year on year the Young Environmentalist Awards Programme continues to showcase the very best of

youth climate action, innovation and sustainability amongst our Schools, YouthReaches and Youth Groups. We are overwhelmed with the quality of the work, every project has undertaken this year and what a privilege to be able to showcase these projects this week, particularly as we celebrate Biodiversity week.

"In a recent survey by ECO-UNESCO, 60% of young people feel anxious about climate change so the Young Environmentalists Awards Programme is a great opportunity for young people to take the necessary steps to relieve these anxieties, involve their local communities and work towards building

a better future."

To celebrate, ECO-UNESCO hosted ECO-Week, from 16th to 20th May, including a range of environmental workshops, well-being activities, talks, and challenges for young people alongside the YEA Final Ceremony.

For more information on the Young Environmentalist Awards and all the awardees, please go to www.yea.ie ECO-UNESCO is Ireland's Environmental Education and Youth Organisation that works to conserve the environment and empower young people. ECO-UNESCO is affiliated to the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA).



Ciara Kelly and Lauren Raferty from St. Mary's College

Bray student wins social media award at student enterprise finals

Alanna Demel a Transition year Student from Loreto Bray has won the award for 'The Most Creative Use of Social Media' at the National Finals of the Student Enterprise Programme.

Supported by Local Enterprise Office Wicklow, Alana who worked under the guidance of her teacher, Nicola Hennessy was acknowledged for the creative way that she used social media to promote her business. Her student enterprise was called Chandra Crystals, which is a range of wire wrapped Crystal jewellery designed and produced by Alanna herself. Alanna successfully used Instagram and Depop as the main channels to promote and to sell her range achieving excellent positive product reviews in the process.

The three overall category winners announced in the Helix in Dublin on 18th May with An Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and host RTE's Rick O'Shea, with students and teachers in attendance from all over the country, on the day were: 'Barrelida' from St. Patrick's Classical School, Navan, representing Local Enterprise Office Meath (Senior Category Winner), "Earrings by Aoiheann" from

Loreto Abbey, Dalkey representing Local Enterprise Office Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown (Intermediate Category Winner), and 'Sew Stylish' from St. Brigid's College, Callan representing Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny (Junior Category Winner).

As this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Student Enterprise Programme, the proceedings also featured a specially commissioned audio-visual reel featuring past winners of the competition who have continued as forge a career in business as entrepreneurs. Wicklow's Ciara Dooley, a past pupil of St David's Holy Faith Secondary School in Greystones and winner of the senior category in 2012 spoke about her positive experience in the Student Enterprise and how she is now running her own full-service marketing agency Cnocii.ie.

The Student Enterprise Programme is Ireland's largest entrepreneurship programme for

second level students. The initiative, funded by the Government of Ireland through Enterprise Ireland and delivered by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices in local authorities throughout the country, saw 24,000 students from almost 500 secondary schools across the country take part.

Vibeke Delahunt Head of the Local Enterprise Office, Wicklow said; "Year on year the Student Enterprise Programme continues to showcase the very best of Irish ingenuity and entrepreneurship amongst our secondary school students. This year produced a varied selection of businesses, from agricultural products and homemade gifts to products that were built on our unique ability to tell compelling stories. We see every year that the National Finals are not an end point for our student entrepreneurs, but a stepping stone on the next stage of their entrepreneurial journey. From our class of 21/22 we will see some business leaders and global



Principal of Loreto Secondary School Bray, Emma Raughter and teacher Nicola Hennessy at the presentation of the Student Enterprise National Award for Most creative use of Social Media to Transition year student Alanna Demel by Vibeke Delahunt from Local Enterprise Office Wicklow

entrepreneurs of the future emerge."

The National Final saw judging take place virtually via electronic submissions. Each student enterprise was challenged with creating, setting up and running their own business, which must show sales of their service or product.

The judging panel included business owners and representatives from enterprise agencies and associated bodies.

Since the Student Enterprise Programme began in 2003, over 300,000 students have taken part, learning key skills on how to create a business idea, start a business and grow a business. The Student Enterprise Programme also has a new range of online resources for 2021/2022 at www.StudentEnterprise.ie, which will feature regular blogs and houses a full range of Student Enterprise resources for students and teachers.

Schools take part in Creative programme

The Arts Council have flagged that schools have just a couple of days left to submit their application for the Creative Schools 2022/2023 Programme.

Designed to provide opportunities for children and young people to build their artistic and creative skills, the Creative Schools Programme supports Primary and Post-Primary schools and Youthreach centres across Ireland to put arts and creativity at the

heart of children's and young people's lives.

Key supports offered by the programme include specialist support and advice from an assigned Creative Associate, training and networking, and funding to implement Creative Schools Plans.

A number of schools in Wicklow have already been part of the Creative Schools programme.

One of these, St Kevin's Community College, Dunlavin, joined Creative Schools in 2020.

The school planned a series of activities designed

to support students to curate an installation of work around the school and restore the visual warmth lost during Covid. Among the activities students have been doing was on a field trip to VISUAL in Carlow and they have also been collaborating with a local artist and sculptor in a series of workshops and have been connecting with local art collective Cruthu.

Students at Colaiste Chraobh Abham, Kilcoole have been working in ReLove fashion workshops building on their previous work with Junk Couture on upcycling, repurposing and environmental awareness. Transition year students have been leading peer sewing workshop and they have hosted talks by Rediscovery centre Ballymun and fashion

designer Joanne Hynes. The school has explored how they can bring more creativity into PE by working with hip hop dancer Jay Oslo. They are also making inspiring permanent plaques for the school corridors, working with Glass Hammer studios.

The Creative Schools initiative has been very well received since its inception in 2018, with

more than 90% of participating schools recommending the programme.

Each school taking part receives a grant and works with a Creative Associate who use their practical experience in supporting them to develop and implement their own unique Creative School Plan.

This is a two-year guided journey in which children and young people's involvement in planning, decision-making and reflection is central. The programme offers a real

opportunity for school communities to explore what creativity means to them, and how participation in the arts can support their schools' learning and development priorities.

All Department of Education-recognised schools and Youthreach centres interested in joining the programme in September 2022 are invited to apply to the Arts Council. The final deadline for receipt of applications is **17.30pm on Thursday 2nd June 2022**.

Harris raises the flag at Scoil Mhuire Realt na Mara

Fine Gael Minister Simon Harris TD presented Scoil Mhuire Realt na Mara in Brittas with their new tricolour on Friday. The sun was shining when the Minister along with principal Una Gallinagh raised the flag on the school grounds.

Minister Harris said: "Thank you to Ms Gallinagh and the pupils of Scoil Mhuire Realt na Mara for their warm reception today.

"The sun was shining when we raised the new tricolour at the school. I also got a tour of the school's wonderful garden to see all the projects pupils are undertaking".



Minister Harris raising the flag with Principal Una Gallinagh (left), and talking with the students (right)



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Applications are invited for energy efficient improvement works and environmental works from owner occupied households living in designated area surrounding the Ballynagran Landfill as outlined on map available online.

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Application forms and scheme details are available from:

- Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow (www.wicklow.ie/latestnews).
- Ballynagran Facility, Coolbeg, Co. Wicklow.

Any queries regarding the scheme should be made in writing to ccsadmin@wicklowcoco.ie.

Closing Date for receipt of applications is **12 noon on Friday 9th September 2022**.

Application forms must be submitted in writing to

The Office of Community, Cultural and Social Development,
Wicklow County Council,
County Buildings,
Station Road,
Wicklow,
Co. Wicklow.

Tel: (0404) 20208.

Seven Wicklow exhibitors announced as part of Bloom

Dublin's Phoenix Park is buzzing in anticipation of the Bord Bia Bloom festival which takes place from Thursday 2nd June - Monday 6th June. The celebrated outdoor festival, now in its sixteenth year, will be held in-person following virtual events for the past two years. From Wicklow seven exhibitors spanning showgarden designers to food & drinks producers, and crafts designers and will be among those featured at this year's event.

Tara McCarthy, Bord Bia CEO said, "Bord Bia is delighted to return to the Phoenix Park for our annual showcase of the best of Irish gardening, horticulture, food and drink. It's great to once again bring together the many talented people who are a part of Bord Bia Bloom, from garden designers and growers; to food producers, conservationists, chefs, musicians and artists. Bord Bia has made additional efforts this year to maintain a safe and environmentally sound space for all to enjoy, while ensuring that visitors come away enthused about how they can enhance their outdoor environments in a sustainable way. Whether you're a regular attendee, a new gardening enthusiast, or simply looking to enjoy a great day out, there's plenty to inspire people over the five days."

This year 19 stunning show gardens will form the centrepiece of Bord Bia Bloom. The show gardens are one of the events most popular attractions, not only as a source of inspiration, but also entertainment through imaginative story-telling, creative concepts and addressing important local and global issues such as the environment, human health, sustainable food production and housing.

From Kilmacanogue, Robert Moore returns to Bord Bia Bloom with another spectacular showgarden. The 'Enable Ireland Respite Garden' represents the journey into adulthood and independence and the importance of respite for those who experience the day-to-day challenges of living with a disability. Planting in the garden is inspired by the rural

setting of Rathmore House in Wicklow, which provides respite for Enable Ireland's adult service owners. It merges the structured and wistful, with flowing grasses such as Stipa and Deschampsia mixing with foxgloves, Gypsophila and salvia. Acer Palmatum 'Bloodgood' and Prunus Serrula provide layers of contrasting texture.

In bringing more of the show under open air this year, Bord Bia has created a new outdoor Nursery Village where visitors can meet, seek advice and buy plants from some of the very best plant nurseries in Ireland. Amateur gardening displays will be celebrated in the Postcard Gardens, which are small, but perfectly formed gardening showcases from community groups nationwide.

As always, the Food Village is set to be a hive of activity with more than 80 food and drink producers showcasing the best of Irish produce; from chocolate to smoked salmon, cheese to beetroot juice, artisan sausages, fresh vegetables and meats, coffee and jams - it will be a feast for the senses! The Bloom Inn will offer the finest craft brews and spirits from all over the country. From Wicklow, four local food & drink producers will be among those featured at this year's Food Village and Bloom Inn: Daisy Cottage Farm from Ballinacor, is a family-run artisanal bakery; Miena's Nougat from Glen of Imaal, produce award-winning handcrafted nougat; Wicklow Way Wines from Newtownmountkennedy, make Irish berry wines; Sussed (Wicklow Rapeseed) from

Hawkstown Lower, who produce heart-healthy rapeseed oil.

The Quality Kitchen stage will feature some of Ireland's leading chefs including Neven Maguire, Rory O'Connell, Fiona Uyema, Catherine Fulvio, Edward Hayden, Gary O'Hanlon, Shane Smith, Mark Moriarty, JP McMahon and Brian McDermot.

There is also an opportunity for kids (aged 8-14) to join Quality Kitchen favourite, Neven Maguire, in a cook-along on stage by entering a competition.

Situated at the heart of the show, the Irish Craft Village, supported by Design & Craft Council Ireland, presents an exciting selection of work from some of Ireland's most creative designers and makers.

Two businesses will be among those featured at this year's; OlannMor chunky knits and weaving from the Wicklow Mountains; Kaiko Studio home accessories, lighting and jewellery from Bray

With the environment and sustainability top of everyone's agenda, there will be plenty of opportunities to engage with experts in environmental protection and sustainability; the Gardening and Sustainable Living Stage will feature curated talks from a range of speakers, while the Conservation Zone returns with some of Ireland's most prominent conservation organisations including the Irish Woodland Trust and the National Biodiversity Data Centre. This year, two children under 16 go free with every adult ticket purchased. Visit bordbiabloom.com to book tickets



From Kilmacanogue, Robert Moore returns to Bord Bia Bloom with another spectacular showgarden

Last call for inclusion of Wicklow stories in new 'GAA Grassroots' book



PJ Cunningham

A final call is being made to GAA followers in Wicklow to have their stories published in the second edition of a grassroots book on the organisation.

Last year's publication of 'Grassroots: Stories From The Heart Of The GAA', proved such a success that the GAA and Ballpoint Press are collaborating in a new volume - 'GAA Grassroots, The Second-Half' - with a planned release this autumn.

"I'm issuing a 'last call' to make sure that if someone has a story to tell, they have the chance to do so," said editor and author, PJ Cunningham.

"I need them to get in touch by the end of June so that their submissions can be considered for the forthcoming publication.

"We already have over 100 stories for the second volume but it is important that we trawl again this year as we want to include the most comprehensive treasure trove of Gaelic-related stories ever compiled in the 138-year history of the association," he added.

He emphasised that the stories being sought out stand a greater chance of publication if they contain twists and turns rather than historical accounts about clubs or famous ancestors who won medals.

"It is not a collection of how clubs were founded or run but about the people in them; it's more about what they got up to either on or off the pitch," he explained.

GAA President, Larry McCarthy, who launched the first volume, said he was "delighted" a second book is being published, containing stories from the heartlands of the organisation as well as from the Irish diaspora.

The GAA's Communications Director, Alan Milton, said the two Grassroots books would complement the work undertaken by the GAA's Oral History Project - commissioned in 2009 as part of the Association's 125th celebrations.

"Having stories maintained in permanent form is important to the

Association and this undertaking fills that role for us," he said.

"GAA stories always have intrigue, cunning, wit and every member has a unique story to tell about what happened somewhere along the line. That's why I'd love to get a new crop in for Volume 2," Cunningham stressed.

"If someone out there has a story but would prefer to relate it to me rather than write it themselves, I can write it up for them."

If you have a story, write to: pj@gaastories.ie or communications@gaa.ie marked 'GAA Stories' or phone PJ directly on 086-8217631.

PLANNING

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Full Planning Permission Sought for:
1. Change of opening hours under Planning Permission 20/1039, Condition No.2 'The hours of operation shall be between 08.00 hours and 18.00 hours' to 08.00 hours to 20.00 hours for Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at No. 7 & 8, Albert Tce, Meath Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. A98 XW13 & A98 W188 The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Tom and Marea McKenna, Kendor, Dublin Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin intend to apply for Outline Planning Permission at the property formerly known as The Dutchmans, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow. The development consists of part construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Slaney River, adjacent to the existing road bridge. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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We, Aisling Daly and Eoin Mulvey intend to apply for permission for development at this site at The Cottage, Windgates, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, A63 X951. The development will consist of the demolition of the existing single storey stable block (121.3sqm) and 2 no. sheds (137.5sqm) to the rear of the property; and the construction of a split level two storey extension to the rear of the existing single storey cottage that will contain two bedrooms at lower ground floor; and an open plan living and dining space with ancillary spaces as well as terrace at upper ground floor level to create an extended five bedroom dwelling. The development will also include the installation of a new waste water treatment plant as well as all ancillary and 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 Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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Orla & Brendan Martin, seek Planning Permission for the Material Alteration of North East side of existing Dwelling to form new Glazed Screen with Balcony at 'Ailsa', 56 Raheen Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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I, Joseph Kinsella t/a Courthouse Developments Limited, seeks permission to change of use of existing two retail units at Courtplace Weaver Square, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow W91YWD8 into residential use. The original planning file reference 04/2010. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart are pleased to announce that this year's Novena to the Sacred Heart will take place at the Sacred Heart Church on the Western Road, Cork, from Thursday, June 16th to Friday, June 24th, and will be led by main celebrant Fr Paul-Clayton Lea.

A priest of the Archdiocese of Armagh, Fr Paul is a great friend to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and has enjoyed a wide and varied ministry that has involved ministering as a parish priest, comprehensive work in education, pastoral care in the Bronx, New York, and a busy career as an author and editor.

The annual MSC Novena to the Sacred Heart is a much-beloved time of great solace, peace, and prayer, and this year will celebrate the theme "Jesus - The

Compassion & Mercy of God". "We are still emerging from the effects of the pandemic, which changed the world and scarred many lives," writes Fr Paul. "We are daily watching the horrors of war in Europe and the ongoing effects of climate change, especially on the world's poorest people. To cope with such events and with the challenges in our own personal lives, we are strengthened and encouraged by the gift of faith, which teaches us that God is always with us. As we offer up our prayers, for family and friends, for

those who are sick or struggling in any way, for personal challenges and petitions, or of simple thanksgiving, we welcome all who wish to join us for this year's MSC Novena to the Sacred Heart, in person or online via our live stream at www.mscomissions.ie. Our Novena Masses will be streamed live at 10.00am & 7.30pm daily, including a special Day of Healing on Thursday, June 23rd.

"Together, we pray that our Novena will be a grace-filled and blessed time for all involved. For further information, or to submit your personal intentions for remembrance in the Novena, please contact the MSC Missions Office by phone on 021 4545704, by email at info@mscomissions.ie, or via our website at www.mscomissions.ie."



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