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## 'CHANGE YOUR PLAN'

Wicklow's County Development Plan 2022-2028 fails to achieve balance between housing and population growth and contains breaches of national policy according to the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR). Wicklow County Council will meet next month to finalise the plan, however many changes will need to be made to the Draft plan as the OPR made a submission as part of the consultation process expressing 'significant concerns'.

According to the OPR, the proposed plan "fails to achieve a reasonable or appropriate balance in relation to housing and population growth, of the nature required to ensure consistency with national and regional policy and to deliver good planning outcomes for both urban and rural communities in Wicklow."

It has made a number of recommendations relating to "significant breaches of policy, and failure to address the matters raised in the manner outlined prior to adoption of the County Development Plan may lead the Office to determine that the Plan fails to set out an overall strategy for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned."

The OPR was established in 2019 to oversee the planning system in Ireland, and to ensure that policy set by the Government and regional assemblies is appropriately reflected and applied at local level.

In its submissions to local authority development plans, it makes recommendations on



Pictured with Wicklow County Sports Partnership Co-ordinator Denise O'Shea are the participants who took part in the 'Have a Go at Surfing' event at Brittas Bay Surf School as part of 'Her Outdoors Week'. Pic: Michael Kelly

matters considered to constitute a potential material breach of legislative or policy requirement. Once OPR's recommendations are made, the local authority must outline how these recommendations will be addressed.

Regarding rural housing, the OPR states that the plan's objectives and criteria are in contrast to sustainable development and planning regulations: "If the plan was made as is," the OPR states, it "would result in planning policies for rural areas being adopted which are not evidence based and would set the provision of housing for certain persons in rural areas ahead of other planning considerations".

The Council made an amendment to the plan which seeks to further widen the qualifying criteria for the approval

of rural housing, to include persons with access to an affordable site, who are carers and those working in healthcare settings.

"The inclusion of these references in this amendment are very loosely defined and would be likely to further ease the measures of the plan to properly manage the very significant level of pressure for development of the Wicklow countryside," the OPR says. "If included in the plan, [this alteration] would have the effect of undermining the rural living and development strategy of the Council in relation to reinforcing the vitality and future of rural villages."

The OPR says it has concerns regarding the extent of residential zoned land, and the fact that material amendments to the draft plan, in addition to the abun-

dance of land already zoned for housing, further add to same

across a range of settlements.

"Looking across

many of the material amendments proposed

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Hannah Hudson plays the giant Connect 4 game at the official opening of the Colour Club in Ballyrairie Campus, Arklow. The creativity and wellness centre is a new social enterprise for children and adults.

## Taste of Greystones Regatta

The Taste of Greystones Regatta will take place at Greystones Sailing Club on 27th and 28th August. It will be a cruiser/keelboat regatta. The first race will start on Saturday at 3.30pm. The second and third races will run back to back and will start on Sunday at 11am. This is a wonderful opportunity to see sailing at its best. Full details at the Greystones Sailing Club website (gsc.ie).



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EcoTrail Wicklow, supported by Fáilte Ireland, is part of an eco-responsible international circuit of races in 13 destinations around the world (with more planned!). The core concept behind EcoTrail is to organise world-class trail running events while also raising awareness around the importance of protecting our natural environment.

EcoTrail Wicklow offers the option of four distances (19k, 30k, 46k or 80k) following trails that run through some of the county's most scenic locations including Bray Seafront, Bray Head, Killruddery, the Great Sugarloaf, Powerscourt Waterfall, Djouce and the Wicklow Way, Lough Tay and Roundwood Reservoir. Starting and finishing on Bray Promenade, EcoTrail Wicklow welcomes some of Ireland's best International Mountain runners alongside runners of all levels, ages and nationalities.

## Delgany Thursday Club

The next outing of the Delgany Thursday Club is on 1st September and will be to Coolcarrigan Gardens, near Naas, Co. Kildare. Leaving Christ Church, Delgany, at 1:30pm sharp. Cost €30.00 per person to include coach, guided tour of the gardens & tea/Coffee and scone.

Due to the increased cost of coach transport, outings cannot proceed with less than 20 participants. If this number is not reached, those who have pre-booked will be notified.

To book contact Peter (086 830 7644), Violet (087 756 0153) or John (086 356 6527).

## Dargle Bridge Club

Dargle Bridge Club has been in existence for more than 30 years. They play on Wednesday Nights (please arrive no later than 7.20pm to begin play at 7.30pm prompt).

The club is located in The Open Door Day Care Centre on The Vevay Road in the grounds of Loretto College across from Tesco. It is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of free parking.

"We play all year round and cater for all level of players after they have completed two years of lessons. We welcome visitors during our summer season from the beginning of June to the end of August.

"This is a good time for beginners to come along and practice what they have learned at classes. Despite Covid this year we managed to run four of our competitions. We were able to celebrate our end of season and prize giving at a very enjoyable night in Bray Golf Club in June.

"Membership is now open for a limited number of new members, check out our website dargle-bridge@gmail.com where you can fill in an application for membership. If you require further details contact Anne on 087 2399457 or Michael on 087 9480151 for an application form for membership."

# Baltinglass Classic Run makes triumphant return

West Wicklow Classic & Vintage Vehicle Club held its annual Baltinglass Classic Run on Sunday August 7th. This was the club's first event since 2019 as both 2020 and 2021 runs had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

From early morning it was obvious that the attendance would be good as a steady flow of classic vehicles arrived in the town. The cars and bikes were on display on the main square and adjoining streets from early morning until the road run departed at 2pm. By that time there was not a parking space left in the town and participants and spectators filled the streets.

As always all proceeds from the event go to local deserving causes and this year's beneficiaries are West Wicklow Daycare for older citizens and Scoil Naomh

Iosaf special class for children on the autism spectrum.

The road run took in some very scenic roads around West Wicklow and passed through some of the most beautiful villages in the area. There was a short stop for drivers to stretch their legs in the grounds of St Patrick's College before heading back to Baltinglass for dinner, prizegiving and raffles in Germaines where the bigger than expected crowd were catered for very efficiently as usual.

A minute's silence was held after the dinner to remember the club's

deceased members before proceeding with prizegiving and raffles. Prizes were awarded to the best vehicles in all the usual categories.

This year's featured marque was Fiat and special prizes were awarded to Fiat cars in several categories including best classic best modern classic, mist original Fiat, best modified Fiat etc.

"Although we had no idea how many participants to expect as we hadn't run the event since 2019 it turned out to be our biggest yet with well over 200 vehicles registered," the Club stated. "We would like to thank

all who took part as we couldn't have done it without your support. Thanks also to our registration team on the day and our marshals on the street who dealt with a huge with no problems.

"Our appreciation also to our motorcycle marshals who helped keep everything moving safely on the road. All our sponsors also deserve our gratitude as we could not run the event without your support. Thanks also to Germaines and their staff for their hard work catering for us and for the use of their premises and facilities throughout the day."

# Hear Ye, Hear Ye, come thee to Newcastle Medieval Fayre

Grab thy anvils, lancets and brooches and join in the fun at Newcastle Parish's Medieval themed Fayre on Saturday 27th August from 12pm to 4pm in St. Francis National School Grounds, Church Lane, Newcastle.

Speaking about the Fayre, Revd Ross Styles, Rector of Newcastle & Newtownmountkennedy said: "We're all really looking forward to holding our first Fayre in two years. We have lots of fun activities for the whole family and we look forward to welcoming both our parishioners and all our neighbours in surrounding communities.

"There will be lots of stalls, and something for everyone- a nail bar, toys, books, bric-a-brac, clothes, cakes, country pantry, plants & flowers and our corner shop. And for the kids there will be a bouncing castle, treasure hunt, lucky squares, wheel of fortune, play your cards right, face painting and games."

A great variety of food will be available e.g. burgers, hotdogs, pulled pork, and vegetarian options. There will also be smoothies, ice cream and treats. Everyone is welcome, fancy dress is optional (but encouraged!). There will be a competition for best dressed!



Aine, Tara and Sam Carroll at the Captain's Drive in Macreddin Golf Club, Aughrim.

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# Council decision on Newtownmountkennedy development appealed

Dwyer Nolan Developments has lodged an appeal with An Bord Pleanala following Wicklow County Council's decision to refuse them planning permission for a development of apartments and commercial units on Newtownmountkennedy Main Street.

The Council refused permission last month for the development which would consist of the demolition of a non-inhabitable house and the construction of 41 apartments and four commercial units in two separate blocks, as well as 65 car parking spaces.

In recommending the refusal of the development, the Council's Planner's Report stated: "Having regard to the scale of the proposed development, in particular its height, and the existing built form of the adjoining area, it is considered that the proposed

development would have an overbearing impact on the Main Street and the existing buildings located thereon, would form a visually discordant feature which would negatively impact on the visual amenities of the immediate area, [and] would depreciate the value of properties in the vicinity. Therefore the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

Newtownmountkennedy Town Team filed a detailed submission objecting to the development. "Recognising the

problems the community is facing with function and design along our Main Street the Council are working with the community to design a plan that will support the existing character of our Main Street and allow for development to happen that will enhance the appearance and function of our town," they said.

"This development due to its size and location will be highly influential in the long-term development of our Main Street. The developer should engage meaningfully with the planners and community so that the best out-

come is reached for our town. The community wants the Main Street to reflect the 'village' character of our town incorporating the building styles and characteristics of our existing structures such as Fishers, The Corner House, Eugene's, the Credit Union, Byrnes old shop and all the other buildings that make up Newtownmountkennedy. We don't see any styles or features of these existing structures reflected or complimented through this proposal. We are not against modern design, however we demand well considered quality design

for our town [...] The community welcomes development of this site and sees it as an opportunity to put a stamp on the aesthetic of the Main Street, provide better choice of commercial offerings and connect the Riverine Walkway through to this end of the Main St. Unfortunately in its current form we see this application as a threat to the style and function of the Main St and with no positive addition to the wider community."

ABP is due to make a decision by 12th December.

## 'Failure to address collapse of dental services'

Sinn Féin TD John Brady has expressed alarm over the continuing decline of dentist's available to treat patients under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) in the county. Figures indicate that since 2017 Wicklow has witnessed a drop in excess of 70% of dentist's withdrawing from the scheme.

Deputy Brady said: "For over two and half years now I have been raising the issue of the DTSS in Wicklow with the Minister. What is being allowed to happen to Dental services, not just in Wicklow but across the country is a disgrace.

"Since 2017 there has been an alarming drop of over 70% of

Dentists withdrawing from the DTSS in Wicklow. When we examine the situation nationally, we find that this is another league table of government failure where the Garden County finds itself again amongst the front runners. By any standard, a drop in services in excess of 70% constitutes a collapse of that service.

"The number of dentists available to treat medical card holders is being eroded on an increasing basis. With only 15 dentists left in the scheme in the county, people are finding it more and more difficult to access a dentist signed up to the DTSS.

"While the current situation is not only leading to delays, and patients having to travel further distances, at even greater personal costs, it is also ruling out access to a dentist for a great many people in Wicklow. This is not acceptable.

"We also have a situation in Wicklow where there are well over 13,000 children waiting for assessment on the School screening programme. Some of whom have been waiting close to three years.

"The responsibility for this debacle lies with the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly. He needs to do whatever needs to be done to resolve this situation. It cannot be left to ordinary people to have to suffer in silence as a result of the Minister's failure. We need to see some answers."

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by the councillors to the draft Plan, while considered individually they appear modest, analysed collectively they have the appearance of moving against a focus on the key Wicklow towns," the OPR states.

"If the members of Wicklow County Council accept such amendments, it will tend to reinforce a pattern of scattered and piecemeal development across the county instead of identifying ways to build up the strong network of rural Wicklow towns and villages from within, by sensitive well-designed and sustainable infill development, re-use of buildings and renewal.

"Additional piecemeal zonings across the County also need careful consideration in terms of how such lands will be affected by the forthcoming Residential Zoned Land Tax. Accordingly, there are a number of areas where the Office is of the view that the material

amendments, and/or the response to the recommendations of the Office's submission to the draft Plan create difficulties in relation to the internal coherence of the Plan.

"The Office has significant concerns that the proposed strategy fails to achieve a reasonable or appropriate balance in relation to housing and population growth across the settlement hierarchy, of the nature required to ensure consistency with national and regional policy and to deliver good planning outcomes for both urban and rural communities in Wicklow."

The Office is concerned that the cumulative and combined effect of a number of proposed amendments in Newtownmountkennedy, Rathdrum and Ashford, will undermine the settlement hierarchy and core strategy to such an extent that it creates wider conflicts with other stated policies in the draft Plan.

"The Office does accept the planning rationale presented by the Chief Executive and elected members for many of the proposed amendments. However, a significant portion of the subject lands are situated in peripheral locations on the edges or beyond of settlements in often insensitive locations. This is inconsistent with the provisions for a sequential approach to zoning for residential development under section 4.19 of the Development Plans, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007) and section 6.2.3 and SPPR DPG 7 of the draft Development Plans Guidelines (2021), which require planning authorities to consider first and foremost how to encourage town and village development starting with their centres before moving outwards in a considered way that results in compact, well-planned, walkable and attractive places."

Councillors also made an

amendment to the Draft Plan which seeks to prohibit the sale of residential units, whether these are houses, duplex units or apartments, to commercial institutional investment bodies, i.e. vulture funds.

The OPR has recommended the Council to remove this amendment. In its submission, the OPR stated, "The proposed policy objective has no statutory national or regional policy framework support and it would create internal inconsistencies in the development plan resulting in an unsound basis for decision making by your authority in its statutory development management function.

"Legal advice should be sought in relation to the vires (powers) of the planning authority to include such an amendment as the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage has already published specific guidance on this issue that planning authorities are obliged to have regard to. However, in any event, your authority is recommended not to make the development plan with this amendment."



Lauren and Karla Walsh from Greystones at the Dublin Horse Show for Ladies Day. Pic: Joe McQuillan

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# Two Wicklow-based social enterprises named awardees of €530,000

Two Wicklow-based social enterprises are among the 28 awardees of Rethink Ireland's Social Enterprise Development Fund and Social Enterprise Start-Up Fund. The Awardees were announced at a celebratory lunch event held at Airfield Estate in Dublin last week. These Funds aim to support and develop social enterprises across Ireland who work to improve the lives of communities.

Wicklow-based social enterprises, Rise at the Cove and Common Ground Community-Led Housing will benefit from Rethink Ireland Fund supports.

Rise at the Cove and Common Ground Community Led Housing were named as Awardees of the Social Enterprise Start-Up Fund (2021-2022), an €800,000 Fund developed in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund, aiming to support social enterprises at the startup and early stage of existence.

Awardees were also announced for the €4.4 million Social Enterprise Development Fund (2018 – 2023). The Fund has been delivered annually from 2018 and will continue until 2023, with support from IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund. To date the Fund has helped over 500 people gain employment through 112 social enterprises and has mobilised over 16,507 volunteers.

Rise at the Cove, is a Greystones-based social enterprise cafe providing employment and

support for people in the final stages of their addiction recovery programme. Since 2018, Common Ground Community-Led Housing, has been working in response to the housing crisis by offering solutions to the housing crisis in Ireland. Their replicable and internationally proven model makes housing more attainable, community- focused and sustainable. Through a pilot scheme in North County Wicklow aimed to be the first of its kind, Common Ground will provide a template for other groups around the country to achieve a similar goal of providing housing in Ireland.

Michael Nicholson, Deputy Chief Executive of Local Authority Wicklow County Council said "We would like to extend our congratulations to each Awardee on their success in receiving a Social Enterprise Fund Award from Rethink Ireland.

"Coming out of an extremely challenging period for Irish society, we're delighted with this good news story for Wicklow. Social enterprises have an important role to play in guiding Ireland to become a more inclusive and equal society. Organisations like Rise at

the Cove and Common Ground are leading the charge by not only creating jobs but working towards bringing about positive social change."

Richard Gavin, Assistant Principal at Department of Rural and Community Development stated: "Recipients of this funding and support are playing a key role in developing communities nationwide and I want to extend my congratulations to all Awardees. With their commitment and dedicated work, these enterprises are making a true social and economic impact on their local communities, while also tackling key social issues that we face today. They are inspirations for the next generation of social enterprises, and we look forward to continuing to support them as they progress and develop further."

CEO of Rethink Ireland, Deirdre Mortell commented on the Awardee announcement stating: "This year Rethink Ireland published our 6 Year Impact Report, detailing the level of progress that has been made towards developing a more sustainable and fairer Ireland by supporting social enterprises. Today, I'm delighted to announce



Pictured are Michael Nicholson (Wicklow County Council), Gavin Murphy (Rise at the Cove), Deirdre Mortell (CEO, Rethink Ireland), Michael Garvey (CEO, IPB Insurance), and Aubrey McCarthy (Rise at the Cove). Rethink Ireland has announced the 28 awardees of its Social Enterprise Start-Up Fund and Social Enterprise Development Fund

that Rethink Ireland is awarding additional support and funding to 28 social enterprises who are on their journey to creating a lasting positive impact on communities across the country.

"Social enterprises are part of the social fabric of our communities as they play a key role in developing solutions to the biggest challenges we face on a daily basis. From a toy library that offers rental toys to families to reduce waste, to a therapeutic adventure group focused on tackling youth mental health difficulties, or a heart-warming commu-

nity centre that is integrating and including immigrants and refugees into Irish society through support and learning opportunities, social enterprises show a deep level of care for everyone in a community across Ireland. We are so thankful to our supporting partners and are delighted to have the opportunity to support these wonderful organisations."

IPB Insurance Chief Executive Michael Garvey said "Working alongside our local authority Members, our collaboration with Rethink Ireland and the Department

has proven hugely successful in attracting and supporting social enterprises that are making a real difference in addressing social needs in their communities. The social enterprise sector in Ireland is going from strength to strength and is playing an increasing role in strengthening the sustainability and resilience of communities across the country. It is important that social enterprises continue to be nurtured by recognising the importance of the sector and providing assistance through financial and business supports."

## Funding for Askanagap, Knockananna and Kilpipe facilities

The communities of Askanagap, Knockananna and Kilpipe are to receive funding from the CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd Riachtanais) programme for Small-Scale Rural Projects.

Under the Clár programme 2022 Wicklow has been awarded almost €170,000 for upgrades to public lighting in Askanagap and Kilpipe. The Community halls in Knockananna and Askanagap are also to benefit from the scheme.

CLAR is an initiative

under 'Our Rural Future' that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in designated rural areas. 'Our Rural Future' is the whole-of-government policy for rural Ireland for the period 2021-2025. It is about a community-based approach

to rural development which recognises that the people who know best what their area needs are the people that live there.

In welcoming the announcement, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Tommy Annesley, added: "This

funding will make a huge difference to the people of Askanagap, Kilpipe and Knockananna in terms of a safer public realm and more usable community facilities. I want to congratulate all of the groups involved and wish them success with their projects."

Minister Simon Harris said: "There are to be

extensive upgrades to Askanagap Community Hall including improving disability access, new toilets, public lighting, paving and upgrade of the carpark to include age friendly and disabled spaces. The total funding granted for these works is €135,000.

"In Kilpipe €16,200 has been granted towards new public lighting in the

vicinity of the church. Knockananna Community Hall will also benefit from an investment of €18,000 towards development of the site to the rear of the hall for sport and community competitions.

"Rural communities have been prioritised in this funding announcement. The CLÁR programme specifically targets funding to improve

community facilities in rural areas to ensure the heart of these communities remain vibrant and increase their use for local people.

"The funding announced today demonstrates the continued commitment of Fine Gael to rural Ireland and I look forward to further investments in rural Wicklow under the CLÁR programme."

Deputy Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Michael Nicholson, also welcomed the announcement saying: "This funding supports the Council's policy of working in partnership with communities to build sustainable and healthy communities in the most rural and depopulated areas of the county."

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Cllr Peir Leonard, Evelyn Murray, Rachel Tyrell and Lorraine Dunne at the official opening of the Colour Club in Ballyraine Campus, Arklow. The creativity and wellness centre is a new social enterprise for children and adults.



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Dr. Deirdre Keyes CE KWETB, Tom Fortune BIFE board of Management, Simon Harris Minister of Further & Higher Education, Gabriel Allen Deputy Principal BIFE, Ray Tedders Principal BIFE.

Bray Institute of Further Education are full steam ahead preparing for the new academic year and a return to relative normality this September after the unprecedented nature of the last number of years with COVID-19 restrictions.

While in many cases students, schools and parents see the CAO as the 'be all and end all' for those seeking third level education, nothing could be further from the truth according to Gabriel Allen, deputy principal at Bray Institute of Further Education (BIFE).

"Over recent years many new avenues have opened up to students to enable them pursue their dream career via a different route," he said.

BIFE's Open Day on Friday 26th August from 10am to 3pm will showcase the large variety of courses they have in the College ranging from Art & Design, Media, Sport, Psychology, Body Therapies, Science, Business, Nursing, Theatre/Dance and much more.

"We have over 70 full-time courses to choose from, all performing arts to psychology. This year BIFE will offer Higher National

abroad", according to Deputy Principal Gabriel Allen.

He added, "Further Education offers a learner, who may not have achieved the required CAO points, the opportunity to gain advanced entry onto honours degree programmes."

The huge range of courses available at BIFE offers learners fabulous opportunities, not only for those looking for additional skills or hoping to go directly into employment, but also as an alternative route on to a college course in a university or institute of technology in Ireland or abroad.

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

Diplomas in the following:

- Fine Art - Art Practice
- Acting
- Dance
- TV & Film production
- Music Production
- Music Performance
- Traditional Irish Music
- Graphic Design

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

BIFE are introducing the following new courses this September:

- Special Needs Assistant (Primary & Post-Primary)
- Professional Make-Up & Hairdressing
- Film Special Effects
- Tourism with Airline Studies
- Security & Pre-Garda
- Applied Ecology & Biodiversity Studies
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Equine Studies,

- Barista, Pastry & Baking
- Brewing & Distilling Technology.
- Applied Ecology & Biodiversity Studies

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

To discover more about the courses available at BIFE, prospective students are invited to attend their 'Open Day' on Friday 26th August from 10am to 3pm.

Applications for September 2022 Courses are now open. Apply on-line at [www.bife.ie](http://www.bife.ie) or call the Institute any day during office hours on 01-2829668 for further information between 9am and 4pm.

## Bray Adult Education Centre opens doors to opportunities

There's a lot of talk about recession doing the rounds lately, but no matter what happens in the economy, people who take courses, learn new skills and gain certificates do better. Adult learning (usually called Further Education and Training) has grown beyond recognition over the past few decades.

The opportunities are wide and varied. Every corner of Ireland has local services provided by Education & Training Boards [ETBs]. In north County Wicklow, Bray Adult Education Centre - part of KWETB - offers adults tremendous opportunities to learn and get certified. Hugely improved life chances follow.

A lot of the opportunities on offer are aimed at people on welfare payments such as Jobseekers, Disability Allowance, Illness Benefit and One Parent Family Payment. These and some other welfare recipients can sign up and get free learning, fully certified.

In addition, working people can now participate also. The field is getting broader every year.

Although unemployment is low just now, a lot of jobs are uninspiring. Once again, learning is the key to improvement.

Young adults are now offered a unique benefit. Jobseekers under 26 can join a course and have their weekly payment increased to €208. That's an incentive worth exploring.

## New preschool to open in Bray

A new preschool (Little People's Academy, located in Mountain View House, Vevay Road, Bray) will be opening in September.

The preschool provides a nurturing and stimulating early years environment where preschool aged children grow and learn through creative play. Their two playrooms are bright and colourful and are equipped to help children foster independence, whilst their broad curriculum of activities encourages responsibility and respect whilst having fun.

With an outdoor area where children can play and explore nature around them, Little People's Academy utilizes this additional space as an extension to their learning and care environment. Catering for children aged 2 years 8 months to 5 1/2 years old, they offer morning and afternoon free ECCE preschool places, for children who are eligible to participate.

To register your child contact 01 878 0931 or email [lpabray@gmail.com](mailto:lpabray@gmail.com).

## New scheme for displaced Ukrainians to enter further education

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Simon Harris TD has announced the opening of a new scheme for displaced Ukrainians to enter further education.

In June, the Cabinet approved a range of new measures to provide access to further and higher education in the academic year 2022/2023 to Ukrainian students living in Ireland who have been granted Section 60 Protection under the International Protection Act 2015.

In line with this decision, Minister Harris has today confirmed qualified persons will be able to attend Solas approved Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses free of charge and will be offered financial assistance to help them with their course.

Minister Harris said: "Over 45,000 people have fled Ukraine and come to Ireland. The generosity of the Irish people has been extraordinary. As Ukrainian families continue to embed in our communities, it is really important we offer opportunities to access education and employment."

"This scheme will allow any person under the Temporary Directive access to post-leaving

cert courses. PLC courses are delivered in a wide range of disciplines including agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary Education, ICT etc. There are countless opportunities across the country.

"In addition to this, we will be offering financial assistance to people undertaking courses. This will be administered by the awarding authority, Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) on behalf of the Department of Further and Higher Education Research Innovation and Science."

"This financial support is a limited period of one year, in the form of a bursary of circa €6,115 to be paid in monthly instalments to qualified persons who attend a SOLAS approved PLC course in the 2022/23 academic year."

Potential applicants who are eligible can find a list of PLC courses through [cao.ie/options](http://cao.ie/options) under the Further Education and Training tab. They apply to their local ETB first and once accepted on a course they can fill out the



Minister Simon Harris

simple application form for financial assistance. This will be paid monthly to students who continue in the course.

Fees for all post-leaving cert courses have been abolished for asylum seekers and Irish students from September.

For more information, see [gov.ie/ukraine](http://gov.ie/ukraine)

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# Wicklow shortlisted for national awards

Wicklow County Council has been shortlisted in the 19th annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2022 for six projects.

The 2022 Excellence in Local Government Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, showcase best practice in local government and recognise the skills, hard work, innovation and enthusiasm within local government that can often go unrecognised.

The six projects shortlisted are:

- Wicklow County Council Solar Car Park in Climate Change
- Healthy Blessington in Health & Wellbeing
- Celebrating Wicklow's Wonder Women in Heritage and Built Environment
- Arklow Courthouse & Enterprise

Hub in Initiative through the Municipal Districts

- Social Housing Design & Build in Local Authority Innovation
- Wicklow Passport in Supporting Tourism

Commenting on the achievement, the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Tommy Annesley, said: "I am delighted that Wicklow County Council has been shortlisted for these six projects.

"I would like to congratulate all involved, both in the local authority and the wider community. It is a great achievement to be recognised nationally in these awards and is recognition of the fact that

so many people in the local authority are delivering great projects in our community."

Deputy Chief Executive Michael Nicholson stated: "It is a wonderful achievement for Wicklow to be shortlisted for six awards. Wicklow County Council continues to strive towards best practice in the projects it undertakes and these awards recognise the importance of the work and the commitment by our staff and everyone involved in delivering excellence in local economic, social and recreational development across our County."

The awards ceremony will take place later this year.



Keelin, Liz and Charlie Mitchell with Karen McInerney, who took part in the 'Have a Go at Surfing' event at Brittas Bay Surf School as part of Her Outdoors Week

# Warning issued regarding gulls and other pest birds

The public is being urged to treat gulls and other pest birds with caution this month as this period of the year sees increased activity from gulls due to it being their nesting period. Pest control provider Rentokil has a number of practical steps that people can take to prevent the presence of these pest birds on their premises.

Rentokil has noted that the main proportion of callouts for gulls and other pest birds so far this year are originating from urban areas in Dublin. Urban areas offer pest birds easy access to food waste and tall buildings can mimic

high cliff tops those birds such as gulls would traditionally nest on.

August is typically the time of year when gulls are nesting and tending to young chicks who have recently fledged. The birds can become

extremely aggressive and protective of their young. They are also likely to harass or try to steal food from members of the public and raid waste bins in search of food to bring back to the nest.

Pest bird droppings

can also present a hazard as they can contain bacteria including E. coli and Salmonella and can lead to the spread of infections through surface contamination, inhaling bacteria from dried droppings, or being transferred by bird mites, which can bite both people and birds.

Richard Faulkner, Advanced Technical Field Consultant with Rentokil said: "Pest

birds such as gulls can be a nuisance for home or business owners at this time of year. However, there are some steps you can take:

The best way to discourage the presence of birds at a premises is to remove their food sources.

Removing access to nesting sites, for instance by putting barriers over window ledges, can also be an

effective bird deterrent.

Home or business owner should also make sure bin lids are secure and rubbish bags are not left in the open - gulls have sharp beaks that will make short work of bin bags.

Another option to consider would be the use of a fake decoy birds of prey which may deter the presence of pest birds.

However, if the

problem persists, the best option would be to seek the advice of a professional pest control service."

Members of the public can find out more about pest birds and how to deter their presence on the Rentokil website.

Rentokil controls pest bird species in accordance with the EU Birds Directive and the Irish bird derogations and use non-lethal methods to

control all other species of birds if they become public health pests. Rentokil employs a number of different safe and eco-friendly methods to protect premises from pest birds, including the installation of bird spikes and bird netting. Experts can also employ hawking, using specially trained birds of prey to scare and deter pest birds from an area without harm.



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# Project launched in the Devil's Glen to honour Seamus Heaney 50 years after he set up home in Ashford

The Rotary Club of Wicklow has initiated a restoration of benches on Seamus Heaney Walk with the support of Coillte, the Department of Agriculture and TU Dublin. Martina Fox, President of the Rotary Club of Wicklow launched the first phase of the seating restoration project in the Devil's Glen on 4th August.



Wife of Seamus Heaney Marie Heaney (centre) with her granddaughter Anna Rose and daughter Jenny McCrohan

Wicklow Rotary said they are "delighted to be associated with this project as it is a tangible way to honour the Nobel Laureate who placed so much importance on Glanmore, Ashford when he arrived here 50 years ago this month".

The project includes the upgrading of the Seamus Heaney Walk and the replacement of 12 benches which feature lines from poems originally chosen by Seamus Heaney on twelve of the seats located around the forest.

Marie Heaney said the family is delighted the seats are being restored and the walk is upgraded. "I thank the partners involved including the

Rotary Club of Wicklow, Rotary Ireland, Coillte, Technological University Dublin and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine," she told the large gathering in the forest.

Patricia Kelly, Principal with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine said the Department was pleased to be associated with the Seamus Heaney Project. She said the project was part funded under the Department's Woodland Support Fund which places strong emphasis on the role of recreation forestry in Ireland. "As a poetry reader I am especially delighted that this project combines recre-

ation with the rich literary heritage of the Glen as epitomised by Seamus Heaney".

Mark Carlin, Managing Director, Coillte Forest praised the Rotary Club of Wicklow, TU Dublin and the Department for supporting the restoration project which is an important event for Coillte and the people who enjoy the forest. "Community projects such as this play a major role in promoting recreation forests around the country which were so important during the pandemic when numbers of visitors increased dramatically." He said that these numbers throughout Ireland have not

decreased since the lifting of Covid restrictions.

"Rotary now has a strong environment focus and this project demonstrates the importance of wood as a renewable resource," said Donal Magner, Environment Chair of Wicklow Rotary and co-ordinator of the project. "The main aim of this project is to honour the memory and the poetry of Seamus Heaney who had a deep interest in the forest which is reflected in poems such as The Glanmore Sonnets and the epic Sweeney Astray. It also reflects the goodwill towards Seamus and his work. As soon as Rotary decided to get involved in the project doors opened immediately from Coillte to TU Dublin and from the Department to local and international businesses such as Chester Beatty's, Pat Staunton Sawmill and Akzo Nobel."

The project also has a practical objective as well as an artistic aim maintained Martina Fox and is a key part of Rotary Wicklow's objective in promoting wood as a sustainable and renewable material. "Rotary Wicklow is involved with Rotary Ireland in launching an Environment Award aimed at third level colleges throughout Ireland, north and south," she said.

"This will allow students to explore the role of forests and wood in meeting Ireland's climate



Captain Sean Fitzgerald, Donal Magnier, James Curtin, Mark Carlin, Linda Roche, Marie Heaney and Martina Robinson at a restored bench on Seamus Heaney Walk. Photos by Michael Kelly

change objective to be carbon neutral by 2050."

The seating project plays an important role in the club's environment programme as it is community based and emphasises sustainability.

"The wood used for the benches was home-grown and home processed in

Pat Staunton's sawmill in Glenealy," Donal Magner said.

"The design and construction of the benches was carried out by students in Technological University Dublin under the guidance of Greystone lecturer Aidan Ryan and installed by Barry Coad

and his Coillte staff."

Martina Fox, who recently took over the Wicklow Rotary Presidency position from Peter Byrne outlined a number of projects carried out by the club. "Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine we have been heavily involved in hous-

ing and supporting refugees as well as setting up the educational hub in Wicklow town," she said.

"In addition we are funding local charities including Wicklow Cancer Support and Dementia Support and programmes aimed at young people."



Members of Wicklow Rotary Club with members of Seamus Heaney's family





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# Greystones Tidy Towns chair to retire

Marie McCooley is stepping down as chairperson of Greystones Tidy Towns after nearly seven years in the role. During her time leading the organisation, it has received three medals in the annual Tidy Towns competition - a bronze in 2018 and two silvers, in 2019 and 2021. The group also played a role in Greystones twice being voted as one of the World's Most Liveable Communities.

Ms McCooley has also been praised personally by Greystones Lions, who pronounced her local person of the year in 2021, and by the Wicklow Community Volunteer organisation which declared her one of its local heroes.

Commenting on her retirement, Ms McCooley said: "It's been a whirlwind few years leading the group and I've enjoyed every minute of it. But none of what we've managed to do would have been possible without the foundations laid down by my predecessors, Colum Ó Broin and Frank Coyne -- and the fantastic team of volunteers that makes Greystones Tidy Towns what it is. Week in and week out, they work to help make our community one of the best places to live in Ireland. They're just great and I'm so proud of them all."

Marie has been active with Greystones Tidy Towns for 20 years and took over as chair in 2016. Known for her considerable energy and enthusiasm in making Greystones' public spaces more beautiful, Marie showed a flair for recruiting volunteers, chivvying them along, and building good relations with resident groups, business interests and officials in the local authority.

During her time leading Greystones Tidy



Marie McCooley hard at work

Towns, the group has taken on several major projects. They include the design, planting and maintenance of a special sensory garden in Burnaby Park which was opened earlier this year.

The park, which is the town centre's only significant public open space, is part of the Burnaby Conservation Area. Tidy

Towns also restored and replanted the park's long flowerbed beside Mill Road, and the bed along the side of the Bowling Club.

The group has revitalised other flower beds and unkempt areas all over the town and recently restored and replanted the large roundabout at the junction of Mill Road

and the Charlesland dual carriageway.

Elsewhere, during Marie's tenure some 1,000 trees were planted near the Shoreline swimming pool and community centre, and a community orchard was created along the pathway between the Aldi supermarket and Three Trouts Bridge. Tidy Towns also

planted and had seating installed at La Touche car park on the seafront behind the Dart station.

From a farming background and feeling a strong affinity with nature, Marie has sought to increase awareness of the need to protect and enhance biodiversity with insect-friendly planting, and has worked to increase nature awareness, especially with young people through schools' outreach. She was behind several environment friendly initiatives before they became popular, including every cup counts and no to single use plastic.

Commenting on Marie's retirement, the chair of Greystones Town Team, Dermot Dwyer, said: "Marie's leadership of Tidy Towns has been selfless, energetic and has ensured Greystones is a better place to live for our growing resident community and visitors. Her example and the TT teams work and initiatives - such as the Sensory Garden - had a major impact with the international judging panel which led to Greystones winning the 2021 LivCom global Gold Medal award.

"She is a shining example of adaptive community volunteerism. On behalf of the Greystones Town Team -- thank you Marie!"

Retired Greystones



Marie McCooley

Municipal District Administrator Myra Porter said: "During her time as Chairperson of Greystones Tidy Towns, Marie worked tirelessly and developed a very successful partnership with Greystones Municipal District. By working closely with Council staff it was possible to deliver on a number of joint projects throughout the town, which were completed by volunteers under her leadership.

"As the role of Tidy Towns expanded in recent years to include sustainability, conservation and biodiversity, Marie ensured that activities, policies and practices changed, in addition to all of the ongoing maintenance and litter picking activi-

ties undertaken by Tidy Towns volunteers.

"It was a pleasure to work with Marie during my time in Greystones Municipal District, I have no doubt that she will continue to contribute to Greystones Tidy Towns and will be a great support to the new Chairperson."

The search is now on for a replacement.

Said Marie: "We need to find someone who has a great passion and love for the town and wants to make a contribution. They don't have to be retired or willing to roll up their sleeves to rummage around beds and litter bins. But they need to be an organiser, a co-ordinator, someone who can manage and enthuse people and help fashion a vision for the future.

"Tidy Towns is much more now than hanging baskets and the like. It's about the whole health of the town -- biodiversity, sustainability and the environment, waste management and education. The group structure has evolved to reflect this and so the next leader is someone who can inspire and lead but in a sort of non-executive chairman type of way -- someone who can help bring the whole town along on this journey and, who knows, maybe one day winning the national competition. Wouldn't that be great?"

Information on the role of the new chair and the individual qualities sought may be seen on the Greystones Tidy Towns Facebook page, and on boardmatch.ie

## Nominations open for Volunteer of the Year awards

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Volunteer Ireland Awards and the public is being asked to submit nominations for Ireland's 'Volunteer of the Year'.

The Volunteer Ireland Awards take place annually and celebrate the immense contribution volunteers make to communities across Ireland. Visit [www.volunteer.ie](http://www.volunteer.ie) to nominate a volunteer for a Volunteer Ireland Award.

Anyone can nominate a volunteer, and the 11 categories are: Arts, Culture & Festivals; Campaigning & Activism; Children & Youth; Environmental & Animal Care; Health & Wellbeing; Safety & Emergency Services; Social Inclusion & Community Support; Sports & Recreation; Small group; Large group; Volunteer Manager.

Volunteer Ireland CEO, Nina Arwitz, said: "These awards give us the opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary kindness and generosity of Ireland's volunteers. As we emerge from a pandemic during which volunteers provided crucial supports, volunteers are once again selflessly stepping forward, this time in welcoming and supporting displaced Ukrainian people in communities across Ireland.

"But it's not just in times of crisis that Ireland's volunteers make such an outstanding impact. All year round, volunteers are the beating hearts of our communities - caring for animals and the environment, helping with sports and cultural events, and supporting the wellbeing of others.

"The Volunteer Ireland Awards give us a chance to say thank you by celebrating the invaluable contribution volunteers make to Irish society."

The 2022 Volunteer Ireland Awards are made possible thanks to the support of the Department of Rural and Community Development, and award partners Healthy Ireland. This year's Volunteer Ireland Awards will take place in Dublin in December.

All individual awardees (except Volunteer Manager) are eligible for the overall Volunteer of the Year Award.

Nominations close at midnight on Sunday, 9th October and can be made online at [www.volunteer.ie](http://www.volunteer.ie).



Doireann Brown, Georgia Corrigan, yard manager Ciara Malone and Alex Corrigan from My Lovely Horse Rescue help launch nominations for the Volunteer Ireland Awards.



# Rosemary Smith joins FIVA Heritage Hall of Fame

Earlier this year the Irish Veteran and Vintage Car Club (IVVCC) nominated motorsport legend Rosemary Smith for a prestigious FIVA (Federation Internationale des Vehicules Anciens) Hall of Fame Award. Rosemary, who has just celebrated her 85th birthday, was presented with her award by Mr. Tiddo Bresters, the President of FIVA at 2.30pm on Sunday August 21st at the annual IVVCC Classic Car Show in the walled garden of Powerscourt House in Enniskerry.

Present were Mr. Myles O'Reilly, President of the IVVCC, Mr. Tiddo Bresters, President of FIVA, Mr. Keith Gibbons, council member IVVCC, and Mr. Peadar Ward, IVVCC.

A female pioneer in a notoriously male-dominated sport, Rosemary Smit, from Dublin, drove in the Monte Carlo rally eight times, as well as most other iconic rallies all over the world, including an outright victory in the 1965 Tulip Rally, beating all the male drivers to the finish.

FIVA announced nine heroes of motoring history in total who join its Heritage Hall of Fame, launched last year to celebrate both world-famous figures and unsung heroes in automotive history.

As Gaby von Oppenheim, one of the judges, explains: "FIVA clubs around the world were invited to nominate their own motoring heroes, regardless of whether these individuals are household names



Rosemary Smith

or relatively unknown. The primary criterion is that they choose men or women who have made significant contributions

final inductees."

In 2021, FIVA launched the Heritage Hall of Fame to honour and recognise significant contributors to the history of the automobile and the historic vehicle movement. Individuals are first nominated by FIVA clubs across the globe, from which a small number are then selected by a prestigious panel of international judges.

As Tiddo Bresters, president of FIVA, explains: "Not every hero of the motoring world is a household name. Induction into the FIVA Heritage Hall of Fame is a tribute to an individual's genuine lifetime achievements, but it's a very personal selection. It reflects the opinions of FIVA clubs around the world, who nominate their own favourite national figures.

"Some of these heroes are world-famous, others are names you might not know – but each has made a real and long-lasting impact on automotive history."



Robin Tyrell and Finn Jones at the official opening of the Colour Club in Ballyraine Campus, Arklow. The creativity and wellness centre is a new social enterprise for children and adults.

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# Farmers asked to consider Barn Owl beneficial measures

A measure to improve Barn Owl conservation, designed by BirdWatch Ireland and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is now available to farmers in the new Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES).

It is hoped that this measure, which focuses on improved methods of rodent control on farms to reduce the use and effects of rodenticides, providing safe and secure nest sites for Barn Owls and linking to habitat enhancement measures will deliver real benefits for the farmer and Barn Owls and help the Barn Owl population recovery across the country.

The Barn Owl is one of Ireland's most recognisable and admired birds. Known as the 'farmers friend', it has long been closely linked with farming practices in Ireland, and traditionally nested in old stone farm buildings, often within the farmyard. However, it is a species which has struggled in recent decades and, due to widespread declines in their population and range, it is a Red-listed Bird of Conservation Concern in Ireland. The decline of the Barn Owl in Ireland has been driven by several factors, such as land use changes, the intensification of farming which has caused the loss of suitable habitat, the loss of nest sites (such as old stone farm buildings) and the increased use of rodenticides (rat poisons) may also have impacted Barn Owl populations. Despite this decline, we know that Barn Owls respond well to conserva-

tion measures and their population is increasing in certain parts of the country after decades of declines.

The Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) recently announced by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine includes a Barn-Owl-specific measure, to help address some of the factors which have caused the Barn Owl population decline. The measure requires adopting an Integrated Pest Management approach to reduce the use and effects of rodenticides and to provide a nest box in a suitable location, for which the farmer receives a payment of €6.48 per unit per year.

BirdWatch Ireland has prepared practical and easy-to-follow guidance for farmers who are interested in this measure, to identify whether their farm is suitable for this action and to implement it to achieve the best results. John Lusby, Raptor Conservation Officer with BirdWatch Ireland, commented, "We have seen that nest box measures in previous agri-environment schemes have not always been implemented appropriately and therefore become a waste of time and resources and provide no real conservation benefits. In actual fact, providing a nest box should be relatively straightforward and we

have prepared very clear but simple guidance including practical videos on exactly how to implement this measure to get the best results, for farmers and biodiversity." The Barn Owl Action is only available to farmers who meet certain criteria to ensure that the nest boxes are placed in suitable locations.

"The provision of nest boxes for Barn Owls has been a huge conservation success story in recent years. BirdWatch Ireland has recorded over 150 nest boxes which are used by breeding Barn Owls and this number continues to increase each year. It is expected that the number of nest boxes in suitable areas will significantly increase through this measure. Oonagh Duggan, Head of Advocacy at BirdWatch Ireland, commented "The provision of nest boxes can deliver benefits for Barn Owls, but it is also important to remember the benefits for the farmer. Barn Owls are called 'the farmers friend' for good reason, and having a pair of Barn Owls on the farm can help with rodent control. Many farmers that we work with who have encouraged Barn Owls now no longer use or need to use rodenticides, which is a win-win, for biodiversity and farmers alike."

John Lusby stressed, however,

that the provision of nest boxes is only one element of addressing Barn Owl declines and the provision of nest boxes alone does not solve all the problems for Barn Owls.

## The Barn Owl in Wicklow

The Wicklow Barn Owl Project got underway in April, and has been asking members of the public to get in touch to help improve the prospects for this endangered bird.

The project is a collaboration between Wicklow County Council, National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), Birdwatch Ireland and the Wicklow Raptor Group with additional funding support from The Heritage Council through the County Heritage Plan Fund.

The overall aim is to better understand the owl's distribution in Wicklow and to work with landowners to implement practical protection measures.

The project has two elements: firstly, gathering baseline information on the Barn Owl population in Wicklow through undertaking a county survey, and secondly installing nest boxes in suitable locations to improve breeding habitat.

A Barn owl's diet relies to a



A Barn Owl nest box being installed

large extent on rodents, with one bird estimated to take 2,000 prey items in a single breeding season. The Irish name 'Scréachóg reilige' relates to its screeching sound at nighttime, traditionally associated with the Banshee, and its habit of nesting in old churches and other ruined buildings.

The project is seeking to install nesting boxes in suitable locations throughout the county and invites landowners/ homeowners to get in touch if they have seen Barn Owls near them and would like to host a

nesting box on their property.

Currently there are very few records of Barn Owls in Wicklow and the project partners are appealing for members of the public to help fill this gap by reporting anecdotal sightings (past or present) either through the dedicated page at: [www.facebook.com/Wicklow-Barn-Owl-Group](https://www.facebook.com/Wicklow-Barn-Owl-Group) or by e mail to [wicklowbarnowlgroup@gmail.com](mailto:wicklowbarnowlgroup@gmail.com), or by telephone or text to Oran O Sullivan (county surveyor) at 087 2339280.

# La Touche Festival of History returns

The La Touche Legacy Festival of History will take place on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September in Greystones Golf Club.

Speaking over the weekend will be:

**Professor Mary E. Daly**  
Professor Mary E Daly is Professor Emerita in Irish History at University College Dublin and was President of the Royal Irish Academy 2014-2020 - the first woman to hold

that position in the RIA's 230-year history. She is a member of the Taoiseach's Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations, and of the National Famine Commemoration Committee, a Governor of the National Gallery and a member of the Council of

the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. Professor Daly's talk, title tbc, will be on Ireland during the 1940s.

## Dr Michael Kennedy

Dr Michael Kennedy has written and published widely on modern Irish history, in particular on military and diplomatic history and on foreign policy. He has been the executive editor of the

Royal Irish Academy's Documents on Irish Foreign Policy series and head of the DIFP series since 1997. He is a former member of the Irish Manuscripts Commission, a Research Associate of the Centre for Contemporary Irish History, Trinity College, Dublin and was formerly an adjunct Professor of History at University College Dublin. His paper

to the La Touche Legacy Seminar will be on Nazi war criminals in 1940s Ireland.

## Dr Jennifer Redmond

Dr Jennifer Redmond is Assistant Professor/ Lecturer in Twentieth Century Irish History in the Department of History at Maynooth University. Her research interests include migration, women's history,

Irish social history and digital humanities. Dr Redmond's talk on Friday afternoon, 9 September, will deal with Irish women and World War 2, focussing on female emigration with examples taken from Wicklow histories.

## Clodagh Finn

Clodagh Finn is a journalist and author, whose work appears regularly in the Irish Examiner and the Irish Independent. She is the author of a biography of Mary Elmes, A time to risk all (2017) and Through her eyes: a new history of Ireland in 21 women (2019). As this year's Jim Brennan Memorial Lecture speaker, Clodagh will discuss the recovery of Irish women's stories, looking among others at Derry educationalist, historian and archaeologist Mabel Colhoun, and at Mary Elmes from Cork, who is credited with saving the lives of at least 200 Jewish children during World War 2.

## Professor Emeritus Michael Laffan

Michael Laffan studied at Gonzaga College, University College Dublin, Trinity Hall Cambridge and the Institute for European History in Mainz. Having

lectured briefly at the University of East Anglia he took up a post in UCD, where he taught for over three decades and served in various positions, including as head of the School of History and Archives, before retiring in 2010. Michael's talk at this year's seminar will be on the Civil War.

## Dr David McCullagh

Dr David McCullagh is an journalist, author and presenter with RTÉ, where he has presented

the Six One News from August 2020. He previously presented Prime Time from 2013 to 2020, and was former Political Correspondent with RTÉ News and Current Affairs. McCullagh attended Newpark Comprehensive School and studied politics in University College Dublin. He holds a PhD in the subject. David's talk at the seminar this year will be on the Relationship between Michael Collins and Eamonn DeValera.

## Schedule of speakers

### Friday 9th September

- 16.00: Official Opening and welcome by Mr. George Jones, Chairman of the La Touche Legacy. Welcome by Cathaoirleach of Greystones Municipal District
- 16.15: Dr. Jennifer Redmond, 'Irish Women and World War Two'
- 16.45: Professor Emeritus Michael Laffan 'The Civil War'
- 17.15 : Dr. Michael Kennedy, 'Nazi Criminals in Ireland in the 1940's'

### Saturday 10th September

- 10.00: Welcome by Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council
- 10.10: Professor Mary E. Daly, 'Ireland During the 1940's'
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.00: Dr. David McCullagh, 'The Relationship Between De Valera and Collins'
- 11.45 Jim Brennan Memorial Lecture; Ms. Clodagh Finn, 'Jewish Children Saved During World War Two'
- 20:00: Seminar Dinner in Greystones Golf Club



Greystones Library celebrated Heritage Week last week with eighteen poets reading their poems about Greystones, which appear in an anthology launched last year. Two musicians also performed songs they composed about the area. "The book, ('Greystones You Are...'), and the event, serve as paeans to their hometown between the mountains and the sea, in which the words - home, community, and the sea - echo throughout," said Frances Browner, pictured here with some of the young attendees on the night.



# Wicklow Library introduces a cosplay club for teens

A special roleplay initiative for teenagers in which they dress up as a character from a book, film or video game is being organised by Wicklow Town Library.

Cosplay was a new venture for Wicklow Library and it went down a treat with teenagers when Wicklow Town Library hosted a teen Cosplay Pageant on Thursday 28th July.

The pageant featured the

young people wearing handmade costumes. These were the end result of a month-long series of workshops aimed at helping a group of teens create character costumes from their favourite books, comics, movies, manga,

and television series.

They learned sewing and make-up techniques, as well as how to build props. They also gained confidence in public speaking as they had to explain to the audience who their character was. The pageant

drew an enthusiastic crowd and afterwards the young people won prizes including tickets to Dublin Comic Con.

Due to the positive feedback from the teens and parents, a regular monthly Cosplay Club is being

organised in the library with 15 teens already signed up.

To register an interest in joining, please contact Loretta by email at Wicklow Library wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie

Deputy Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Michael Nicholson, is very enthusiastic about the initiative, saying: "This activity is a winner for teens; it's a chance to express their individuality, socialise and build friendships while learning practical and valuable skills."

Echoing this sentiment, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Tommy Annesley, said: "It's refreshing to hear about a new venture such as Cosplay, young people having the opportunity to develop a new hobby and learn hands-on skills such as sewing, making props and applying make-up sounds like a very resourceful way to put in a couple of hours".



Young people at the cosplay event in Wicklow Town Library

## 'Local social enterprises should apply for funding to grow and strengthen impact'

A new scheme announced by the Government will improve and grow our social enterprises in Wicklow, Minister Simon Harris TD has said.

Minister Harris said: "Social Enterprises play a key role in communities and we have seen this throughout the recent Pandemic. The new Scaling-up Scheme from the Department of Rural and Community Development is a €1.5 million fund and is a great opportunity for social enterprises in Wicklow to have a real impact."

"The scheme comprises of two streams, one for medium-scale capital works and the second for feasibility studies being administered on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community

Development by Pobal.

"The drive is to encourage social enterprises which help revitalise towns and villages by addressing economic, social and educational disadvantage. This supports Fine Gael's ambition and campaign to build stronger, safer communities in Wicklow."

Applications opened on 2nd August and will close at 3pm on 15th September. Further application details can be found at pobal.ie.

"This funding promotes innovation within the Irish enterprise ecosystem and will encourage a greater contribution to local economies and entrepreneurial activity, productivity and innovative capability," Minister Harris concluded.

## 'Blessington inner relief road urgently needed'

Green Party TD Steven Matthews is calling on Wicklow County Council to speed up the design and construction of the Blessington Inner Relief Road.

"The new road will remove the heavy goods vehicles and through traffic from the Main Street and allow for further investment and improvements to walking, cycling and parking facilities throughout the town centre," said Deputy Matthews. "We can really improve road safety, air quality, reduce noise and create a much more attractive town centre with good public spaces and safer spaces for our children if we divert the through traffic to the inner relief road."

"This road has been talked about for a long time with part of it already constructed but requires completion at the north and south end of Blessington. I have discussed the road with Wicklow County Council and urged greater action from them and I have offered to work with the Minister and Department of Transport to support the project," added Deputy Matthews.

"Blessington is a beautiful, wide street, market town with



Deputy Matthews in Blessington

some architectural gems but it is hindered by excessive traffic and congestion at times. It has fantastic voluntary community groups who work tirelessly to improve the area and I have met

with the Blessington Forum, Town Team and Tidy Towns to support them in the work they do and their vision for a better Blessington town.

"Blessington has been selected

as Wicklow's Town Centres First location and as such has received funding to carry out improvements to the public space and squares. In applying for funding to carry out the works to build the inner relief road I have asked the Council to also design the public improvements footpaths, accessibility, safe walking routes, better parking and cycle routes. These improvements are good for local business as they draw more people to the town centre to shop, socialise and enjoy their town. They can also lead to residential development in the town centre in refurbishment of vacant buildings and conversion of upper floors to homes.

"With further investment in public transport, construction of the new park and the completion of the Blessington Greenway, the town will thrive, but it is critical to its success that we divert the excess traffic from the Main Street and this remains a priority for me."



Pictured is bride Leah Spillane who got married to Cian Kearney on 31st July in Powerscourt House and Gardens

## 'Kilpedder footpath and public lighting scheme to be shovel ready'

Fine Gael Minister Simon Harris TD has welcomed the news that Wicklow County Council now has a 'shovel ready' public lighting and footpath scheme for Kilpedder Village.

Minister Harris said: "This week I received an update from the Council Management regarding their application to the National Transport Authority's Rapid Deployment Active Travel Measures Fund. The Council now advises the design for the scheme has been done and the tender process for a contractor is now also complete. This ensures that the scheme is 'shovel ready' once a decision has been received from the National Transport Authority."

"This is considerable progress for the enhancement of Kilpedder Village and improving pedestrian safety and connectivity with Willow Grove and local services. I have supported Wicklow County Council's application to the National Transport Authority and I look forward to a decision on this project as soon as possible."



Kilpedder



# Beauty and the beach

*Miss Ireland finalists from Wicklow get busy for Miss Ireland 2022 nationwide beach and waterways clean-up*

The 37 finalists vying for the coveted Miss Ireland 2022 title put their collective strength and unity together to co-ordinate a big beach clean-up all over Ireland from August 12th to 14th. Thousands have flocked to our beaches and waterways during the recent warm weather but the glorious sunshine also brought 'rubbish weather' as many beaches and waterways across Ireland were left in dire conditions by sun seekers leaving their rubbish behind.



Miss Wicklow Town Erika Bellamy and Miss Wicklow Tanya Flood at Bray Seafront for the nationwide beach and waterways clean-up

Miss Wicklow Tanya Flood (24) from Druids Glen and Miss Wicklow Town Erika Bellamy (21) from Kilcoole joined forces to do their Beach Clean up at Bray Seafront over the weekend.

Miss Ireland 2022 undertook the ambitious volunteering initiative because, this year, the over-riding theme for Miss Ireland is 'Our World Our Future' with a focus on the environment and global citizenship. Each of the finalists all over Ireland gathered all of their friends and families to help make a real impact and highlight the importance of communities coming together to protect our beautiful island's coastlines.

The big clean-up is one of the challenges that finalists of Miss Ireland 2022 are being tasked with in a challenging competitive process for this, the 75th Diamond Jubilee of the competition. Their skills are also tested in debating, public speaking, talent, sports, modelling, social media and each finalist is tasked with raising much-needed awareness and funds for their chosen charities.

Established in 1947, Miss Ireland has been the launch pad for many eminent, successful, and inspiring women in Ireland. In recent years the Miss Ireland Franchise has raised over €800,000 for



Miss Wicklow Town Erika Bellamy, Felix Zarka, Oddy Doyle, and Miss Wicklow Tanya Flood at Bray Seafront for the nationwide beach and waterways clean-up

various charities including Laura Lynn, Temple Street, Alzheimer's Ireland, Pieta House, The Cari Foundation and this year are proud to partner, once again, with Variety Ireland, an Irish charity helping sick, disadvantaged and children with special needs since 1951.

The winner of Miss Ireland 2022 will receive a lucrative agency contract and a host of prizes including jewellery, gowns, professional photo

shoots, beauty and hair products and then jet off to represent her country at the Miss World Festival which is televised in over 100 countries around the world. The winner will also enjoy an all-expenses paid trip to the Maldives to do a photoshoot later in the autumn.

See [www.miss-ireland.ie](http://www.miss-ireland.ie) or on the new Miss Ireland App, available from Apple App Store or Google Play for more.

## Gaisce Gold Award recipients from Wicklow asked to come forward to inspire new generation of community leaders

Gaisce Gold Award recipients from across Wicklow are being asked to come forward to inspire a new generation of community leaders. The President's Award, the nation's highest recognition of young people's initiative, achievements and voluntary society, is seeking to connect with nearly Gold Award recipients through a Gold community network - reuniting those who journey through the years.



Gaisce recipients Aleasha O'Donnell, Co. Meath, Erin Shimizu, Galway, Sinead Reidy, Athlone, Ciara Cunningham, Tipperary, Nicole Landy, Dublin, and Kirstie Moran, Wexford.

In July over 140 young people from across the island of Ireland were honoured with the Gaisce Gold Award by President Michael D. Higgins for their outstanding commitment to personal development and contribution to society. These young people are now part of the growing Gold Voices Community, where they will become leaders and mentors to the next generation of community change makers, adventurers, musicians, sports

people and creatives.

Gaisce - The President's Award was established in 1985, the UN International Youth Year, and serves as a direct challenge to young people from the President of Ireland. Throughout its history, Gaisce has empowered young people to create lifelong connections, develop self-confidence and become leaders within their local communities.

Colm Keegan, poet and Gold Awardee said,

"It was only when given the chance to reflect on the impact the Gaisce had on my life recently, when giving a speech for the award ceremony, that I realised the impact participating in Gaisce had on me.

"The principles of personal development in service to others instilled in me then are still at the core of everything I do. I don't think I could have become the person I have become without it. Gaisce is an inspiring framework

within which you are encouraged by others to do more than you think you can, and in doing this you improve not just yourself, but the lives of those around you."

Gaisce - The President's Award is calling on everyone who has achieved a Gold Award to contact Gaisce today so their unique stories can be recorded as part of a special collection and living archive of Gold Awardees from nearly 40 years of the President's Award. Those with a Gaisce Award are also invited to become President's Award Leaders, who are crucial in providing mentorship to young people across a wide variety of organisations including community groups, education, sport, disability, and justice.

CEO of Gaisce, Yvonne McKenna said, "Gold Awardees, by their nature, want to pay it forward and inspire future generations of young people, which is why we are delighted to announce the launch of the Gold Voices Community.

"Those who have achieved a Gaisce Gold Award have gone on to do phenomenal things in their personal and professional lives, as well as in their own local communities. We want to showcase the work they have carried out, to tell this important national story, to mark 40 years of Gaisce.

"Since Gaisce was

founded there has been over a quarter of a million Awards achieved.

"Our aim with the Gold Voices Community is to reunite Awardees

and through their incredible stories, remind ourselves of the possible."

Previous recipients of the Gold Award from the President of Ireland

include Rónán Ó Dálaigh, founder of Thriftyfy, Naomi Carroll, Irish Olympian and Ireland's Women's field hockey International, and Dr.

Emma Farrell, who sat on the Government's taskforce on Youth Mental Health and is now a Gaisce Council member.



Pictured are Scott Heffernan, Aoife Temple, Linsey Corcoran, Enara Soden, Abbie Guerin and Niall O'Callaghan who recently Irish Danced for Studio2stage in Times Square New York and 2 shows in New Jersey. All were selected from The Dowling School of Irish Dancing in Bray.



# Brendan Gleeson launches 'The Art of Costume' exhibition at Russborough

*Costumes from 'Normal People', 'The Favourite' and 'The Guard' among 17 on display*

The Irish Costume Archive Project has teamed up with Russborough House in Blessington, Co. Wicklow to launch an exciting new exhibition for autumn 2022. Entitled "The Art of Costume", the exhibition was officially launched by actor Brendan Gleeson and explores the relationship between actors and costumes, and the growth of the Irish film industry.



Brendan Gleeson with his famous costume from *The Guard* at the Irish Costume Archive Project's 'Art of Costume' exhibition

Open now and running until Sunday, 16th October, the exhibition displays costumes from the ICAP collection that have been collected and preserved from some of the most prestigious film productions shot in Ireland. "The Art of Costume" exhibition features 17 costumes from 12 well known film and television productions, all revealed up close highlighting their exquisite attention to detail.

Speaking about the launch of the exhibition at Russborough House, Brendan Gleeson said, "The Art of Costume is a fun celebration of the importance of costume design in the heritage of Irish film and television. Clothes maketh the man? Maybe not, but they sure shape the perception..."

The exhibition displays costumes from the four-time Emmy award-winning 'Normal People', as well as the famous Afghan coat worn by Daniel Day Lewis in the film 'In The Name of the Father', the military uniform worn by Liam Neeson in 'Michael Collins' and Brendan Gleeson's flamboyant silk dressing gown in 'The Guard'. The exhibition also includes costumes from the Oscar winning 'The Favourite', as well as 'The Crying Game', 'Little Women', 'Ripper Street' and 'Love and Friendship', which was filmed in part at Russborough House.

ICAP was founded in 2017 by costume designer Eimer Ni Mhaoldomhnaigh and costume practitioner Veerle Dehaene. Eimer and Veerle both have extensive industry knowledge and experience. On the production side, Eimer has worked with directors Neil Jordan, Jim Sheridan and Ken Loach, providing her expertise in costume design to them. Veerle utilised her knowledge as a costume practitioner to manage Joan Bergin's costume collection at The Costume Mill in Dublin. Together they founded ICAP because they were both concerned about the afterlife of such costumes, that they believe, are an integral part of Ireland's film heritage. The archive is now home to over three hundred costumes that are permanently stored and preserved at Ardmore Studios in Co. Wicklow.

Speaking about the launch of the exhibition at Russborough House, ICAP founder Veerle said,



Levi Byrne from Blessington at the Irish Cosatume Archive Project's 'Art of Costume' exhibition

Costume plays a vital part in the actor's characterisation, and very often they do not fully get into character until they get into their costume. It is a collaboration between the actor, director, and costume designer, and it involves a huge amount of historic and social research to establish authenticity and accuracy.

The exhibition is also an important part of The Alfred Beit Foundation's, who operates Russborough House, educational programme, particularly for post primary

and transition year students, as it will feature a specialised workshop for students interested in pursuing costume design as a career. According to Pauline Swords, Head of Collections and Conservation at Russborough, the purpose of the costume design workshops is "to help students appreciate the relationship between character development and costume". The workshops will touch on the whole design process, how the costume is related to the script, the costume plot

needed to visualise the film story, and how visits to museums, archives, and libraries help to get a realistic vision of a period in history. Russborough House provides a magnificent backdrop for the exhibition, being a historic building that champions exquisite Georgian perfection.

The Art of Costume Exhibition tickets can be booked via [russborough.ie/whatson/the-art-of-costume](http://russborough.ie/whatson/the-art-of-costume). Ticket prices start from €5.00 and children under the age of five go free.

## Netflix show filmed in Wicklow returns for second season

Netflix has announced that *Fate: The Winx Saga* Season 2 will premiere on the service globally on 16th September with seven action-packed episodes.

The Netflix original series from Archery Pictures Production, in association with Rainbow, was filmed in Co Wicklow, making use of Kilruddery Estate, Powerscourt Waterfall and other locations.

The new season sees the introduction of

earth fairy Flora, played by Paulina Chávez. Paulina stars alongside returning cast Abigail Cowen as Bloom, Hannah van der Westhuisen as Stella, Precious Mustapha as Aisha, Eliot Salt as Terra and Elisha Applebaum as Musa. Other stars include

Danny Griffin, Sadie Soverall, Freddie Thorp, Theo Graham, Jacob Dudman, Brandon Grace, Robert James-Collier, Ken Duken, Éanna Hardwicke.

Oscar nominated Miranda Richardson (Good Omens) will join the cast to take on the role as Headmistress Rosalind, alongside Daniel Betts who will play Professor Harvey.

Brian Young (The Vampire Diaries) serves as Showrunner and Executive Producer.

Filmed in Ireland, the series is also Executive Produced by Judy Counihan and Kris Thykier from Archery Pictures (Riviera, The State) plus Joanne Lee and Cristiana Buzzelli from Rainbow.

*Fate: The Winx Saga* follows the coming-of-age journey of five fairies attending Alfea, a magical boarding school in the Otherworld where they must learn to master their powers while navigating love, rivalries, and the monsters that threaten their very existence.

From creator Brian Young (The Vampire Diaries), *Fate: The Winx Saga* is a live-action reimagining of the Italian cartoon series WINX CLUB by Iginio Straffi.



The Winx Saga season 2 being filmed at Kilruddery Estate. Pic: Jonathan Hession



Mitch Dorgan at Evelyn Murray's exhibition of paintings 'When the Tide is Against You' and Nadia Ramoutar's new book of poetry 'Making Mosaics from the Fragments of Life' at Anchor House, South Quay, Wicklow Town



# First solo exhibition for Greystones artist

*Knockrose Garden, The Scalp, Kilternan: 26th August - 4th September*

**This month County Wicklow-based vibrational and abstract artist, Niamh Cooke will showcase up to 30 oil paintings at her first ever solo exhibition at the tranquil Knockrose Garden in 'The Scalp'.**

The exhibition of her latest works, which will run from Friday, 26th of August until Sunday, 4th September (11 am - 5 pm daily), reflects Niamh's return to the canvas in her advancing years to express her unconscious self with colour, shape and flow.

Niamh who lives in Greystones, draws her inspiration from personal experiences, the environment, and cultures around the world. She says colour is key to her work and describes her latest pieces as 'expansive and free'.

Niamh says, 'Colour is very evident and important to my work, as is staying out of thought and what others think.'

Niamh says, for her, the global pandemic created a heightened need to create, to release mass and personal frustration.

She hopes others will receive the joy she felt when painting these exhibits. Each piece in this collection offers its observer 'a few moments of quiet reflection and, hopefully, a feeling of

renewal' - a potential antidote to our ever-increasingly stressful lives.

Niamh's intention towards healing has been a common thread throughout her entire career spanning physiotherapy, counselling/healing therapy and now art; after completing a course in art therapy, she even used art as a therapeutic tool during her work with her clients.

Niamh has been immersed in all aspects of art since 2000, after retiring from all her client-based work. At that time, she honed her techniques of working with oils, watercolour, and life drawing. She participated in her first exhibition in Coolagad, Greystones in 2007. Then in 2009, captivated by the colours, details and movement of light, she developed a passion for stained glass in Brittany, France, and she exhibited some of her stained glass work at Knockrose in 2015 along with two other artists.

Over the past number of years, Niamh has returned to the canvas to paint with oils.

A proud octogenarian and mother to seven grown children, in Ireland and abroad, and grandmother to 13, Niamh hopes her work will intrigue and provide a daily moment of healing, peace and joy.

In addition, part of the proceeds from the sale of her work from this exhibition will go to Yoga for Hope, established in 2009 by Niamh's friend and yoga teacher, Mella Murphy, to help raise much-needed funds for The Hope Foundation, a rights-based charity founded in 1999 with the aim of bringing help and hope to thousands of street children of Kolkata (formerly Calcutta). The Foundation works primarily with children and their families and the difficulties that they encounter.

Also, award-winning County Wicklow potter, Geoffrey Healy will be the guest speaker at the

opening night reception. According to Niamh, "Geoffrey's work flows from his intentional stream of feelings and I'd like to think that I'm now

doing the same with my paintings." Embracing freedom, she advises those working on their techniques to 'allow time for messy art

and to entertain a no-limits space.'

For more details about Niamh's work and her exhibition see [www.niamhcookeartist.ie](http://www.niamhcookeartist.ie)



Artwork by Niamh Cooke



Greystones artist Niamh Cooke

## Coming up at Mermaid...

### Neil Delamere's Liminal

Saturday 10th September at 8pm  
Tickets: €25

Neil Delamere, star of BBC's The Blame Game, Fighting Talk and the Newsquiz, hits the road again with his riotous new stand-up show, Liminal.

Expect an evening perhaps best described as Schrodinger's chat as our wisecracking comedic hero struggles to figure out this strange new world.



### The Classic Beatles - The Rooftop Tour

Thursday 15th September at 8pm. Tickets: €25

The only Beatles tribute act endorsed by Sir George Martin, and the stars of the multi-award winning 'Get Back' show, the Classic Beatles are on the road again with The Rooftop Tour - Best of Get Back & All The Hits!

This is a show not to be missed by any Beatles fan, so come together and join us for what promises to be a memorable fab four experience.



## Annie Keating live in Greystones

*Whale Theatre, 6th October*

Esteemed NYC singer-songwriter Annie Keating has announced a fresh UK & Ireland tour this Autumn that will include a concert at Whale Theatre in Greystones on 6th October.

Swiftly following a euphoric run of fixtures earlier in the Spring, the Brooklyn-based artist will be returning for a slew of new shows in late September and October. Taking in a total of 15 shows, Keating will be making appearances at venues in Sheffield, Manchester, London, Liverpool, Belfast, Cork, throughout the route.

Joined by a full live band, the tour will see Keating performing songs from her eighth full-length album 'Bristol County Tides' (released in 2021), unreleased NEW songs from the exclusive tour EP plus highlights from her acclaimed discography to date.

These shows will also present a unique opportunity to preview as-yet unreleased material for the first time, with a limited edition new release, the 'Twenty 22 Tour EP', exclusively available to purchase at these dates.

Tickets for all shows are on sale now at <https://www.anniekeating.com/tour>





# The ConTempo Quartet at The Courthouse

Thursday 8th September €16/€14, 8pm. Doors 7.30pm

The Courthouse Arts Centre opens its Autumn 2022 season with The ConTempo Quartet, Ireland's longest established quartet, performing two Irish string quartets, Ina Boyle's lovely E minor Quartet, written in Enniskerry in 1934, and a new piece by Galway's Jane O'Leary. Brahms' sunny, uplifting B flat major quartet was written in 1875 while he enjoyed a summer holiday in the beautiful German town of Ziegelhausen and it was to become his favourite of his three published quartets.

The ConTempo Quartet (Bogdan Sofei, Ingrid Nicola, Andreea Banciu, Adrian Mantu) is the resident quartet of the Galway Music Residency and was RTE's Resident Quartet from 2014 until 2019. Praised as a "fabulous foursome" (Irish Independent) and noted for performances which are "exceptional" (The Strad) and "full of imaginative daring" (The Irish Times), RTE ConTempo Quartet has forged a unique place in Irish musical life.

Since its formation in Bucharest in 1995, the quartet has performed more than 1,800 concerts world-wide in 46 countries, including prestigious venues such as Wigmore Hall; Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris; St Martin-in-the-Fields; Berliner Philharmonie; Palazzo del Quirinale, Rome; Carnegie Hall and the Opera House Tel Aviv. ConTempo have had the honour to meet and play in front of world

personalities such as Prince Charles, Nelson Mandela, Pope John Paul II, EU Ministers, Michael D. Higgins, Hollywood stars and Nobel Prize winners.

The ensemble has won a record of 14 international prizes (including Munich, Rome, Berlin, Prague and London) and worked alongside artists of the highest calibre including Emma Johnson, Yuko Inoue, Hugh Tinney, Chen Zimbalista, Jérôme Pernoo, Peter Donohue

and Martin Roscoe. Collaborations with other distinguished quartets have also been a feature, such as the Amadeus, Arditti, Vanbrugh, Casals and Endellion.

## Programme

**Ina Boyle** - Quartet in E minor [1934]

**Jane O'Leary** - Strings in the Air, Songs in the Stones [2021]

**Brahms** - Quartet in B flat Op.67



The ConTempo Quartet

## LOL Comedy Club returns to the Hot Spot

LOL 'Comedy Club' is back at the Hot Spot Music Club in Greystones on Friday, September 9th and this time they have a show with a difference. They've decided to double up on their comedians and showcase some of the rising stars of the Irish Comedy Scene.



Elinor Murphy

"Joining our regular MC Paul Marsh, will be Shawn Uyosa (winner of the Best new act competition 2020), Elinor Murphy (winner 2021), Seán Begley (winner 2018). Kevin Larney, Resident MC at Box Comedy and winner of 'Dublin's next top comic' 2020 will be joining them, as will Tik Tok and Instagram sensation Cormac Moore.

"If all this wasn't enough, we have a fantastic Headliner and one of the biggest rising stars of the Irish Comedy scene.



Shawn Uyosa

Richie Bree is a laughter lounge regular, as well as being one of the most in demand support acts to the likes of Des Bishop

and Deirdre O Kane."

Tickets on sale now from [www.thehotspot.ie](http://www.thehotspot.ie), don't miss out! Doors 8pm. Show 8.30pm

## St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents: The Long Road

The Long Road looks at the sadly topical issue of knife crime and its effect on a once close-knit family.

When eighteen-year-old Danny is fatally stabbed in a random attack his family struggles to find meaning and forgiveness.

His mother's determination to understand the atrocity brings her face to face with his killer and forces the family to confront the bitter senselessness of their loss.

Directed by Judith Elmes, the cast features Clare Cresswell in the role of Mary, Danny's mother; Len Nealon as John, his father; Michael Fogarty as Joe, his brother; Hannah Blair White as Emma, the young offender and Tara Murphy as Elizabeth, the counsellor / facilitator. This powerful play has a running time of 90 minutes with no interval.

The Long Road will be staged nightly at 8pm sharp at The Studio in the dlr Lexicon (Lower Ground Floor), Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire from Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th April, 2022 inclusive.

Tickets (€18) are available on line at [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)



Clare Cresswell from Bray in the role of Mary



Len Nealon from Wicklow Town as John



The Whale Theatre is hosting the first of its kind Wicklow Stories Film Festival this autumn. On Saturday, the 8th of October Greystones will see filmmakers from all over Wicklow and the rest of the country come together to celebrate not only Wicklow Filmmaking, but visual arts and music as well. The Greystones Town Team, aided by Marlena Murphy brought the festival, devised by producers Brian Matthews Murphy, Ronika Merl, and Conor McKenna to fruition. The festival will conclude in the World Premiere of the widely anticipated, one of a kind anthology "Wicklow Stories: The Pier", written by Ronika Merl. This extraordinary short film brought together 5 up-and-coming directors, who all worked on an individual part of the film to create a unique experience for audiences. Tickets are on sale now at [whaletheatre.ticket-sonline.com/shows/873627833](http://whaletheatre.ticket-sonline.com/shows/873627833)



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**CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS IS: 12 NOON on THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 SHARP.**

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## Fiat 500 Electric - a worthy successor to an icon

After the second world war, Italy was focused on rebuilding its shattered industrial base and rekindling Le Dolce Vita - the good life!



By Martin McCarthy

FIAT were the biggest firm in the country and by 1957 their designers were ready to offer a small car for the ordinary Italian family who for the previous decade used a Vespa or equivalent to scooter around.

The Nouve 500 was a "family car" - two adults and four kids could fit - squeezed - into its charming profile. The power output was feeble (17BHP) but fuel economy was impressive, and sales look off. It also acquired a nickname "Bambino" (baby) and shortly thereafter Italian film makers started featuring it as a fashionable young persons cars.

In the heel of the hunt, over 3 million units were made and even in recent times the petrol engine 500s sold in huge numbers in England especially. It carved out a niche as a city car rival to the home grown Mini.

FIAT is now part of the vast Stellantis group (PSA + Opel + FCA) and the latest 500 is all electric. It

keeps the general styling of the original model and while there is a base, 95 hp model, priced at €24,995, most will opt for the 118hp, longer range version priced at €29,995. The Cabrio is a very tempting €2,500 extra - but gives the real Italian 500 experience.

Remarkably, the 500e has a reasonable luggage capacity and can carry a

set of golf clubs with the back seats flicked forward. Parking is a dream, as the cars minimal external dimensions allow it to squeeze in spaces other just wouldn't fit into.

With a standard range of 260KM, the 500e will be fine for drivers whose main journeys are within Wicklow and Leinster. At present there is an offer of a free home recharging kit with Energia with new 500es.

John Saunders, Managing Director of Fiat Ireland has high hopes for the 500e: "This iconic urban car has the outstanding range of 320km, best in class safety features and level 2 autonomous driving, bringing all the associated benefits to urban mobility. 2022 is an excit-

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# Wicklow winners announced at regional final of Irish Restaurant Awards

The Leinster Regional Final of Irish Restaurant Awards 2022 took place in the Knightsbrook Hotel, County Meath on Tuesday 16th August 2022. Over 900 restaurant and hospitality business owners and staff celebrated their hard work and achievements at the Awards Event, which saw many well-known restaurateurs of Leinster turn out to see if they had won one of the prestigious awards.



Renee De Freitas Martin and Peter Martin of the Vital Health Café in Wicklow Town who won the 'Best Free From' award at the Leinster Regional Final of the Irish Restaurant Awards.

Speaking at the awards Chief Executive of the Restaurants Association of Ireland, Adrian Cummins, said; "Now in their 13th year, the Irish Restaurant Awards returns after the 2020 Awards were cut short. The Awards are an opportunity to celebrate the existing and up and coming talent in the sector and are a reminder that hospitality is nothing without the dedicated and passionate staff in the industry. The Awards continue to showcase the incredible food that is on offer in the cafes, pubs and restaurants of Ireland. With well over 100,000 nominations received from the public this year, the standard for the judging process was higher than ever."

Food outlets were nominated under the categories of Local Food Hero, Best Free From, Best Emerging Irish Cuisine, Best Restaurant Manager, Best Wine Experience, Best Café, Best World Cuisine, Best Newcomer, Pub of the Year, Best Casual Dining, Best Hotel & Guesthouse Restaurant, Best Customer Service, Best Gastropub, Best Chef, and Best Restaurant and



Sarah Moynihan, Claudia Carroll, Jodie Boyling and Orla Gallagher of Russborough House who took home the Best Café Award

finally a new award category for 2022 Best Sustainable Practices.

All of the county winners now compete for the Regional and All Ireland Titles, which will be announced at the Irish Restaurant Awards All Ireland Final on Monday 19th September 2022 in the Convention Centre Dublin.

The Wicklow winners

on the night were: Local Food Hero - Wicklow Way Wines; Pamela Walsh and Brett Stephenson; Best Sustainable Practices - The Strawberry Tree Restaurant, Macreddin Village, Aughrim; Best Free From - Vital Health Café, Wicklow Town; Best Emerging Irish Cuisine - Hollywood Inn; Best Restaurant Manager

- The Old Ship, John Condren, Arklow; Best Wine Experience - Sika Restaurant, Powerscourt, Enniskerry; Best Café - Russborough Tea Rooms, Blessington; Best World Cuisine - Pink Salt Indian Restaurant, Bray; Best Newcomer - Mortimers, Ashford; Pub of the Year - The Dying Cow, Mullinacuff, Tinahely; Best Casual Dining - The

Enniskerry Inn; Best Hotel & Guesthouse Restaurant - Wicklow Heather Restaurant & House, Laragh; Best Customer Service - Daata, Greystones; Best Gastro Pub - Butler and Barry Gastrobar, Bray; Best Chef - Chakra By Jaipur, Dinesh Chander, Greystones; Best Restaurant - Chakra By Jaipur, Greystones.

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