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# GARDA SEARCHES UNCOVER €1.8M IN DRUGS

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# Opportunity for minister to see impact crack cocaine is having on communities

## Members of projects in JADD and CARP discuss issues



**PROGRAMME:** Donal O'Connell, chair of the JADD Project, Minister Frank Feighan TD, Shane Hamilton, coordinator of the JADD Project and Alice Murray from CARP

**By Aideen O'Flaherty**  
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THE Minister of State for the National Drugs Strategy, Frank Feighan TD, met with representatives from local drug projects and HSE Addiction Services in Killinarden last week.

On Wednesday, April 13, Minister Feighan met with members of the Community Addiction Response Programme (CARP), Jobstown Assisting Drug Dependency (JADD) and HSE

Addiction Services in CARP's centre in Killinarden.

While there, Minister Feighan was told about how local drug projects are grappling with and responding to the ongoing issue with crack cocaine addiction in Tallaght.

Minister Feighan met some service users who attend a crack cocaine programme for women run by CARP, and was told about what's needed on-the-ground to deal with the issue.

Shane Hamilton, the coordinator of the JADD Project, told *The*

*Echo*: "It was a really positive opportunity for us to meet the minister with the HSE Addiction Service.

"We got to talk about JADD's funding for a crack cocaine project for the next three years.

"We got an opportunity to speak to the minister and thank him for coming out and discussing the vital need for crack cocaine projects in the area.

"We spoke specifically around what we need to do to deal with this, build services and give the community guaranteed services for the next three years.

"I think Minister Feighan got the opportunity to see an area that's been massively impacted by crack cocaine use, and to see the true nature of the impact it's having on public health."

Minister Feighan's visit follows on from a

commitment from the Government last month, to an annual allocation of €140,000, on a recurring basis for crack cocaine projects in CARP (€80,000) and JADD (€60,000).

The €140,000, which has been approved through the HSE's National Office for Social Inclusion, will be used to support two specific projects piloted by CARP and JADD in direct response to community needs.

CARP in Killinarden will use its annual allocation of €80,000 to sustain and develop a project that engages with women who are using crack cocaine in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

In Jobstown, JADD will direct its annual €60,000 allocation into its outreach programme, a harm reduction service that aims to 'reduce the potential health-related harms of crack cocaine and the harms that may arise from the sharing of drug equipment'.

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# South Dublin County Sports Partnership hosting festival for all ages and abilities

SOUTH Dublin County Sports Partnership (SDCSP), in conjunction with Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board, are hosting a 'North Clondalkin Sports Hub Festival' on May 7.

The health and wellbeing event will take place in Collinstown Community Sports Centre, Clondalkin, for all ages and

abilities on Saturday, May 7, from 12pm -3pm.

The day is to highlight the sport, wellness and physical activity opportunities available within the area of North Clondalkin. SDCSP are inviting local community organisations, sports clubs and physical activity businesses to demonstrate their respective sport/activity and

provide information to attendees about how they can participate locally.

Each activity will have a dedicated space and will also provide information or demonstrations on how their sport can be adapted to include the participation of people with disabilities.

On the day there will be a wide

range of free activities to try such as boxing, self-defence, yoga, learn to cycle, Teqball, dance and more. Bar Monkey will also be hosting their clubs' calisthenics competition between 12pm – 3pm which would be well worth a look, as well as providing workshops for the public to participate in.

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## Food solutions company expands production line in Grange Castle

ARYZTA will double its capacity for sourdough and speciality breads at facility in Clondalkin



**EXPAND:** Anthony Proctor (Managing Director ARYZTA Ireland/UK), Karan Ransley (CEO Love With Food), Tom McCarthy (CEO Sport Hub) and Leo Glancy (CEO Enterprise Ireland)

## New Regional Enterprise Plan is future focused to meet the economic needs



**ENTERPRISE:** Mayor Pádraig Kavanagh, Taoiseach and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Leo Varadkar TD and Peter Byrne, CEO of South Dublin Chamber and member of the Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee

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# Applications sought for established Community Safety Innovation Fund

APPLICATIONS are being sought for the newly established Community Safety Innovation Fund after a decision from the Government.

Tallaght Councillor Charlie O'Connor has welcomed the decision by Government to seek applications for the new fund. The launch by Justice Minister Helen McEntee TD fulfils a commitment in Justice Plan 2022 to seek

applications for community safety projects and similar initiatives from bodies involved in community safety.

Cllr O'Connor has raised the need for such a fund on behalf of the Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, of which he is a long-time member, with his colleague Michael McGrath, the Minister for Public Expenditure, who then provided funding in the Budget.

Councillor O'Connor also represented the interests of Fettercairn Estate Management Group and Killinarden Safety Forum.

The proceeds of crime fund were set up to support community projects and causes, including money seized from proceeds of crime to be used to support investment in communities. As part of the fund, the community safety

innovation Fund will have initial allocation of €2million and there will be a call for applications for innovative ways to improve community safety.

It is anticipated that the kind of projects which may be supported will include activities intended to tackle crime or reduce the fear of crime, improve community safety and feelings of safety, support the creation of safe and resilient

communities and divert vulnerable individuals away from engagement in criminal behaviour.

According to Cllr O'Connor, this is an important decision by Government, and he acknowledged the commitment of Ministers Helen McEntee TD and Michael McGrath TD. He also praised his Council colleague Councillor Kenneth Egan who campaigned for the Fund.

# 'I thank God and my donor for my second chance at life'

## Ken and Mary tell their 'gift of life' stories ahead of Donor Awareness Week

By Aimee Walsh

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TWO people who received lung transplants speak about their gratitude to their organ donors and to have received "the gift of life" ahead of Donor Awareness Week 2022.

Mary McGarry, a mother-of-two from Palmerstown, underwent a single lung transplant in Spring 2018 after she was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis in 2002, which causes irreversible scarring of the lungs, but her condition didn't impact on her quality of life for over a decade.

Mary, a lady in her 60's, described how her health started to deteriorate more quickly after that and by 2017 she was on 24-hour oxygen supply and required a chair lift to be installed in her home. She found the impact of the escalation and severity of her illness shocking.

"I had to undergo numerous tests to ensure my suitability for transplant and to be accepted onto the transplant waiting list," she said. "I received six false calls for a lung transplant when I was called to the Mater Hospital, but the transplants didn't proceed. However, on the seventh call in May 2017 the transplant finally went ahead.

"The difference between before and after was like night and day and looking back at the difficult times when I was gravely ill, I get emotional.

"I can breathe properly again, and I feel blessed to now have three grandchildren including one who was born just 5 months ago. I also was in good health and able to attend the wedding of my daughter during Covid-19.

"I am so grateful to be alive and every day after waking up and my feet touch the floor, I thank God and my donor for my second chance at life."



**BLESSED:** Mary McGarry, underwent a single lung transplant in 2018

Ken Parkes (47) from Balrothery, Tallaght, also knows the importance of organ donation.

Ken was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when he was just ten months old and became a patient at Crumlin Hospital. Battling sickness throughout his childhood, Ken began enduring infections in his lungs when he was 14.

He went on to complete his Leaving Cert, and some years later he underwent a double lung transplant at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle in 2001 when he

was 26 years old.

Since his transplant Ken travelled extensively and his faith in God carries him along as he is grateful to be alive and to have received the gift of life from his donor.

Two years prior to his lung transplant, he was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis related diabetes.

Ken suffered poor health for the five years leading up to his transplant and before the transplant took place, he was receiving nightly supplementary oxygen and had difficulty walking.

As an often side effect of the anti-rejection transplant medication, Ken's kidneys began to fail and he has since been receiving dialysis treatment for the past five years - 2.5 years on peritoneal dialysis at home through the night and the last 2.5 years on haemodialysis at Tallaght University Hospital which he attends three times a week for 3.5 hours at a time.

He is under the care of the Mater Hospital as he was managed there for his lung condition.

Despite the hardships they endured with their health, both Ken and Mary say that they are grateful for their organ donor and want to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation ahead of Organ Donor Awareness Week this year, which will take place from April 23-30.

This year's awareness campaign is built around the theme 'Share your Wishes' about organ donation. The key message is that members of the public can play their part in supporting organ donation for transplantation by ensuring that their families know their wishes.

The Irish Kidney Association is encouraging the wider public to show their support for the campaign this year by organising their own awareness activities and challenges while observing all pertinent safety measures. Whether it is getting organ donor cards to share with your family, setting up a little information stand in your school, college, or place of work.

Whilst many things have been put on pause during the Covid-19 pandemic, the need for organ donation and transplantation continues as it is reported that at any one time in Ireland there are between 550 and 600 people active on waiting lists for organ transplants including heart, lung, liver, kidney, and pancreas.

Speaking about the upcoming week, Carol Moore, Chief Executive, Irish Kidney Association said: "Two years ago, the 2020 Organ Donor Awareness Week campaign was postponed and ultimately cancelled at short notice when Covid-19 reached our shores. Last year the pandemic was still with us.

"This impacted on the Irish Kidney Association's ability to promote organ donor awareness 'on the ground' and the overall annual Awareness Week campaign.

"We greatly value the role of pharmacists in helping to spread the message about the importance of organ donation by displaying the campaign poster and carrying stocks of organ donor cards.

"Patients on transplant waiting lists live in hope that organs will become available to them and a strong public show of support by requesting organ donor cards builds that hope. The uncertainty associated with waiting for an organ transplant is difficult as the



**GRATEFUL:** Ken Parkes was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when he was 10-months old

future is unknown and there is the knowledge that in order to be given the Gift of Life another family will be grieving the loss of a loved one."

As part of the campaign, public buildings and sites around the country are lighting up in green in support of the life-saving awareness campaign. Green is the internationally recognised colour associated with organ donation for transplantation. City and county councils are supporting the campaign as are the 550+ people currently waiting in hope for a call for a transplant and many more as well as the more than 5,000 people in Ireland who have successful functioning transplanted organs.

Social media hashtags for Organ Donor Awareness Week are: #ShareYourWishes and #DonorWeek22. People can also tag the Irish Kidney Association when doing their own posts @IrishKidneyAs on Twitter, @IrishKidneyA on Instagram @IrishKidneyAssociation on Facebook.

**“ The differences between before and after was like night and day and looking back at difficult times when I was gravely ill, I get emotional. I can breathe properly again, and I feel blessed to now have three grandchildren including one who was born just 5 months ago... ”**

# 'Container forest' becomes a reality for Priory Youthreach

Forest will have a huge positive impact on daily lives of youthreach learners

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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PRIORY Youthreach on the Greenhills Road in Tallaght have upped their green credentials with the opening of a 'container forest' in the education service's grounds last week.

The tree planting was carried out by volunteers from Tallaght Community Council (TCC), who are currently running a schools' forest programme in Tallaght.

The development of a small forest in the grounds of Priory Youthreach presented a unique challenge for the TCC volunteers, as the service's only section of outdoor space was tarmacked and they have no green space.

Not ones to be deterred, volunteers from TCC went to Priory Youthreach last month and built wooden raised beds and bench planters to the rear of the old school house where Priory Youthreach is located, to allow a small container forest to be planted.

The plant selection consists of small trees and shrubs, to help create a suitably-sized mini woodland for Priory Youthreach.

It contains tall yew trees and holly bushes, along with a variety of ferns and hostas. The raised beds also include some flowering pollinators such as Astilbes and Jasmine.

Last week, the container forest in the grounds of Priory Youthreach was



**POSITIVE:** Rose O'Keeffe, former Tallaght Person of The Year and Claire Butler TCC with Priory Youthreach students and staff at the opening of the 'container forest' in Priory Youthreach

officially opened by TCC committee volunteers and rotating Tallaght Person of the Year, Rose O'Keeffe.

Speaking at the opening of the container forest, voluntary chairperson of TCC, Liz Kennedy, said: "It was important to us that we provided Priory Youthreach with a forest, however small it might be.

"This school didn't have any planting on-site and for that reason we were determined to find a solution to create a forest for their students.

"We were delighted to be able to adapt the program and innovate so we could make the forest a reality for them.

"This truly is an urban container forest, and it will provide some much welcome access to greenery for the children here, and it will certainly help to improve the biodiversity on this school campus."

The work on the new container forest was warmly received by Priory Youthreach, with the staff already looking forward to the positive impact the new green space will have on learners.

Paul Curtis from Priory Youthreach said: "We were delighted Tallaght Community Council could create a forest on our very small school site, given the

physical challenges of our very urban setting.

"It will make a huge, positive impact on the daily lives of our learners, who now have a garden space to relax in, help nurture and watch as it grows."

The Priory Youthreach container forest is the latest development in TCC's schools' forest programme, which is supported by Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google.

Last year, TCC started preparations for the development of pocket forests in local schools including St Dominic's NS, Kingswood CC, Sacred Heart NS, and St Kevin's Boys' School.

## Virtual advocacy network meeting

A VIRTUAL advocacy network meeting for people who are blind or vision impaired and living in Dublin is being held this month, with a focus on local access issues.

The NCBI, Ireland's national sight loss agency, is holding its first ever East region Local Advocacy Network meeting for people living in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow on April 25 between 7pm and 8pm.

The aim of the meeting, which will be led by local people who are blind or vision impaired, is to work on local access issues, feed into NCBI's national campaigns and to make effective and positive changes.

According to NCBI: "The Local Advocacy Network provides a platform for people in the local community to work together to break down barriers they are facing in their area."

The meeting, which is free, is being held online.

For further information or to register visit [www.ncbi.ie/event/east-region-local-advocacy-network/](http://www.ncbi.ie/event/east-region-local-advocacy-network/). Information is also available by calling 1800 911 925 or emailing [campaigns@ncbi.ie](mailto:campaigns@ncbi.ie)



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## Son-rise celebration on Easter Sunday morning at Hell Fire Club



**EASTER STORY:** Over 40 people gathered at the Hell Fire Club

OVER 40 people gathered on Montpellier Hill (Hell Fire Club) on a cloudy morning before Sunrise, as part of the ecumenical Son-rise celebration of the Easter story of the resurrection of Jesus and the good news that death is not the end.

While watching the lights of the city

below, the folk group from Rathfarnham led the group in song, while Rev Adrienne from Church of Ireland and Fr Martin from the Catholic Church in Rathfarnham led the prayers. The group then had breakfast in Ballyroan Parish Centre together as fellow Christians.

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# Hospital using community unit facility to increase bed capacity

## Hospital identify need for 72 single rooms and increase capacity through Tymon North Community Unit

By Aideen O'Flaherty  
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TALLAGHT University Hospital (TUH) has a need for additional bed capacity to be supplied via "a new ward block", with the aim of progressing this ward block to construction phase "as soon as possible".

TUH has also identified a need for, at present, an additional 72 single rooms, and as such has increased their bed capacity through access to beds in Tymon North Community Unit.

These beds come under the clinical governance of TUH's Geriatricians, according to the HSE.

The opening of additional rehabilitation beds in Peamount Healthcare has also increased the beds available for patients who require rehabilitation.

This information was supplied by the HSE in response to a motion by Fianna Fáil councillor Charlie O'Connor at a meeting of the Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum on Tuesday.

Cllr O'Connor requested confirmation of plans for the

provision of additional beds in TUH, "noting the call by a prominent Tallaght consultant in that regard which has strong local support".

In reply to the motion, Trevor O'Callaghan from the HSE Dublin Midlands Hospital Group supplied the aforementioned details about additional beds in other facilities, in order to alleviate capacity issues in TUH.

However, Mr O'Callaghan also noted in his reply that the hospital is "seeing an exponential increase in ED attendances year on year, particularly in patients over 75."

"We are also seeing an increase in admissions. This, coupled with an increasing need to isolate patients in single rooms, means that TUH will continue to be challenged with the timely admission of patients from ED."

"The hospital has identified a need for an additional 72 single rooms and have completed a strategic assessment report [which] validates the need for the additional beds in the form of a new ward block."

The hospital is currently working with its partners in the

**CAPACITY:** Tymon North Community Unit (inset) Tallaght University Hospital has increased capacity at Tymon North facility



wider health service to progress these beds to construction phase as quickly as possible."

As previously reported in *The Echo*, more than 1,650 people

have waited longer than 24 hours in Tallaght University Hospital's emergency department since last January. Since January, the hospital

has experienced a 13 per cent increase in the number of people presenting to its emergency department, with 1,078 patients recorded on trolleys in the first

three months of the year. In March alone, the number of patients on trolleys was up 161 per cent when compared with the same period in 2021.

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# Planners ‘generally supportive’ of Kestrel Pub 52 apartments

## Developers must submit further information in its new application

By **Hayden Moore**  
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DEVELOPERS have addressed many of the reasons for refusing permission at the site of Kestrel Pub at Walkinstown roundabout - and have been requested to submit further information for its new application.

Last year, Double E Investments, were refused planning permission by Dublin City Council, for a development at the site, which included proposals for 52 apartments but no car parking spaces.

A new application submitted by Double E, the property arm of Double Property Group, contains proposals for 42 apartments, 16 car parking spaces, 138 bicycle parking spaces and three retail units at ground floor.

As with the previous plan, Double E are seeking to demolish the two-storey Kestrel building, and this time around, build a part 4, 5, and 6-storey mixed-use development, containing 19 one-bed apartments and 23 two-beds.

A significant amount of objections were lodged to the previous planning application by



APPLICATION: Kestrel Pub on The Walkinstown Roundabout

residents, concerned that the lack of car parking spaces would have a negative impact on a busy local traffic network, and increase pressure for parking spaces on residential roads in the vicinity of the site.

City planners determined the lack of parking would “generate overspill parking and servicing activity onto the adjacent heavily trafficked public road network, namely Bunting Road,

Walkinstown Road, Cromwellsfort Road and footpaths thereby causing an obstruction to pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles and other road users.”

Planners said the applicant had not demonstrated that the site, located on a heavily trafficked junction and road network, can accommodate a car free development based on proximity and accessibility criteria

“without resulting in a negative impact on the surrounding local road network”.

Now, with this new application, the planning authority believes the applicant “has addressed many of the refusal reasons outlined in the previous planning decision on this site”.

With the removal of two floors resulting in a “much less visually dominant and overbearing form

of proposed development”, the planning authority is “generally supportive of the proposal to provide a landmark building at this location”.

However, there are still some concerns regarding the scale and footprint of the scheme due to its proximity to the public road.

It believes that a greater setback of the structure be introduced to help integrate with the existing character of the area and asked for clarification around pedestrian circulation and the residential amenity.

The introduction of basement level car parking is “acceptable”, although there is some transport related concerns.

Double E Investments now has to address the concerns raised in the form of additional information, and submit this documentation to the City planners.

The landmark Kestrel pub sold for more than its €1.8m guide price in 2019.

Graham Canning bought the pub in 2004 for a record price of €7.3 million.

It closed in 2010, and the following year, publican Michael McGowan bought the premises for a price believed to be in the region of over €2 million.

## Toastmasters help develop confidence in public speaking

LUCAN Toastmasters invite residents to a meet in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, on Thursday, April 28, at 7.45pm.

The group meet on alternate Thursdays in the hotel, and say the events are a great place to meet new friends and help to develop confidence speaking in public.

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Check their Facebook page for more details.

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## Avonbeg Cycle Scheme to be complete by July

AN OBJECTIVE of the Cycle South Dublin Plan includes connecting Sean Walsh Park to Avonbeg Cycle Scheme, which is currently under construction, and by extension the Dodder Greenway, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

This objective would require work at the Old Bawn Road junction, which South Dublin County Council has described as “a complex and large junction with many traffic and user issues”.

“It is to be examined under a separate project, for which preliminary design work has recently begun, a presentation was made to the Tallaght ACM in that regard,” stated an South Dublin County Council

spokesperson.

Other updates on the council works include confirmation that the Avonbeg Cycle Scheme is expected to be complete by July, while the fence which runs along the open space/path area and St Dominic's National School has been cleared of brush.

The former location of that brush has been re-planted with new planting along the fence line.

“As this grows, it will screen the fences from the view of the shared path,” said the council. The council supplied this information in response to queries submitted by Fianna Fáil councillor Charlie O'Connor, on behalf of local residents.



SCHEME: Avonbeg Cycle Scheme will be complete by July



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# Man (35) charged over revolver and ammunition seizure following shooting

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A MAN charged over a revolver and ammunition seizure following a shooting in Dublin has been remanded in custody.

A man in his 20s was hospitalised with non-life-threatening injuries after a gunshot at about 5pm on April 8 in Cherrywood Grove, Clondalkin.

He was taken to Tallaght Hospital.

On Monday afternoon, gardai arrested Sam Archibald, 35, of Commons Road, Clondalkin.

He was detained at a local station under section 50 of the Criminal Justice Act, 2007.

Mr Archibald was charged with two offences under the Firearms Act just after 10 pm on Friday.

Gardai then held him pending his appearance before Judge John King at Dublin District Court on Saturday.

Detective Garda Sergeant Dara Kenny told the court the accused "made no reply" to the charges.

He is accused of possessing a .38 calibre revolver on April 8 with intent to endanger life at Cherrywood Grove. He is also charged with having 31 rounds of

various calibre ammunition and nine shotgun cartridges at another address in Clondalkin between April 8 and Monday April 11.

Defence solicitor Stephan O'Mahony told Judge King he had received a copy of the garda's objection to bail.

However, he added that his client was deferring his bail application.

Judge King remanded him in custody to appear via video link at Cloverhill District Court on Thursday, April 21, pending directions from the Director of Public Prosecutions.

He also acceded to a defence request to direct medical attention for the accused in custody.

Mr Archibald, who did not address the court, has not yet indicated how he will plead.

His solicitor applied for legal aid telling the court his client had worked previously, but he added that Detective Sergeant Kenny accepted Mr Archibald was "not a man of means".

The Judge granted it after noting from the investigation officer that the accused was entitled to legal aid.

Judge King also said the man would be medically assessed when he goes into custody.



# Electrician is granted bail after seizure of €1.75 million of cocaine

Court hears man (38) was pressured to transport 25 kilos of suspected cocaine 'from A to B'

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AN ELECTRICIAN charged over a €1.75m cocaine seizure in Clondalkin, Dublin was pressured to transport the drugs "from A to B", a court has heard.

Karl Lawlor, 38, of Newlands Manor Drive, Clondalkin was granted bail on Monday, April 18.

Gardai arrested him after they stopped a vehicle at St Cuthbert's Road on Friday, Dublin District Court heard.

He was held at a local garda station under Section Two of the Criminal Justice (Drug Trafficking) Act 1996 and charged on Sunday with possessing the drugs for sale or supply on April 15.

He appeared before district court on Monday.

Garda Mark Walsh told the court the accused "made no reply" when charged. He objected to bail citing the seriousness of the case.

He alleged the vehicle was searched resulting in a find of 25 kilos of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of €1.75 million.

There were two wrapped packs each containing 10 single bars, and five bars of cocaine in shopping bags and a cardboard box, in the backseat.

Cross-examined by defence solicitor Kate McGhee, the garda agreed the accused has lived at the same address for about five years and he was in full-time employment.

Garda Walsh also accepted the



SEIZURE: Cocaine with a street value estimated at €1.75 million that was seized in Clondalkin

accused was from a law-abiding and supportive family, and Mr Lawlor was "shocked about the situation he finds himself in". The officer also acknowledged that there were no flights risk concerns.

However, bail conditions would not alleviate his concerns.

The court heard the seizure has yet to be sent for forensic analysis. The garda accepted that it was the case that the accused was allegedly under pressure when "delivering the drugs from A to B".

The officer agreed the accused was "forced to take possession" of them but he added that it was not the case that he had just received them and was caught straight away.

Visibly upset, Mr Lawlor, wearing a T-shirt, tracksuit trousers and runners, did not address the court.

Pleading for bail, his solicitor argued that there was no issue that her client, a father of two, would evade justice.

Judge Kelly granted bail in his bond of €500 with an approved €10,000 independent surety.

He ordered Mr Lawlor to notify gardai of any address change, sign on daily at a garda station, remain contactable on his mobile phone at all times, surrender his passport and not apply for new travel documentation, and remain sober and drug-free.

Gardai must obtain directions from the DPP. Mr Lawlor was ordered to appear at Blanchardstown District Court on July 12.

## Drugs and cash seized by gardai

DRUGS worth €74,350 and €125,000 in cash was seized by Gardai on Monday in the Clondalkin area following searches as part of Operation Tara.

The divisional drugs unit carried out a number of searches in the area and during one search, cannabis with an estimated street value of €65,250 was seized along with cocaine with an estimated street value of €9,100.

In a separate search, €125,000 in cash was seized and one man was arrested and brought to Clondalkin Garda Station where he is currently detained.

A garda statement released on Tuesday evening said: "As part of a joint operation under Operation Tara targeting the sale and supply of controlled drugs and the proceeds of crime by the Divisional Drugs Unit in Ballyfermot a number of search warrants were executed on Monday 18th April, 2022.

"During the course of one search a seizure of cannabis with an estimated street value of €65,250 was seized along with cocaine with an estimated street value of €9,100.

"The drugs seized will now be sent to Forensic Science Ireland for analysis.

"In a separate search of a premises €125,000 cash was seized.

"One man (late 30s) was arrested at the scene of one search and was taken to Clondalkin Garda station where he is currently detained under the provisions of Section 2 of the Criminal Justice (Drug Trafficking) Act, 1996 where he can be detained for up to a period of 7 days."

# €5,500 raised for suicide prevention drop-in centre

## Community come out in support for tattoo day in aid of HOPE

By Mary Dennehy  
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THE community came together in support on Good Friday, raising €5,500 for a Tallaght-based suicide prevention drop-in centre.

Now in its tenth year, the community-led tattoo day in St Aongus Community Centre has been raising funds for HOPE in Tallaght for the past five years.

Speaking with *The Echo* this week, founder of HOPE Mary McLoughlin thanked the community for its continued support and for dropping into the community centre on the day.

This year, Mary was among the people to get a tattoo, with the Tallaght mam's tattoo in honour of her sister Kathleen.

Confirming that €5,500 was donated to HOPE following the event, Mary said: "The money raised will go towards our rent, training courses for our volunteers and suicide intervention training for [members of] the community.

"The money raised is going towards saving lives."

Mary highlighted the importance of the day, not just in terms of raising much needed funds but in raising awareness and providing a space for people to chat.



**TATTOO DAY:** Mary McLoughlin, founder of HOPE with Conor, Derek, Jennifer, Patrick, Catherine and William

"The day was absolutely brilliant, there was such a fantastic atmosphere," Mary said.

"So much effort was put into the day, it was so well organised.

"People were all there for the same reason and were able to sit down and have a chat, it was just really nice."

Organised by the community, the event is led by Patrick Faye, Catherine Faye, Sharon Barrett, Conor Kelly, Carol Gaffney and Jennifer Faye, many of whom grew up in Castle Park.

Thanking the community for its support, Patrick Faye said: "Mental health is so important, talking about it is so important.

"On the day people could sit around and talk... people were looking after each other.

"The day is also about raising awareness, people can drop in, have a cuppa and get a number for HOPE."

Based in Tallaght Village, HOPE is, since Covid, contactable by phone, with the charity hoping to resume its

drop-in service in the coming weeks.

Encouraging members of the community to get in touch, Mary said: "Anybody who is worried about themselves or anybody belonging to them, give us a call.

"If you're somebody who has lost someone and doesn't know who to talk to, call us."

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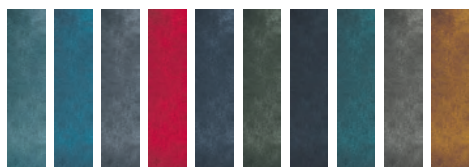
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# Council tenants in rent arrears to appear in court

South Dublin County Council is owed a massive €1.7 million



**ARREARS: South Dublin County Council is owed €11.7 million in rent arrears**

TENANTS with long term housing arrears, are due to appear in court over rents owed to South Dublin County Council, reports Maurice Garvey.

South Dublin County Council, along with the other three Dublin local authorities, has some of the worst collection rates in the country.

A total of €1.7m is currently owed to the local authority. Arrears have increased incrementally since 2016.

**“ Hopefully the access to court for the first time in two and a half years will improve our prospects of collecting rents**

Up to 60 per cent of the 9,839 tenants in South Dublin County are in arrears, and 613 tenants are in arrears by more than two years.

A debt management unit was established in 2019, but the council have said Covid restricted its ability in 2020/21, and pandemic closures led to court closures and delays for cases to be heard.

Speaking at the recent monthly council meeting, South Dublin County Council chief executive Daniel McLoughlin said:

“Hopefully the access to court for the first time in two and a half years will improve our prospects of collecting rents.

“The rent situation from the

beginning of the year has stabilised significantly, albeit a modest improvement.”

Cllr David McManus (FG), cited better performing council collection rates in Cork (100 per cent) and Tipperary (97 per cent), and asked the chief executive to “check in” with them.

“The CE could pick up the phone to them, they seem to be doing something right,” said Cllr McManus on Tuesday.

“Sinn Fein said it before about the cost of living, but there is also a cost of living for people in Cork and Tipperary.

“We are not hoping to make a profit, but money is needed.

“With Respond and Cluid, you have to pay by standing order but with South Dublin County Council there is lots of choices.”

At the meeting, Cllr William Carey (SF) “took issue” with Cllrs McManus and Ronan McMahon (Ind), for questioning the arrears.

“I’d like to point out that rents since January, have been collected at a rate of 97 per cent,” said Cllr Carey.

“I don’t think that should go unnoticed. When we discussed this at the OPF, it was pointed out that we are collecting on average, over 102 per cent.”

A Motion tabled at the council meeting by Cllr Brian Lawlor (FG), supporting Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien setting up a working group to examine the possibility deducting rents directly from social welfare payments, failed to be heard.

The Motion will carry over to the May meeting.

# Garda appeal in shooting incident with vehicle discovered in Clondalkin

GARDAI are appealing for witnesses to a shooting incident in the Dublin 8 area, with a vehicle found partially burnt out in Clondalkin being technically examined.

According to gardai, a shooting incident took place at around 11.50pm on Tuesday, April 19, at a residence in the Pimlico Cottages area of Dublin 8.

In a statement released, a Garda

spokesperson said: “A man in his thirties was injured and taken to St James’s Hospital where his condition is currently described as stable.

“A vehicle was discovered partially burnt out at Old Church Way, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, at approximately 12.15am on Wednesday, 20th April, 2022.

“This vehicle is currently being technically examined.

“The scene at Pimlico Cottages is also currently preserved for technical examination.”

An Incident Room has been established at Kevin Street Garda Station and according to gardai, no arrests have been made at this time.

Gardai are appealing for witnesses to this incident to come forward.

Any road users who were

travelling in the Pimlico Cottages/Ardee Street area between 11.30pm and midnight who may have camera footage (including dash-cam) are asked to make this footage available to investigating gardai.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Kevin Street Garda Station on 01 666 9400, the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111, or any Garda Station.

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### Scrambler issue must be addressed by decision makers

WHAT will it take to stop dangerous scrambler bike usage in our public parks and throughout our communities? This is a question we all need to take very seriously.

Being blunt, reckless scrambler usage very nearly could have ended up with the loss of life of a child this week. A little girl, a week before her fourth birthday, was run over by a scrambler in Sean Walsh Park which resulted in her suffering a broken shoulder and bad bruising.

The mother said that “we need to get these bikes out of public parks and the community” as they are “too dangerous and someone will get killed”.

An important point was raised however because typically these are children and teenagers driving the bikes - what can the Gardai do? At present, there is not a whole lot but legislation giving An Garda Síochána greater powers has been slowly making its way through the houses of the Oireachtas over the last three years.

These bikes are intimidating for communities, as riders destroy playing pitches, drive past families in parks and recklessly on public roads.

They could be described as a scourge on the community. But we’re not too sure if this assessment is fair because scramblers are part of the culture for a lot of communities.

They are an outlet - somewhat the way horses were in a lot of working class communities throughout the previous century.

Horse centres have cropped up all across the country, giving young people an opportunity to work with horses in a safe environment.

The issue may very well be that they have nowhere to use these bikes, and people in communities have to suffer as a consequence.

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When Tallaght Fire Station came into existence, there was around 50,000 people living in Tallaght.

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# Communities striving to form neighbourhood watch scheme

## Gardai confirm regular daytime hours with two full-time positions at Rathcoole Garda Station

THE COMMUNITY of Saggart are striving to achieve an official neighbourhood watch scheme following a community policing meeting which was held last week, reports Aimee Walsh.

The communities of Saggart, Rathcoole and Newcastle held a Community Policing Meeting which was led by Superintendent Anthony Twomey. The meeting was held at the Rathcoole Community Centre and had a large garda presence including the Community Sergeant, John Coughlan, and Sergeants Sweeney and Carol and local Inspector Damien Fitzpatrick.

Local Community Gardaí Declan Crowley, Liam Sex, Tom Grace and Colm Byrne were also in attendance as well as The Joint Community Policing Partnership's District Officer, Sue Dorgan.

Questions were raised at the meeting by residents, some of whom have taken up the role of Area Coordinator and are striving to achieve an official Neighbourhood Watch scheme across all of Saggart. These areas so far include Coldwater Lakes, Crossforge, Drury Mills / Drury Park, Fairgreen, Millrace, Pairc Mhuire, Saggart Lakes and Slade Castle.

"It was fantastic to see over 100 residents from the areas actively participating," said Juliet Henshaw, one of the members of the Saggart Village Residents Association.



**RESOURCES:** Rathcoole Garda Station will have regular daytime hours (inset) Superintendent Anthony Twomey

"The meeting was opened by Superintendent Twomey who gave an overview of statistics which reflected a drop in domestic crime, which is likely to be as a result of people being at home more over the last couple of years. Unfortunately, there has been a 50+% increase in online crime."

One of the announcements made at the meeting was that from Monday, April 18, there will be regular daytime

hours at Rathcoole Garda Station, with two full-time positions appointed with a promise of weekend hours and late hours to follow when resources are made available.

"The superintendent carried out a study in 2020 to decipher the number of gardai required in the Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle area," said Juliet. "We are at just over 50% of the headcount at which we realistically

need to be.

"Incidents were raised by residents some of which were known to the gardai who are following up on same. To assist the plea of more gardai being appointed to the three areas, there is something as a resident of Saggart, Rathcoole and Newcastle you can do which is to report all crime. If it is not reported, it is not known and therefore not reflected in our needs."

One welcomed outcome of the meeting is a commitment from Superintendent Twomey to hold a quarterly meeting with the Joint Community Policing members including Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinators. Saggart Village Residents' Association (SVRA) have made its Heritage Centre available for such meetings as will Rathcoole's Community Centre.

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# ‘Everyone deserves the chance to live their lives’

## South Dublin LGBT+ Network and Mayor condemn homophobic violence

By Aideen O’Flaherty  
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THE South Dublin LGBT+ Network and the Mayor of South Dublin County have condemned homophobic violence, after two men were murdered in suspected homophobic attacks in Sligo last week and, in an unrelated incident, a gay man was the victim of a homophobic attack in Dublin.

Last week, Aidan Moffit, 41, and Michael Snee, 58, were found dead in their Sligo homes.

Yousef Palani, 22, of Markievicz Heights, Sligo, appeared at a special sitting of Sligo District Court last week charged with murdering the two men.

In an unrelated incident, rugby player Evan Somers, 23, from Lucan, was violently assaulted on Dame Street in the city centre by a man who used a homophobic slur before he began assaulting him.

The South Dublin LGBT+ Network have advised all of their members, and gay men everywhere, to be careful in the wake of the violent incidents, but to remain defiant.

Chairperson of the South Dublin LGBT+ Network, Gerry Curran, said: “We have become used to living open and free lives as gay people in Ireland.

“We refuse to do otherwise, and will face



**PRIDE: Gerry Curran, Claire Murphy, Shane Gough and Cllr Alan Edge walking in the Clondalkin St Patrick’s Day parade last month**

down the purveyors of hate who stoke up lies and fear, from the shadows of social media and groupthink.

“We will maintain our right to add greatly to the society we live in. There will be no retreating to the past.

“No fear or attempts at shaming will make us leave the public sphere we enjoy so much, and contribute so much to as equal citizens.”

The Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, also condemned “all acts of homophobic and transphobic violence”,

while offering his support to the LGBTQIA+ community.

“My heart is saddened by the tragic and terrible deaths of Aidan Moffitt and Michael Snee, who were brutally murdered in Sligo,” said Mayor Kavanagh.

“Just as the country rallied together in a shared sense of anger and frustration at the murder of Ashling Murphy, so must we now come together and express our support and solidarity to the LGBTQIA+ community, and condemn all acts of homophobic and transphobic violence.

“Everyone deserves the chance to live their lives and be themselves, and we have a moral obligation to stand up for anyone suffering from bigotry and discrimination, before we see another horrific hate crime in Ireland.”

Tips for safely meeting people online were also shared by the South Dublin LGBT+ Network in recent days.

“The need for security extends to our online presence, and the use of dating sites needs to be accompanied by common sense,” stated the Network.

“Don’t meet people with no face-pics on their profile, or who don’t send them in messages. It’s even better that they offer you a link to other social media they are on – so you can see they are who they say.

“Take screen grabs of the details of who you are meeting, share with a mate, or e-mail them to yourself. Meet in a public venue.”

To anyone locally feeling they need some emotional support, the National LGBT+ helpline is open seven days a week on 1800 929 539.

“I would urge anyone who has witnessed or been the victim of a hate crime on the basis of their sexuality or gender identity or expression to report it to gardai immediately,” said Mr Curran from the South Dublin LGBT+ Network.

“Details of the Garda hate crime portal as well as the list of diversity officers countrywide are available at [lgbt.ie](http://lgbt.ie).”

## Alzheimer Society Tea Day event

THE Alzheimer Society of Ireland is calling the nation to celebrate a cuppa on Tea Day, May 5.

Whether it’s online, at home, garden, in the workplace, school or local community centre, how and where you host Tea Day is up to you. The society are supporting people with dementia and their families, via a variety of supports including home care, a national helpline and online family carer training. Sign up for the event on [teaday.ie](http://teaday.ie)

Organisers will send participants a toolkit, including posters, collection boxes, and raffle tickets.

## Work to start on playground

THE playground on Firhouse Road West is expected to be installed in June or July, according to South Dublin County Council.

The playground, which will be located beside Tymon Bawn Community Centre, is due to be completed in the coming months once the council’s appointed contractor has organised the delivery of equipment.

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## Katelyn crowned World Irish Dance Champion



**PRIZE: Katelyn Rose Downey**

A THIRTEEN-year-old girl from Knocklyon was crowned An Chomhdhail World Irish Dance Champion at the Irish Dancing championships in Belfast last weekend. Katelyn Rose Downey took home the prestigious prize in the Under 13’s category of the competition which took place over Easter weekend at Waterfront Hall in Belfast. Katelyn dances for Watson Twin Academy of Irish Dance in Templeogue.

# Remedial works to start on partially built site

## Work stopped in February on Watercourse Grove 16-unit scheme

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REMEDIAL work on the partially built housing scheme just off the Old Knocklyon Road in Firhouse is expected to commence in May, after work on the site stopped last February.

The development, known as Watercourse Grove, is a 16-unit rapid build scheme for South Dublin County Council, comprising nine two-bed and seven three-bed houses.

The rapid build social housing development was first mooted in 2018, for the site at the Homeville end of the Old Knocklyon Road, bounded by Firhouse Road and the M50 motorway.

Construction work began on the site last May, but workers departed the site last February and it has been left idle since.

Speaking to *The Echo* last month, Fine Gael councillor Brian Lawlor said: "Lots of stuff is damaged that will now need to be replaced, like plasterboard.

"The houses are about 50 per cent finished, they still need the roofs to be put on and all of their stock has been left exposed.

"It's meant to be a rapid build, but it's not very rapid. We need the contractor back in, straight away, to get these houses built – we're in the middle of a housing crisis."

The issue was also raised by local Independent councillor Alan Edge at an area committee meeting on Tuesday afternoon, when he asked South Dublin County Council for an update on the housing scheme and an explanation for the delay.

"An updated programme is currently being finalised by the Council's Architectural Services Department with the principal contractor for the social housing development," the local authority stated.

It added that this programme will reflect amendments to the initial programme caused by "the combined impact of supply chain challenges, labour resourcing difficulties, sub-contractor performance and inflationary issues."

Clr Edge told *The Echo*: "We have been advised that remedial work on Homeville will commence in May.

"The delay caused by ongoing supply and other issues relating to the current global situation is really regrettable given the urgent need for social housing in our LEA.

"Councillors acknowledged the concerns of residents and social housing applicants and expressed the hope that the delay to this much needed housing coming on stream be as short as humanly possible."

*The Echo* previously contacted Forme, the contractor for the Watercourse Grove development, for comment, but a response wasn't received.



SCHEME: Remedial work will start on the Watercourse Grove site off the Old Knocklyon Road



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# Families dream to see young boy eat and drink by mouth

Parents are hoping to send Abu Bakr to receive treatment at the NAPA Centre in the states

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THE parents of a young boy who has spent the seven years of his life so far unable to eat or drink by mouth are now fundraising to get medical treatment for him in the US – so he can finally achieve his dream of tasting food and drink.

Abu Bakr Anderson was born with a host of health issues, including a hole in his heart which meant he had to be born via an emergency C-section in the Coombe at 46 weeks, weighing only two kg.

The young boy had to undergo heart surgery in Children's Health Ireland, Crumlin, at three-months-old, such was the severity of his symptoms.

Abu Bakr's mother, Aija Anderson, told *The Echo*: "For the first year of his life, Abu Bakr was all the time in the hospital, non-stop."

One of the young boy's most persistent health issues is an inability to eat or drink, which is a constant cause of concern for his parents, Aija and Faisal.

"When he was born, we didn't have an explanation for why he couldn't eat or drink," said Aija.

"Then when he was in hospital in Crumlin at five-months-old, we found out that he had silent aspiration so food would go into his lungs without him coughing any of it up."

**“ This struggle has resulted in their son achieving some developmental milestones, never anticipated by some medical professionals**



SUPPORT: Abu Bakr with Aija and Faisal

Instead, Abu Bakr would usually gag and couldn't swallow. He was also unable to be breastfed. He has now been tube fed for most of his life.

However, he has one younger sister and an older brother and meal times at the family home in Walkinstown are always a challenge, as Abu Bakr understands that others eat but he cannot participate.

"I think he doesn't understand because he's still putting food in his mouth, like yogurt, but then he pushes it out with his tongue – something is stopping him," Aija added.

"It's very heartbreaking, because there's no answer for

why he can't eat, and it's painful when his younger sister is eating and he's standing beside her saying 'om, om'."

Abu Bakr has also been diagnosed with autism and a global developmental delay, which means his full-time carer as he is non-verbal and needs constant support.

"He can't be left alone for a minute, because he can't ask for help if he needs it," Aija explained.

"We feed him with a tube ten times a day."

Abu Bakr's parents are unable to ascertain if their son still has silent aspiration – as, at his age, the tests for it would require him to eat food – or if

there is another root cause of his difficulties.

The Andersons recently became aware of another child from Ireland with similar symptoms, who attended the NAPA (Neurological and Physical Abilitation) Center in Boston and successfully received treatment.

The Andersons have decided to crowdfund for their son to receive treatment Stateside at the NAPA Center, as the same treatment isn't available here.

The NAPA Center did hold pop-up clinics in Ireland last year, which the Andersons applied for but unfortunately weren't selected for, so they're now hoping to travel to the

clinic in Boston.

"At the clinic, he'll receive three weeks of speech, language and occupational therapy for feeding," said Aija.

"They have a machine for checking your swallow, and you don't need to eat for it to work, it will just check his swallow and how it works, for five-days-a-week, three-hours-a-day, for the three weeks we're there."

For the last two years, Aija and Faisal have attended the Jobstown Family Centre, based in the Mary Mercer Health Centre in Tallaght, for support.

Mark Murray, an outreach worker from the Jobstown Family Centre, described the couple as "simply fantastic and resilient people".

"Against all odds, only receiving a council house this year, they have continued to strive and relentlessly work very hard to support their son."

"This struggle has resulted in their son achieving some developmental milestones, never anticipated by some medical professionals."

"However, he still cannot eat or drink by mouth at seven-years-old, and no support in Ireland can help rectify this issue."

The Andersons are hopeful that Abu Bakr will finally be able to join his siblings and ingest food by mouth for the first time, after receiving treatment in the NAPA Center.

"It would be a huge help if we can raise the money," Aija said. "I haven't been able to work for the past seven years, because I'm Abu Bakr's full-time carer."

"It would be a dream to finally see my son eat by mouth, and for him to understand what it's like to taste food."

To donate to the GoFundMe, titled 'I just want to eat by mouth like others...', visit [www.tinyurl.com/AbuBakrGoFundMe](http://www.tinyurl.com/AbuBakrGoFundMe)

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From the Community and For the Community

## Primary school plans for two temporary prefabs

PLANS to install temporary prefabs on the grounds of a primary school have been filed with South Dublin County Council, reports Hayden Moore.

Scoil Aonghusa Senior National School is seeking permission to erect two temporary prefabricated buildings on its premises in Balrothery.

The Board of Management in the school lodged the planning application.

Plans are for the provision of one 100sq.m single storey temporary prefab, comprising of one classroom and three resource rooms adjacent to the south-east boundary of the site.

Another temporary prefab, of around 70sq.m and comprising of one classroom, is proposed in the application located to the north-west boundary of the site.

All associated site works are also included in the application which was lodged with the local planning authority on April 5, 2022.

The closing date for third party submissions in respect of this planning application is May 9, 2022.

The planning department of South Dublin County Council is due to make a decision on the proposal by May 30.

Scoil Aonghusa Senior National School opened its doors in 1975 and caters for over 200 pupils from third to sixth class.



PREFABS: Scoil Aonghusa Senior National School

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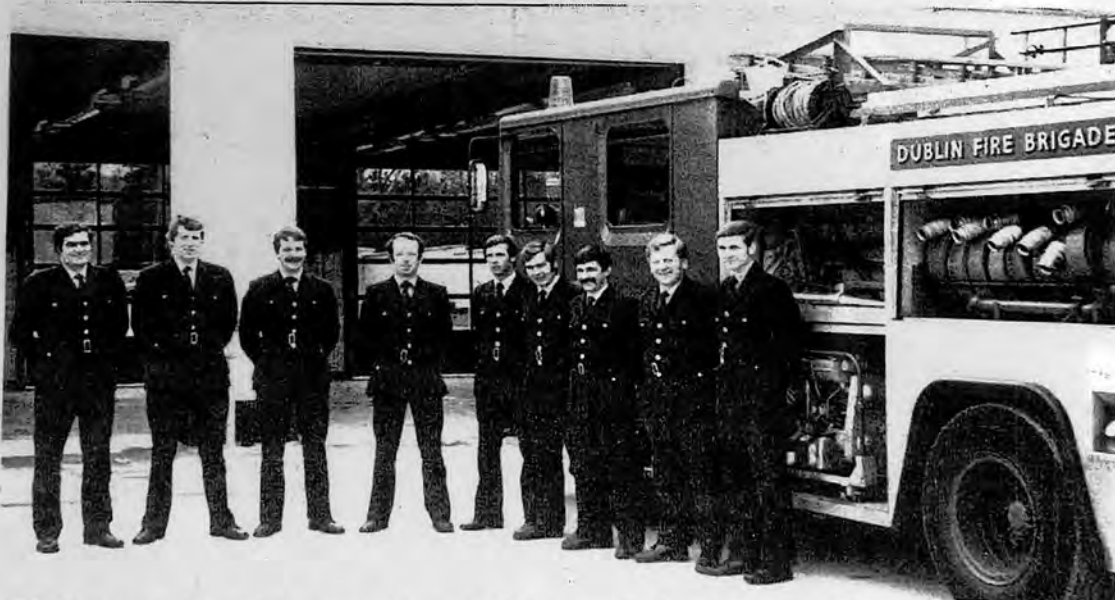
# Celebrating 40

RECREATE: Gerry Bolger (Gerry's Son), Ronan Connolly (Tony's Son), Terry O'Neill, Ernie Cosgrave, S/O Paul Duffy (Willie's Son), Adriann Croville, Martin Byrne, Joe Sargent and Derek Riordan (Johnny's Son)



# at Tallaght Fire

## FIRE STATION OPENS



These were the nine men on the first watch in the new fire station which opened on the Belgard Road on Wednesday, April 21st, at 12 noon.

1982

Gerry Bolger, Tony Connolly, Terry O'Neill, Ernie Cosgrave, Willy Daffy, Adrian Greville, Martin Byrne, Joe Sargent, Johnny Riordan

DOWN MEMORY LANE: Staff on the first day on April 21, 1982 outside Tallaght Fire Station

Firefighters past and present recreate photo that appeared in *The Echo* on the opening day of the station on April 21, 1982

By Aideen O'Flaherty  
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THERE was a celebratory atmosphere in Tallaght Fire Station as firefighters past and present gathered to recreate a photo that was taken when the station first opened on April 21, 1982.

A team of eight firefighters and a station officer had their photo taken by *The Echo* when the station first opened, which, at the time, was a single appliance station.

Many of the men in the original photo returned to the station to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the station's opening.

Four of the men in the original photo, Gerry Bolger, Willie Daffy, Johnny Riordan and Noel Monaghan, have since passed away, however their sons are serving firefighters with Dublin Fire Brigade and stood in for them in the photo taken last week.

Adrian Greville, who was part of the original crew when Tallaght Fire Station opened, told *The Echo* about his memories of being in the newly opened station.

"It was a very busy station," he said. "But for the first week it was



quiet. I remember there was a sunny afternoon that Sunday when we were outside playing handball and we saw a fire engine from Dolphin's Barn going up the Belgard Road with lights and sirens.

"We just waved at them as they went by – Tara Street [DFB's headquarters where calls are passed from] had forgotten about us, but that never happened again!"

Adrian had joined DFB just over a decade before he started working in Tallaght Fire Station, which he transferred to from Rathmines after a circular was sent around DFB about staffing the new station.

"The likes of myself, Willie Daffy and Noel Monaghan all lived in Tallaght," he said. "We all applied a few months before it opened, when a notice went out for firefighters for the new station."

"It was a brand new station, and everything in it was new, even the pots and pans. We weren't long getting used to the place."

When it opened, Tallaght Fire Station had a single fire engine and a staff of 44. Now, the station has two fire engines, an ambulance, and a staff of 60 firefighters across four watches, and eight officers.

One of those 60 firefighters now based out of Tallaght Fire Station is Derek Riordan, whose father, Johnny Riordan, is one of the firefighters in the original photo taken at the station opening.

Johnny has sadly since passed away, however Derek will stand in for him in the

photo – and it is Derek who spearheaded the plan to recreate that photo from 40 years ago.

"When I called the individual people and their families to recreate the photo, they were all very happy to take part – every one of them said yes," Derek said.

Adrian added that the community that is served by Tallaght Fire Station, where his son David also served as a firefighter for 22 years before retiring in recent weeks, has continued to grow.

"It was completely different when it opened, because a good deal of Tallaght was just getting built at that time," Adrian recalled.

"I left the station in the mid-80s, when I got promoted, but then I went back in 1996 as a station officer."

"It was still a one-pump station at that time, but the fire appliance and the ambulance were always extremely busy."

"I think the fire station had a great impact on the area, and because of the amount of calls they put a second appliance up there in 2001."

Forty years after the station doors opened for the first time in 1982, and a photo of staff appeared in *The Echo* to mark the occasion, it has now come full circle.

"It's nice to recreate something that's 40 years old," added Derek, "and for it to be published in *The Echo* on April 21, the exact date when the fire station opened in 1982."

## Coin commemorating 40th anniversary of fire station raises €1,700 for HOPE



**PRESENTATION:** Derek Riordan presents a cheque to Mary McLoughlin from HOPE with the proceeds from the Challenge Coin Fundraiser. Also at the presentation were Gerry Bolger, Station Officer Darren O'Connell, Rina Turbett, James Hayden, Margaret Doyle, Anna Purcell (all HOPE) and Station Officer Paul Doyle

Photos by Paddy Barrett

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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A CHALLENGE coin designed by a Tallaght firefighter commemorating the 40th anniversary of the opening of Tallaght Fire Station has raised over €1,700 for a local suicide prevention charity.

Tallaght firefighter Derek Riordan, who was previously based in Nutgrove Fire Station, designed the coin depicting Tallaght Fire Station to raise funds for HOPE (Hold On Pain Eases).

Derek started designing challenge coins as a hobby back in 2019, and has gone on to produce many coins for collectors and charity fundraisers.

He produced a limited run of 300 commemorative coins depicting Tallaght Fire Station, which were sold out after being bought by people locally and all over the world, raising €1,731.69 for HOPE in the process.

Derek told *The Echo*: "To me, the 40th anniversary of the opening of Tallaght Fire Station is a big occasion and I wanted to design and produce a coin for it, and for the proceeds from it to go to a good Tallaght-based charity."

"I was delighted to be able to do something for such a small charity in Tallaght, especially considering how difficult the last two years have been for them."

A cheque for €1,731.69 was handed over to Mary McLoughlin from HOPE in Tallaght Fire Station last week, as part of the celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the station.

Mary from HOPE, which is based in Westpark Gate in Tallaght Village, said that the donation has provided much-needed funds for the group, which has 20 regular clients and a small team of eight

volunteer counsellors and eight general volunteers.

"It means a huge amount," she said. "We missed out on a lot of our fundraising because of Covid, but this money will top up our account and help us to pay bills and run courses in the near future."

"We're planning to run a suicide intervention course for local firefighters and guards, and then we're hoping to get into sports clubs after that."

When asked about what it's been like in HOPE over the last two years, Mary said: "There's a huge amount of demand for our services."

"We did stay open in the pandemic, and most of the counselling would've been done by telephone."

"We have about 20 regulars who come into us, but we've seen a good 300 to 400 people since we opened up."

The services provided by HOPE are firmly rooted in the Tallaght community, which means being selected as the chosen charity for a coin marking the 40th anniversary of Tallaght Fire Station has a particular resonance for them.

"It means a huge amount to think that Derek decided to donate the money from the coin to us," said Mary.

"Particularly because it's a coin that's for the 40th anniversary of Tallaght Fire Station, so to be included in that is very, very special."

Derek added that he wanted to thank Bryan Murphy, Declan Byrne from Fire Ireland, the management of Dublin Fire Brigade and DFB's chief fire officer Dennis Keeley for their help and support.

"None of this would've been possible without their support," said Derek.

HOPE can be contacted via phone on 089 610 5476, or by messaging the HOPE Suicide Prevention Centre Tallaght Facebook page.

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# Holly recovering from scrambler incident celebrates 4th birthday

Incident in park highlights issue must be addressed urgently before someone is killed

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YOUNG Holly Lewis will be celebrating her 4th birthday today (Thursday) with her family and friends – but it could have been a whole lot different as she miraculously recovers this week after getting knocked over by a scrambler in Sean Walsh Park.

Holly was with her mother Sarah, grandmother and her two-month-old brother at approximately 2.30pm on Good Friday afternoon when the shocking incident happened in the busy Tallaght park.

Gardai and emergency services attended the scene and rushed Holly to Tallaght University Hospital where she suffered a broken shoulder and bad bruising.

“She is bouncing back quickly and has been in good form over the past few days,” Holly’s mother told *The Echo* on Tuesday evening.

“She does not talk about the incident, we are focusing on getting her back to full recovery.

“The support and reaction from the community has been unbelievable. People contacting us, sending gifts and the public support in general has been great and I want to thank everyone for that.

“Going forward, I am hoping nobody forgets about this incident and that something will be done about it.

“We need to get these bikes out of public parks and the community. They are too dangerous and someone will get killed. Hopefully the Garda will get them, but what can they do if they are too young to be arrested,” added Sarah who is originally from Ballyfermot.

The shocking incident occurred when the family were walking from The Square through Sean Walsh Park towards the entrance to the park close to Old Bawn Community School.

Speaking on Saturday, just 24-hours after the incident and reported on *echo.ie*, Holly’s shocked mother told *The Echo*: “She is lucky to be walking. The bike pushed her to the



**INCIDENT:** The incident happened at the entrance on the Old Bawn side of Sean Walsh Park (inset) brave Holly recovering in hospital is celebrating her 4th birthday today (Thursday)

“ **She could have been killed. Somebody was looking down on us. She did not move at first. All I could see was blood. A person walking by stopped and helped me until the ambulance, fire brigade and gardai arrived**

ground and went over her head. I was in shock, screaming when it happened. It is every mother’s worst nightmare.

“She could have been killed. Somebody was looking down on us.

“She did not move at first. All I could see was blood. A person walking by stopped and helped me until the ambulance, fire brigade and gardai arrived.

“It was the scariest moment of my life.”

Sarah has issued a warning to scrambler users on the dangers they are in public places.

“These bikes are dangerous. They should go to tracks not public parks. People walk in public parks and bikes should not be used at speed as they are really dangerous.”

Gardai, in a statement, confirmed to

*The Echo* that they are investigating the incident: “Gardai attended a RTC involving a scrambler and a pedestrian that occurred in Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght, shortly after 2.30pm on Friday, 15th April 2022.

“The pedestrian (a juvenile) was taken to Tallaght University Hospital to be treated for their injuries.

“Investigations are ongoing,” Gardai told *The Echo* on Wednesday.

## Limerick gardai to share details of successful Youth diversion programme at Joint Policing Meeting

A YOUTH diversion programme introduced in Limerick to deter the use of scramblers in public places will this week be discussed at a South Dublin County policing meeting, reports *Mary Dennehy*.

Local gardai have invited gardai from Limerick to share the details of a successful youth diversion programme introduced in Moyross at this Friday’s Joint Policing Committee (JPC) meeting.

Local TD John Lahart confirmed the presentation from Limerick gardai, following an incident in Sean Walsh Park on Good Friday, which saw a three-year-old girl hospitalised after being knocked down by a scrambler.

Holly Lewis, who has since been discharged from hospital, was with her mother Sarah, grandmother and two-month-old brother when the incident happened in the

busy park at around 2.30pm.

Deputy Lahart this week expressed frustration that legislation brought forward in relation to scramblers is not yet in place.

These laws would make it an offence to ride scramblers through public parks and give gardai the powers to confiscate, the Fianna Fáil deputy said.

He believes that gardai need the power to confiscate scramblers from those “who use them in a manner that endangers the public”.

“I introduced a Bill three years ago – it has been accepted by government, it is going through the Dáil and right now is in the Oireachtas Transport Committee,” Deputy Lahart said.

He added: “I raised the issue of scramblers recently with the [DMR South] Chief Superintendent and the [Tallaght] Superintendent.

“I know that successful youth diversion projects have also been introduced in Moyross in Limerick – deterring the use of scramblers – and these have been successful.

“The gardai have invited gardai from Limerick to address the [South Dublin County Council] Joint Policing Committee on Friday this week to outline how the scheme works – and I welcome that also.”

Local TD Seán Crowe, who has also been raising the issue of scramblers both locally and nationally, reiterated Deputy Lahart’s calls for legislation.

“Our parks and green spaces should be inclusive, safe spaces, there for the enjoyment of adults and children of all ages,” Deputy Crowe (SF) said.

“Unfortunately, this is not the case and incidents involving scrambler and quad bikes are being reported on a daily basis across the

country.

“This latest incident happened in Tallaght, but it could have happened anywhere and highlights once again the need for workable legislation that will remove these dangerous machines from our communities.

“Children, parents, and adults should feel safe in our public spaces or walking through their neighbourhoods and that is not the case in many parts of my constituency.

“I am appealing to the Garda authorities to do more to tackle these scrambler bikes following this incident and calling on the government to wake up and fast track legislation that will remove these bikes from local communities.”

The local JPC includes councillors and TDs, South Dublin County Council staff, local gardai and community representatives from groups and organisations.

## Drimmagh Castle awarded €30,000 in grants

DRIMMAGH Castle has been awarded €30,000 as part of the 2022 Community Monuments Fund, which supports the conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of local monuments and historic sites.

The Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Mr Malcolm Noonan, TD, announced the award of grants on Tuesday, April 19, for a wide range of archaeological heritage projects under the Department's 2022 Community Monuments Fund.

Building on the impact of the scheme last year under which 139 awards were granted to an amount of just under €4.2 million, this year 128 projects, including Drimmagh Castle, are being supported with an overall investment of €6 million.

The scheme contains a number of different measures aimed at enabling conservation works to be carried out on archaeological monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support, encouraging access to archaeological monuments and improving their presentation and also building resilience in archaeological monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.

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# 'Going back to education has given me a bug for learning'

## Mother-of-three Carmel highlights supports available to people of all ages

By **Mary Dennehy**  
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RETURNING to education can be daunting but as local mam Carmel Ward discovered, there's "phenomenal" support available to help students along the way.

Living in Ballycullen, Carmel (55) went back to education two years ago after being a homemaker for 27 years and raising her three children.

Carmel this week spoke with *The Echo* to highlight the community-based opportunities to accessible education, and the support network provided to people of all ages looking to embark on a new journey.

"I decided it was time for me to return to the workforce but in order to do that, I needed to go back to education," Carmel said.

"Initially, I was only dipping my toe in the water, I was thinking let's explore this".

After spotting an ad for An Cosán in Tallaght, Carmel began her preliminary and cautious investigations.

However, when she met Bess McBride, co-ordinator of women's programmes in An Cosán, she was encouraged to give education a go and started on a Business Administration and Digital Skills course.

"I was petrified but the amount of encouragement from An Cosán, its teachers and Bess was just amazing," Carmel said.

"They gave me the confidence to do it. "My confidence was growing every day, I was getting into the swing of education... and now I am going to graduate with a very strong distinction.

"Going back to education is daunting, it is scary but the sense of achievement you get, it's all worth it.

"It is achievable".

As with all learning, the programme went online with the arrival of Covid.

"I was petrified of Zoom in the beginning, now you can't stop me from talking," she said.

"Even though we didn't have in-person classes, there was great student support. "Everyone just gelled.

"There was no competition, everybody encouraged and supported everybody else. "We were all in this together and all brought each other on."



**SUPPORT:** Carmel Ward has returned to education

Photo by Paddy Barrett

Carmel is now hoping to secure employment in the coming months and feels equipped with the skills needed for the workforce, including Zoom, LinkedIn and CV creation.

Work experience in Bank of America also helped Carmel to practically apply her new skills in an office setting.

"I'd love to work in a community development programme... a community-based job," Carmel said, looking forward.

"I'd like to be meeting new people every day.

"It's my time now to meet people, socialise and to learn more.

"Going back to education has given me a bug for learning."

Carmel took part in An Cosán's Women's Education Programme, a two-year progression pathway through education into quality employment.

The project has received funding from Rethink Ireland, in partnership with Bank of America and the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Rethink Ireland recently announced a €400,000 extension of the Mná na hÉireann – Women of Ireland Fund to support employment opportunities for women.

The funding extension will support Rethink Ireland in continuing to work with a number of community-based organisations, such as An Cosán in Jobstown, Tallaght.

Looking back over the past two years, Carmel said: "I'd encourage anybody to go for it, particularly with An Cosán, there is just so much support surrounding your education journey.

"The support was phenomenal." For further information on back to education opportunities visit [www.ancosan.ie](http://www.ancosan.ie) or call An Cosán on 01 4628488.

# Football club members have no access to toilets or changing facilities close to pitch

By **Aimee Walsh**  
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MEMBERS of Lucan football club Arthur Griffith FC have been left with no access to toilets or changing facilities following construction work taking place beside their clubhouse as South Dublin County Council say that they have not allocated this area to any team for their use.

According to chairman Allan O'Kearney, the club received the news from South Dublin County Council last week that the remaining green area beside the clubhouse on the Newcastle Road would not be returned to a

standard which is suitable for football.

The club says that despite promises from the council over the last four years that the green area would at the "very least" be returned to its original condition, they have been informed that further construction work will be taking place, reducing the green area even more.

"This has left our young boys and girls with no access to toilets or changing facilities close enough to our pitches, opposite Arthur Griffith Park Estate," Allan explained.

"In short, we have been told that as our members are from the catchment area, they can solve this problem by simply going home should they need to use the toilet and that it's ok for young

boys and girls to put on their match day jerseys in full view of the public.

"Like most clubs in Lucan, we have kids coming from right across Dublin. Expecting them to go home or use the bushes when they need to get changed or go to the toilet is just wrong on so many levels.

"Like all sports clubs in Lucan, we are providing a vital service to the local community. The benefits of sport are not just physical but there are social and mental aspects too that are every bit as important if not more important. To have to constantly fight to get such a basic requirement from South Dublin County Council, an organisation that constantly promotes all of these issues on their website and other social media

platforms, is just wrong."

In a statement to *The Echo* regarding the green space, a South Dublin County Council spokesperson said: "The area referred to is not a designated pitch nor a training area, and SDCC have not allocated this area to any team for their use. All clubs using the adjacent club house have designated pitches / facilities allocated to them in the adjacent park."

They continued: "The multi-functional wall was constructed in the Esker Park section of Griffen Valley Park as a result of a local public vote as part of the Lucan "300K have your say" Participatory Budgetary Process. This project scored the highest marks in the public vote results and SDCC

proceeded to consult further with clubs and stakeholders in the area prior to works commencing. All clubs acknowledged that this area is not a designated pitch nor training area."

The council added that the new works were requested and proposed as a result of the "successful use" of the multi-functional wall. The new proposals include an extension of facilities which includes additional basketball hoops which will free up the existing ball wall for other ball games which will be of increased benefit to soccer, handball and GAA players.

There is also a proposed informal kick about area which may be of interest to soccer players, on an informal basis.



**FACILITY:** Amazon data centre on Belgard Road and (inset) in Hibernian Industrial Estate

# Pre-tax profits at Amazon's Irish division doubles to €67.2 million

## Amazon have five data centres in Tallaght with other facilities in Rathcoole and Baldonnel

By **Maurice Garvey**  
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PRE-tax profits at online giant Amazon's main Irish arm last year more than doubled to €67.2m.

New accounts show that Amazon Data Services Ireland Ltd (ADSIL) recorded the jump in pre-tax profits as revenues increased more than €1 billion or 42 per cent from €2.39 billion to €3.40 billion.

Pre-tax profits increased by 135 per cent or €38.7m from €28.5m to €67.2m.

The main activity of the company is the

operation of data centres and at the end of last year employed 1,432 people.

Amazon has five data centres in Tallaght, a logistics facility in Rathcoole, and a 630,000 square foot warehouse at Baldonnel.

An Amazon commissioned report has estimated that Amazon Web Services (AWS) has made a capital spend of €2 billion on its network of data centres here over the past decade.

The directors for ADSIL state that during the year, administrative expenses increased in line with expectations due to an increase in data centre operational expenses, partially

offset by reduced headcount costs owing to the 2020 research and development activity transfer to another group undertaking.

ADSIL ceased Research and Development activity on October 1, 2020, as this was transferred to a connected firm.

The company last year recorded a post tax profit of €1.48m after paying corporation tax of €15.7m.

The profit at ADSIL last year takes account of non-cash depreciation costs of €1.082 billion. The average number of people employed by the business last year declined from 1,747 to 1,313.

### ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75 PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRANGE ROAD R822 CO. DUBLIN

To facilitate road works, South Dublin County Council propose to temporarily close Grange Road R822 (Nutmog Avenue Junction R821 to St. Enda's Drive) Co. Dublin from **Monday 23rd May to Thursday 2nd June 2022 inclusive** from 7pm to 7am nightly.

#### Alternative Routes:

The diversion route will be via R115 Willbrook Road and Whitechurch Road and/or Nutmog Road and Stonemasons Way.

- Local access will be maintained
- Detour signs will be erected

Any person interested may lodge an observation/submission in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use, Planning and Transportation, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 or by email to [seoroads@sdbulincoco.ie](mailto:seoroads@sdbulincoco.ie) not later than **5.00 p.m. on Monday 25th April 2022.**

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### ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75 PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GUNNY HILL L-4025 RATHFARNHAM, CO. DUBLIN

To facilitate road repair works, South Dublin County Council propose to temporarily close Gunny Hill from **Monday 23rd May to Friday 27th May 2022 inclusive** from 10am to 4pm daily.

#### Alternative Routes:

The diversion route will be via Kilakee Road (R115), Stocking Lane, Stocking Avenue and Hunter's Road.

- Local access will be maintained.
- Detour signs will be erected.

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# People can support hospital by signing up for TUHF lotto

IF YOU were in The Square this week you may have spotted the Tallaght University Hospital Foundation team promoting its new fundraising campaign, reports *Mary Dennehy*.

Tallaght University Hospital Foundation (TUHF) has launched a new community lotto that for €2 a week hopes to be a simple way for people to support their local hospital.

Money raised through the monthly lotto will go towards the hospital's general fund, which staff can avail of for small but impactful projects or items that improve patient care and comfort.

According to TUHF: "By signing up to the TUHF Lotto, you and many others will help us raise funds for the extras – the items that don't always get the budget but that make all the difference to staff and patients' day-to-day in our hospital."

People can support Tallaght University Hospital by signing up for the TUHF Lotto, which is €2 a week.

There will be three monthly prizes of €1,000, €500 and €250, with no prize rollovers.

TUHF has been running a successful staff lotto for the past year, with a separate lotto now being rolled out to the community.

Speaking with *The Echo*, Sarah Benson, Head of Marketing and Communications with TUHF, said: "We're really excited to be bringing this to the community.

"It's an easy, simple way to get involved and support your hospital."

The community lotto, which is separate to the hospital staff lotto, will have three winners every month, which are computer generated through an electronic tombola.

For further details visit [www.tuhf.ie](http://www.tuhf.ie) or sign-up to the TUHF Lotto online by visiting [www.tuhf.ie/lotto](http://www.tuhf.ie/lotto)



**EXCITED:** Sarah Benson, Head of Marketing and Communications with TUHF



DEVELOPMENT: An artist impression of the De La Salle development

# Shock at plans for 13 storey 927 residential units at De La Salle

## Developer lodges strategic housing development for old school site

THE sheer scale of a proposed development for 927 residential units, in blocks up to a height of 13 storeys, at the former De La Salle National School in Ballyfermot, was a shock for residents to discover this week, reports Maurice Garvey.

On April 13, Dwyer Nolan Developments Ltd made a submission to An Bord Pleanála for a strategic housing development (SHD) on the 8.3 hectares site.

Residents are worried that Ballyfermot already suffers from a lack of school places, with the amalgamation of three secondary schools, and the loss of De La Salle.

Also, other major plans for housing in the area, including 750 apartments in Park West, and over 170 'affordable' homes at the back of Wheatfield Prison, could mean collectively, over 3,000 new residents, and a major impact on local resources and infrastructure.

Dwyer Nolan's SHD for the grounds at De La Salle contains proposals for 325 one-bed, 538 two-bed, and 64 three-bed units, along with the demolition of the east and west wings of the former national school.

The school and surrounding GAA playing pitches were sold in 2018 by the De La Salle brothers to Dwyer Nolan Developments Ltd.

A public meeting was organised on



CONCERNS: Residents at the meeting on Tuesday night with Aengus O'Shodaigh, TD addressing the gathering

Tuesday night at the Ballyfermot Resource Centre by Cllr Daithí Doolan (SF), in an attempt to answer questions within the community.

"We are losing a school at a time when we are amalgamating and closing schools already," he said.

"Only 10 per cent of this is social housing, which in no way contributes to a sustainable community, nor benefits the community, and brings added pressure on infrastructure in the area.

"At the meeting, we want to help people submit submissions, because this is under a SHD. The feedback we have been getting is that people are really angry about the sheer enormity of the development," said Cllr Doolan.

Cllr Hazel De Nortúin, said reps previously had a local planner out to assess the area, who determined the proposals for over 900 units at the site would be akin to "installing a small village" into the area.

She said "questions still have to be

asked" about the plans, including if the developer will follow through on proposals for retail units, if said units are what the area needs, and the use of playing pitches at the back of the site.

"There was a deal with De La Salle GAA, with 25 per cent of the site going to public space, but some of that land is included in the public space for the plan," she said.

Cllr De Nortúin runs a naíonra in Ballyfermot, which has an "inundated waiting list", and says the loss of

recent pre-schools in the area, only exacerbates a bad situation.

"Two pre-schools, at St Michael's and in Chapelizod, are closing. Since we had a planner out, schools are closing and more houses have been built.

"Cherry Orchard lost out on URDF funding to the city centre (last year). This is the fourth time funding was pulled for funding in Cherry Orchard. All is not lost yet, but we are close to the edge."

## Plans for development of seven units as part of Traveller Accommodation Group Housing Scheme

PLANS for the development of seven units as part of a Traveller Accommodation Group Housing Scheme in Clondalkin are proposed by South Dublin County Council, reports Aimee Walsh.

The council have issued a Part 8 for the development of seven units on a site at Fonthill Road in Clondalkin. The site is bounded by the Ballydowd Special Care School and Centre and

is located close to the Liffey Valley retail area and the Fonthill Business Park.

Proposals for the 0.36-hectare site include 5 4-bedroom detached houses, 1 4-bedroom semi-detached house and 1 3-bedroom semi-detached house. The proposed works also include landscaping works to boundaries and all necessary associated ancillary works on the site

and to adjacent areas including all carpark spaces within the curtilage.

The development provides for a total of 14 no. car park spaces and pedestrian access to the site will be from Fonthill Road.

The need for these works was identified within the South Dublin County Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024.



DEVELOPMENT: An artist impression of the seven units as part of a Traveller Accommodation Group Housing

# BUSINESS

Local Enterprise Office

**ENTERPRISE:** Darren Carey with St Colmcille's students showing off their prizes



**PROGRAMME:** Cllr Alan Edge congratulates St Joseph's students



**ALL SMILES:** Maria Donoghue, Greenhills CC teacher and Darren Carey, teacher in St Colmcille's



**CRAZY CANDLES:** Loreto High School students Louise Liu, Grace Gorman and Lucy McNamara in the Maldron Hotel

## Young Entrepreneurs from three schools selected for Enterprise Programme National Finals

By Aimee Walsh  
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YOUNG entrepreneurs from three local schools have been selected to go on to this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals, which will take place at the Helix on Wednesday, May 18.

Local Enterprise Office South Dublin announced the winning teenager entrepreneurs from St Colmcille's Community School, Knocklyon and Loreto High School, Rathfarnham. The finals will return to a physical event this year in Dublin having been held online in 2020 and 2021.

The students took part in the South Dublin Final on April 5, which was held in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght. Around 80 students from nine schools from around the County took part in the programme.

The following schools participated in the programme, and they were finalists on the day - Citywise Education, Tallaght, Greenhills College, Walkinstown, St Joseph's College, Lucan, The Kings Hospital, Palmerstown, Kingswood Community College, Tallaght, Lucan Community College, Lucan, Moyle Park College, Clondalkin, St Colmcille's, Knocklyon and Loreto High School, Beaufort.

In the Junior Category of the competition South Dublin will be represented by Louise Liu, Grace Gorman and Lucy McNamara from Loreto High School for their project Crazy Candles.

In the Senior Category of the competition, South Dublin will be represented by Niamh McGarry and Hannah Leahy from St Colmcille's Community School, for their project Hand Sanitizer.

The local students will be

competing against hundreds of other student entrepreneurs from all over Ireland at the Student Enterprise Programme National Finals in May.

Speaking at the county final, The Head of the Local Enterprise Office South Dublin Tom Rooney congratulated the students, saying: "We have a very successful student enterprise programme here in South Dublin, with over 80 students from nine local schools taking part this year.

"Our national finalists are excellent ambassadors for the programme, and we wish them the very best of luck on Friday 18th, and we will all hope to be there to support them.

"In what has been a particularly challenging couple of years for students the programme has offered them an outlet outside of the usual school demands.

"What our students are learning from the programme is that with the right supports and encouragement, they can take an idea from the classroom and develop it into a real-life business. The skills they learn along the way, such as business planning, market research, selling and teamwork, will help them become more entrepreneurial throughout their future careers."

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# CLASS



## 15 countries share their culture and heritage at Multicultural Day



**HERITAGE:** Students enjoying the Multicultural Day

STUDENTS from 15 countries shared their culture and heritage with their classmates for a Multicultural Day in St Paul's Secondary School in Greenhills recently, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

The day included displays by pupils from countries including Pakistan, India, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Philippines, Georgia, Armenia, the Netherlands, Ukraine and Ireland. Other features of the day included displays of the national dresses of a number of countries, and an interactive element in the form of trying on saris and taking part in African and Asian dances.

Margaret O'Shea, deputy principal of St Paul's, said: "The whole school visited the event, and it was a joy to see students

learning from one another and embracing our different cultures.

"This was a joyous event in our school. Students were eager to share their cultural heritage, and the awareness of our differences were deepened.

"The students of St Paul's understand that we have unity in our diversity. The core values of St Paul's are care, inclusion and respect.

"They are part of the fabric of daily life in St Paul's, and [on Friday] they were celebrated."

The school community is already looking forward to next year's Multicultural Day, when they hope to have even more countries and nationalities represented on the day.



**PUPPY POCKETS:** Citywise's Holly Donovan, Lucy Kelly and Dagmara Sawinski



**HAND SANITIZER:** St Colmcille's Niamh McGarry and Hannah Leahy with their award with Deputy Acting Mayor Alan Edge in the Maldron Hotel



**AWARDS:** St Joseph's College with Deputy Mayor Alan Edge show off their awards



**MULTICULTURAL DAY:** Enjoying the day in St Paul's Secondary School

## Over €12,000 raised from walk for outdoor classroom

OVER €12,000 was raised by a fundraising walk for an outdoor classroom at St Joseph's College, Lucan.

Plans for an outdoor classroom, with space for 30 students, and Rosie's Garden, are making "great progress", according to the all-girls secondary school.

As part of our Rosie's Garden project, the school are creating a documentary to feature the life of Sr Rosario through stories,

photographs and songs of those who knew and taught with her.

The school will document the creation of the garden and were delighted this month to have many familiar faces and friends of St Joseph's return to the campus to be filmed for the doc. For the fundraising school walk, the school thanked "all our students, parents, staff, Parents' Association and wider community" for their support.

# Halloween clean up costs at €155,000

TOTAL clean up costs for Halloween for 2021 was an estimated €155,000 in South Dublin County Council, reports Maurice Garvey.

A total of 180 bonfire sites were recorded around the county in 2021 - a substantial reduction from the 280 sites recorded in 2020.

At the recent council meeting, Cllr Charlie O'Connor (FF), asked for a breakdown on the clean up operation and council plans for the 2022 Halloween.

In response, South Dublin County Council said "landscape reinstatement" has taken place at sites where it was required and other sites will be addressed when the ground is softer in April.

The €155,000 does not include the final reinstatement costs which are not known as yet, however these are not expected to increase the total costs in a major way.

"Measures to be taken in 2022 will be very similar to those taken in recent years, with one addition being the provision of a sum of €20,000 to hold a fireworks display for the benefit of the community this Halloween," the council said.

The council attributed a number of factors to the reduction of bonfires including the vigilance and efforts taken by local residents to prevent bonfires in their areas, and meetings held with local resident groups and gardai ahead of the festivities to identify and remove stockpiles.

"The tonnage collected before Halloween in 2020 was 237 tonnes however this increased to 332 tonnes in 2021. Public Realm crews collected 70 tonnes of bonfire material on Halloween weekend itself in 2021 and 33 tonnes of material on the bank holiday weekend prior to Halloween," said South Dublin County Council.



OPERATION: Clean up costs came to €155,000 for Halloween 2021



SUPPORT: At the Mill Shopping Centre promoting the first ever Darkness Into Light Corkagh Park are Lorraine, Margaret, Emer Higgins TD, Michelle and Treasa

## Darkness Into Light comes to Corkagh Park for first time

FOR the first time ever, Darkness Into Light 2022, proudly supported by Electric Ireland, will take place in Corkagh Park.

1,000 people can register to attend Clondalkin's first ever local Darkness Into Light walk which will take place at sunrise on the morning of Saturday May 7th.

"Thanks to a team of local volunteers, Corkagh Park, for the first time ever, will be a venue for the flagship Pieta fundraiser," said Lorraine Murphy, Chair of Darkness Into Light, Corkagh Park.

"Each year Darkness Into Light provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been

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impacted by suicide. We are hoping that the local community will get behind us and make Clondalkin's first official Darkness Into Light a success for Pieta.

"We had a great response from shoppers in The Mill Shopping Centre last weekend who were thrilled they could do the walk right here in Clondalkin, and we will be there again this weekend.

"You can register online at [darknessintolight.ie](http://darknessintolight.ie) and can choose your local park, Corkagh Park, as your venue this year.

"After two years of not being able to host in-person walks, this year's events will be particularly special," concluded Lorraine.

Clondalkin will be one of many locations that will provide an opportunity to raise awareness and hope in the global fight against suicide and self-harm.

Since Darkness Into Light began, Pieta supporters have helped raise almost €29 million, which has enabled the charity to keep their doors and 24/7 helpline open for people in crisis, free of charge.

# GAA Club hold charity cycle for three charities

## Cycle for Dave, Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Cystic Fibrosis Ireland to benefit from fundraiser

CROI Ro Naofa GAA Club are holding a charity cycle to raise vital funds for the club and for three charities which are at the heart of the community and the club, reports Aimee Walsh.

The cycle will take place on Saturday, April 30, from 10am-6pm in The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght. The money raised will be split between Croi Ro Naofa, the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association, Cystic Fibrosis Ireland and Cycle for Dave.

Funds raised for Croi Ro Naofa will go directly to funding their juvenile academy and supporting and encouraging local children in Killinarden to get involved in Gaelic games.

As reported in *The Echo* last month, 'Cycle for Dave' was set up by David's wife, Orla, to help raise money for him to go to Leeds for rehabilitation to receive specialist physiotherapy treatment.

David, from Tallaght, was diagnosed with a condition called CADASIL, a rare non-treatable genetic condition that constricts the small blood vessels in the brain and causes strokes.

Due to his condition, David suffered his third stroke on February 20 this year, causing severe double vision and dizziness.

A club representative said: "These causes are incredibly dear to our club and our community in Tallaght, and we hope that you can help us reach our target so that we can have a meaningful impact on each of the charities."

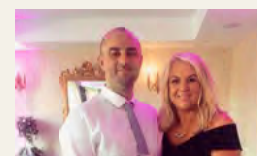
To find out more information about the charity cycle, you can go to Croi Ro Naofa's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/croironaofa](http://www.facebook.com/croironaofa) or the GoFundMe page by searching 'Croi Ro Naofa Charity Cycle, The Square Tallaght' on GoFundMe.com

## Charity Cycle in The Square, Tallaght

Saturday 30th April  
10:00AM - 6:00PM

Irish  
Motor  
Neurone  
Disease  
Association

Cystic  
Fibrosis  
Ireland



Cycle for Dave

## Repair works planned for bridges

REPAIR works are scheduled to take place on a number of footbridges across South Dublin County this Summer.

The works will be carried out between May and July this year by the South Dublin County Council and the bridges will be temporarily closed to the public to ensure safety.

The bridges that are intended to be repaired include the N4 footbridge at Mount Andrew Court, the M50 footbridge at the northern extent of Tymon Park, M50 footbridge at the National Basketball Arena, M50 footbridge at the Scholarstown Interchange and the N81 footbridge at St. Dominic's Road.

The repair works will consist of removing the existing bridge surface, re-waterproofing the bridge structure and re-surfacing the bridge.

The bridges will be temporarily closed during the following dates and pedestrian diversion routes will be in place for the duration of the works.

N4 footbridge at Mount Andrew Court (April 25 – May 26).

M50 footbridge at northern extent of Tymon Park (May 16 – June 7).

M50 footbridge at the National Basketball Arena (June 30 – August 5).

M50 footbridge at the Scholarstown Interchange (June 8 – June 28).

N81 footbridge at St. Dominic's Road (June 29 – August 24).

Pedestrian diversion routes will be in place for the duration of the works.

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# Communities encouraged to do 2-minute street clean

## Tallaght Community Council are holding events to mark campaign

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TALLAGHT Community Council are marking a key milestone this year of holding events in Tallaght to mark the national An Taisce Spring Clean campaign.

Tallaght Community Council (TCC) began marking the national Spring Clean back in 2012 by holding a Stream Clean Day at Watergate along the Whitestown stream.

Since then, TCC are delighted to have seen many individuals and groups across Tallaght come out and participate in spring clean events on their streets, in local parks, schools and sports clubs.

Many litter-busting groups and Tidy Town groups have sprung up all over Tallaght from Hazelgrove to Springfield and Tymon North in the last decade which shows a deepening value Tallaght residents place on having a clean environment to live, work and play in here in Tallaght.

This year, TCC are again encouraging people of all ages, and groups across Tallaght to do a 2-minute street clean or hold a community spring clean in your corner of Tallaght during the week, from Saturday, April 23 to Saturday, April 30. Many hands make light work – and a combined effort for this 1 week in April will yield a positive impact in litter reduction in Tallaght again to mark the national Spring Clean.

“We are encouraged at the increase in groups and individuals who regularly litter pick in their corner of Tallaght in the last few years,” said Peter Daly, TCC member.

“A rising tide lifts all boats, so every litter pick makes a positive contribution to a cleaner environment here in Tallaght. It doesn't need to be a big half day event to matter, a 2-minute street clean on your way to school or work makes a positive difference.”

TCC are also delighted to announce that the Tallaght village Tidy Towns will be launched in April and May to focus on the village area and begin to tackle the graffiti, litter, areas of maintenance in and greening our historic village

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**STREET CLEAN: Mary Butler (TCC), Des Garry, former Tallaght Person of The Year and Evelyn Riordan (TCC) on the Jim Lawlor bridge in Dodder Park to launch the 2-minute Street Clean to mark the national An Taisce Spring Clean campaign**

now that the Covid-19 restrictions are behind us.

Liz Kennedy, Chair of TCC added: “Our village is an important place, full of history and character. It does however need a strong focus to improve some of the public areas.

“We intend to focus on that in the next 3 months as a committee and invite businesses and residents to get in touch and importantly to get involved. We have already had commitments from several

large businesses to help in our village focus this year. Put your shoulder to the wheel and help us, let's get our village looking fabulous in 2022!”

For people or groups who might not have a few hours to spend litter picking or for large jobs like removing graffiti, the 2 Minute Street Clean is a perfect way to mark An Taisce Spring Clean at a time that suits you. When you are out walking your dog, going to the bus or the shops, take a bag with you and spend 2 minutes

picking up some litter from the street or your local park. Then deposit that in the nearest bin, remembering to recycle any cans or plastics if possible.

TCC members are carrying out their own 2-minute street cleans across their corners of Tallaght on that week – so please join them.

Stay tuned to TCC's social media channels if you want to get involved in that, all ages and all abilities are very welcome to join the village efforts.

# Easter Rising commemoration event

By Aideen O'Flaherty  
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MEMBERS of Ogra Fianna Fáil held a 1916 Easter Rising commemoration event in the Clondalkin Commemoration Garden last Friday, April 15.

Members of both Dublin South-West and Dublin Mid-West Ógra Fianna Fáil gathered on Good Friday to commemorate the Easter Rising and lay a wreath in the commemoration garden.

Local Fianna Fáil councillors Shane Moynihan, Charlie O'Connor and Trevor Gilligan were in attendance, as were newly elected members of the Central Officer Board of Ógra, Uachtarán Niall Gaffney and Dublin Organiser Liam Gleeson.

Niall Gaffney, the Uachtarán of Ógra, read the Proclamation at the ceremony, then the councillors addressed those gathered, before a wreath was laid, followed by a minute's silence.

The chairperson of Dublin Mid-West Ógra, Lauren Hodgins, said: “It is great to have such a lovely commemorative garden on our doorstep, which we must thank Clondalkin Tidy Towns for keeping it so clean throughout the year.


“We also want to thank our councillors, who took the time out of their busy schedules, for attending and showing their continued support throughout the year.”

Ógra Fianna Fáil is the youth section of the party, and is made up of young people aged 16-30 years old with units in nearly every constituency in the country.



**EVENT: Members of Ogra Fianna Fail in the Commemoration Garden on Friday**

AS PART of *The Echo* celebrating over 40 years, we're celebrating you, and local faces and places. Over the last two years we've shared the stories of local people, and remind ourselves of the great community spirit alive across local areas. This week, **Aimee Walsh** talks to Ballyfermot native Paul Ritchie about his 'full circle' journey and how he has found solace in the hardest of times through writing.

A photograph of Paul Ritchie, a man with short dark hair, wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt with a blue and white checkered collar and cuffs. He is leaning against the trunk of a tree with moss on the bark. The background shows a residential area with houses and a blue sky with some clouds.

**PASSION:** Paul Ritchie will be returning to school to teach workshops in St John's College in Ballyfermot at the end of this month, teaching first years how to write

*The Echo* – celebrating  
community for over 40 years



FROM being kicked out of school at thirteen for writing explicit song lyrics to being invited back to school to teach students how to write, Ballyfermot native Paul Ritchie speaks about his 'full circle' journey and how he has found solace in the hardest of times through writing.

Originally from Clondalkin, Paul moved to Ballyfermot when he was thirteen and has lived there ever since.

"It wasn't so much a positive experience growing up," says Paul. "I grew up in Clondalkin in the 90's and there was a lot of stuff going on. The drug epidemic hit and there were a lot of vigilantes on the streets, and it was the exact same in Ballyfermot."

Growing up in a creative family, Paul says it was this creativity that ultimately led to him being expelled from secondary school at just thirteen years old.

"I was out of school by first year and I was working as a security guard in a shop in Ballyfermot when I was thirteen because I was always big. I got kicked out of school because I wrote a song and the teacher found it and there was rude stuff in the song, so that's why.

"I was always good at art and music and have always been writing poetry."

While he continued to write poetry during his teenage years, Paul didn't write another song until he was seventeen, when he wrote a song for his friend who had died by suicide.

In 2005-2006, more than 20 people took their own lives in the Clondalkin area, which was known as a 'suicide cluster' and had an enormous effect on the community.

"I fell into a dark place when I ended up losing 13 of my friends to suicide – it was like a pandemic in Clondalkin, it was very hard," said Paul.

"When I met my girlfriend then I stopped hanging around on the streets and kept writing, I have been with her 19 years."

Paul, who also goes by the name 'Tall-Order' has also had a successful music career, with his hip-hop album 'The Tree of Life and Death' reaching number one in two countries, and also owns record label Bloodshed Records.

"I get inspired by things that I see around me," explains Paul. "Things you would see in the area – you are a product of your environment."

It's Paul's own first-hand experiences that have led him to start his production company last October. Hour Hearts Productions, who work independently with youth in troubled

areas effected by anti-social behaviour.

Speaking about why he started Hour Hearts Productions, Paul says: "I was writing for people, and they were trying to get funding for projects. I was writing screenplays and they would never get funded.

"I have always been friends with Myles (co-owner), we grew up on the same road and Myles was in acting and I was writing the films, so it was a no-brainer and we set up the company."

The company's debut film 'Blind Man's Bluff' was shot over the space of three days back in September in Ballyfermot and premiered at the Lighthouse Cinema last month and Paul, along with the co-owner of Hour Hearts Productions, Myles Maher, hope to make it into a feature film once funding is secured.

"Since Blind Man's Bluff people are reaching out to us and hopefully, we are going to turn it into a feature so everything is looking positive now.

"We want to set up writing groups and acting groups and get as many kids off the streets as possible.

"We know all of the kids that hang around on the roads. One kid, who used to be in the boxing club, and we noticed that he wasn't

really interested in it, so we said, 'what do you want to do?' and he said 'I want to be a photographer', so I brought him out on walks and he took pictures and now he wants to go to college to be a photographer and he was our photographer at the film screening.

"When we did the film kids were coming onto the set and holding the mics and all, they don't know what they want to do when they're older but then they find that. One of the main actors in the film, Cillian, is from Cherry Orchard Avenue, which is one of the worst anti-social behaviour areas in Ireland and now all he wants to do is act."

Due to his talent and success, Paul will be returning to school to teach workshops in St John's College in Ballyfermot at the end of this month.

"I am going to be teaching first years how to write," he said. "I am after going full circle from being kicked out of school when I was in first year to now teaching first year students English.

"If something is happening in their life, if you can get them to write instead of taking their anger out by screaming or running around the streets and take their anger out on a page, that's what helped me and saved my life."

**“ I was writing for people, and they were trying to get funding for projects. I was writing screenplays and they would never get funded. I have always been friends with Myles (co-owner), we grew up on the same road and Myles was in acting and I was writing the films, so it was a no-brainer and we set up the company**



**TEACHING:** Paul Ritchie has gone full circle from being kicked out of school when he was in first year to now teaching first year students English

Green Eye

## Nature on our doorsteps

Rosaleen Dwyer is the County Heritage Officer at South Dublin County Council – every week she gives us an insight into the natural heritage around us and the beautiful biodiversity of the plants and creatures



## The Primrose family



**DISPLAY:** The Cowslips in Tymon Park put on a great display every year

PRIMROSES, Cowslips, and Polyanthus are all members of the Primula family of flowering plants.

These flowers all share the same basic flower shape, with petals that are fused or joined together at the back to form a tube shape.

With Primroses, there is one flower on a graceful arching stem while with Polyanthus and Cowslips, flowers are clustered together at the tip of a stout stem.

The Latin name Primula translates as 'prime rose', to describe this lovely flower as being the first flower of spring. Primroses can sometimes be seen in flower in sheltered spots as early as January.

Because of their charm and their delicate perfume, the flowers of wild

Primroses and Cowslips were once widely picked in the past to decorate homes, schools, and churches at Easter time.

In Britain, they were also extensively picked throughout the countryside and sold to the London flower markets. This had the effect of reducing the numbers of these springtime flowers in the wild.

Yellow Primroses and Cowslips have been cultivated and bred for centuries, giving rise to many new and unusual colour variations and hybrids.

Polyanthus is one of these hybrids, with some very unusual mixes of colours emerging to brighten the garden in springtime. Somehow, however, the original, delicate yellow of the wild Primrose is hard to beat.



**SPRINGTIME:** Wild Primroses herald the arrival of springtime

## E letters

Letters and emails should be kept as short as possible. We reserve the right to edit any submissions. Letters must be received by Tuesday, 3pm prior to publication

# Is CCTV an effective deterrent to fly-tipping

Dear Editor:

SOUTH Dublin County Council (SDCC) will soon be given powers to use CCTV to tackle illegal dumping and littering by identifying offenders, a tactic heretofore restricted due to data protection regulations.

Under the upcoming Circular Economy Bill 2022, CCTV will be utilised to capture offenders of illegal dumping while ensuring there are robust data protection safeguards in place.

While several litter black spots exist nationally, to date, local authorities' ability to use CCTV to identify and target offenders has heretofore been limited due to data

protection regulations.

While only a minority of citizens illegally dump or burn their waste, the impact of litter and fly-tipped waste on the environment, often on beautiful locations, has blighted communities.

The CCTV measures in the Circular Economy Bill will not just apply to beauty spots, but will also apply to inner city areas which have on-going acute problems with dumping. Problems arise with waste management in apartment blocks.

How shared facilities are managed: ensuring people are sorting their waste properly? How do we manage waste collection for people who do not have driveways and must leave their bags on the

street: ripped apart by marauding dogs and seagulls?

Some local authorities are reporting between 40 to 60 incidents of illegal dumping; many of these locations have recently being cleaned. We need the Circular Economy Bill 2022 to provide for a digital deposit return scheme.

Green Party TD, Francis Noel Duffy, said: "While only a minority of citizens illegally dump or burn their waste, the impact of litter and fly-tipped waste on the environment, and often our most beautiful locations, is a blight on our community."

Yours etc.,  
Gerry Coughlan, Dublin 24.

## Survivors of Institutions on a journey to healing and peace

Dear Editor

MANY of us survivors are on a journey of healing and even if we can't fully heal we try to get some peace in our brokenness.

We know our truth we lived it and continue to live with it. Many live with a living bereavement, loss of childhood, loss of a child and more.

Many of us survived neglect, abuse, vaccine trials and the institutions and we were hurt and torn apart.

Many of us believed that firstly no one would listen to us and secondly that no one would believe us!

We need to be able to tell our truth, tell our story and try to heal. Give us the space and time to talk our truth. Listen to us!

I am a damaged and hurt person but my past does not define me.

It's taken me a long time to

love myself, I find it hard to trust people. But I want to heal, I want to have peace in my heart and my head.

I am not letting commission reports, bills, negativity and promises get into my head.

It can't take any more false promises, I have heard so many talk for survivors and debate for us. I don't need any report to tell

me what we lived.

I have never been and never will be a victim, I am a survivor, we are here today cause we are strong to have survived so much. We are lucky so many weren't.

I wish every Survivor that every step on their journey be a step on the healing journey.

Go raibh maith agat,  
Cllr Francis Timmons



**JOURNEY:** Mayor Peter Kavanagh hosted a reception in County Hall last week for Survivors of Institutional Abuse

# President Zelensky struck a cord with Dail Eireann

Eagarthóir a chara

AS PRESIDENT Volodymyr Zelensky addressed the joint sitting of the Dáil and Seanad on 6 April he has become adept at keeping his country's plight in the spotlight all the while appealing for more weaponry and sanctions by the bloc.

He mentioned Russian colonialism - perhaps mindful of Ireland's burden of British imperialism - mindful of British military assistance to his soldiers, especially anti-tank weapons made in Belfast. References to Russia using hunger as a weapon of war reminded his audiences of Ireland's Great Famine in the 19th Century.

He thanked the assembly for their support for sanctions, for showing humanitarian concern to fleeing refugees.

EU's policy of farming out refugees and migrants throughout Europe is concerning. Sinn Féin Leader, Mary Lou McDonald again called for the expulsion of the Russian ambassador.

On hearing this, Ukrainian ambassador, sitting in the

Distinguished Visitors' Gallery, clapped enthusiastically. Mícheál Martin said Ireland supported Ukraine and is not neutral when it came to war crimes.

The President struck a chord and was given a standing ovation by nearly all present.

However, the address was besmirched by TDs, Paul Murphy, Bríd Smith, Richard Boyd Barrett and Gino Kenny on their steadfast refusal to applaud.

People Before Profit should now read: Putin Before Principles. Bulgarian MEP buried head in his hands as Clare Daly, MEP claims NATO is making sure Ukrainians die. Electors should cast a cold eye on their stance.

With a high risk the war will drag on and energy prices shooting up, support for Ukraine, EU membership has ballooned with Moldova and Georgia, beginning the lengthy accession process to join the bloc as UK steps out - akin to Lanigan's Ball.

Is mise Gearoid O'Coilain, Cill na Manach, Baile Átha Cliath

# Food solutions company expands production line in Grange Castle

ARYZTA will double its capacity for sourdough and speciality breads at facility in Clondalkin

By William O'Connor  
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ARYZTA Food solutions bakery will double its capacity for sourdough and speciality breads following the announcement of a new production line at its facility in Grange Castle Business Park.

Members from Bord Bia, Enterprise Ireland and Love Irish Food were all in attendance at the launch and will see the company expand its state-of-the-art sourdough starter plant.

Supported by Enterprise Ireland, the company said they have seen in recent years a substantial increase in the demand for sourdough.

According to ARYZTA, "consumers across the Irish and UK market are constantly looking for new, complex and exciting taste profiles for bread.

"Innovation is a key driver in satisfying these demands. Therefore, the expansion aims to meet these needs by providing a diverse range of delicious breads."

All of the speciality and sourdough breads produced at the



**EXPAND:** Anthony Proctor (Managing Director ARYZTA Ireland/UK), Kieran Rumley (CEO Love Irish Food), Tara McCarthy (CEO Bord Bia) and Leo Clancy (CEO Enterprise Ireland)

Grange Castle bakery are made using a perpetual live starter.

What makes this start unique is the fact it has 30 years of heritage in the business. This starter is continuously used and then regenerated on a daily basis.

The announcement follows the 2020 Grange Castle investment which saw the installation and commissioning of its "Next Generation Stress Free French Bread" baking capability, producing the highest quality French bread available on the market today.

Commenting on the news, Anthony Proctor, Managing Director of Aryzta Ireland /UK said: "This expansion is an important step on the ARYZTA journey to premiumise our bread range and to align the business with the consumer demand for breads with high nutritional value, fiber, seeds, grains and of course sourdough."

ARYZTA Ireland is the owner of the popular Cuisine de France brand which recently celebrated 32 years in the Irish market.

# New Regional Enterprise Plan is future focused to meet the economic needs

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THE TÁNAISTE and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Leo Varadkar, published the new Regional Enterprise Plan for 2024 for Dublin.

This new Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024 for Dublin is future focused and centred around priorities including an ambition to strengthening resilience amongst Dublin's SMEs and Start-Ups, promoting attractive and adaptive place-making, encouraging inclusion for all citizens of Dublin seeking to engage in economic activity, positioning Dublin based businesses as leaders in the low carbon transition and taking steps to ensure the availability of skills and talent to meet future economic needs.

The government has committed to nine enterprise plans, covering every region in the country. Up to €180 million

in funding is being provided to invest in new projects which create new jobs and help companies grow in every county.

The Tánaiste said: "While Dublin is an economic hub, where approximately 50% of jobs are, it has its own unique challenges. This plan has been put together with buy-in from the local community to look at what businesses in the region need and want in the years ahead.

"Some might say the Dublin Region should not be part of the conversation about regional economic development, but I don't believe that this is the case. Dublin is a region: a city region of European and international scale. Dublin competes internationally and often, what's lost to Dublin is lost to Ireland.

"One of my priorities as Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, is to have 2.5 million people employed in the country by 2024. We're investing up to €180 million in these nine regional enterprise plans to help reach that target."



**ENTERPRISE:** Mayor Peter Kavanagh, Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Leo Varadkar TD and Peter Byrne, CEO of South Dublin Chamber and member of the Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee

# Auxilion is on course to grow business by 25% by year end

Revenues at Park West Digital transformation company will surpass €48 million

DIGITAL transformation company Auxilion, is on course to grow its revenues by 25 per cent by the end of 2022, compared to 2021, reports Maurice Garvey.

This will see revenues at the Park West Business Park based firm surpass €48 million this year.

The growth comes after the company secured €2 million in new contracts in the last six months, driven largely by increased demand for IT and project governance to support hybrid working.

In the first quarter of 2022, the company secured new contracts worth € million, some of which are multi-year deals and add to Auxilion's growing customer portfolio consisting of both public and private organisations.

This follows on from a successful end to 2021, whereby the organisation secured €13 million in new contracts in Q4.

Auxilion's partner ecosystem includes industry leaders such as Microsoft, HPE, Aruba and Dell.

In order to meet this growth, Auxilion is creating 110 new jobs and forecasts generating €60 million in revenue by 2024.

It has added 48 new employees to the team over the past three months, including technical personnel and

project managers located across their Dublin headquarters and its Belfast office.

Increasingly, Auxilion is expanding its presence in the UK, with plans to scale operations across both the UK and Irish markets this year.

Philip Maguire, CEO at Auxilion, said: "We had a lot of confidence going into 2022 after a strong last quarter and with a very strong visible pipeline – both new business and customer extensions. To get these opportunities across the line truly is a testament to our talented team.

"Even as we move into a new phase of the pandemic and with global economic pressures to be mindful of, we continue to be optimistic for the remainder of the year and our aim will be the same going forward: to enable digital thinking, built differently. We will do this by continually delivering and diversifying top-quality consultancy and technology services to our client base.

"Being agile is key for any business. In fact, it is more important than ever in terms of the success of the modern workplace. Organisations must keep this in mind and focus on their long-term transformation and strategy, otherwise they could get left behind."



GROWTH: Philip Maguire, CEO Auxilion

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## Workhuman will 'vigorously' defend case in court

PARK WEST tech firm Workhuman is being sued by a former employee who is claiming that he was retaliated against for questioning its business practices, reports Maurice Garvey.

A former account executive at the company filed a complaint in Florida, stating that he had raised concerns about some of Workhuman's business practices. He claims that he was shunned by higher-ups as a result.

Workhuman said the claims are "inaccurate" and "without merit" and will defend the case in court.

The company, with a valuation of over €1bn is headquartered in Dublin and Massachusetts.

Co-founded in 1999 by CEO Eric Mosley,

who is from Glenview in Tallaght, and Eddie Reynolds, Workhuman develops software-as-a-service tools for human resources departments to help improve employee engagement and recognition.

At the centre of the claims in the suit are the prices charged in Workhuman's store for the employees of its clients.

Workhuman's client companies can purchase points for their employees that can be redeemed in the store for goods such as electronics and gift cards.

The account executive, Christopher Ounjian, claims that Workhuman was charging a mark-up on these goods of up to three times their fair market value, and did not disclose the

extent of these mark-ups to clients.

He also claims that clients are not made aware that points can expire.

"The claims made by Mr Ounjian's lawyers in Florida represent an inaccurate view of the company's solution, are without merit, and will be vigorously and comprehensively defended by Workhuman in court," the company said in a statement.

According to the suit, Ounjian repeatedly raised his concerns with management between 2019 and 2021 and says that clients began asking questions about the prices they were paying.

The suit claims that he faced retaliation from the company for disclosing the actual mark-up

costs to potential clients in his presentations.

Ounjian claims he was offered a new role at the company which he viewed as a demotion, and also says he was flagged for "performance issues".

Workhuman has challenged the claims about how its pricing is disclosed to its clients.

"In all client tenders, which are run by sophisticated companies as part of a detailed RFP [request for proposal] process, Workhuman presents a comprehensive and clear pricing model that enables clients to make fully informed decisions," it said.

"Overwhelmingly, clients tell us they value the benefits our solution provides to their employees and companies."

  
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# Shareholder rebellion at CRH over how it factors climate risk

## Flagging of three CRH votes put the spotlight on company ahead of AGM

By Maurice Garvey

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CLIMATE Action 100+, the world's biggest investor group pushing for faster climate action, has backed a shareholder rebellion at the annual meeting of building supplies company CRH over the way it factors climate risk into its accounts.

Investors had previously written to CRH and 16 other companies warning they faced opposition if they failed to adequately show how their finances will be impacted by the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Climate Action 100+ said it had flagged the issue to members, which manage €2.5 trillion in assets, although there was no obligation on them to vote a certain way.

It followed a decision by Sarasin & Partners, the lead CA100+ investor engaging with CRH, to announce its intention to vote against the audit committee chair, auditor and the company's accounts.

"Despite a long-standing engagement by investors, CRH's accounts have failed to provide visibility on how its financial position would be impacted by the global transition onto a 1.5C pathway," said Sarasin's Head of Stewardship Natasha Landell-Mills, referring to the global effort to cap global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial average.

Specifically, Landell-Mills said investors needed to understand how CRH's assets, liabilities and profitability would be impacted by potential policy changes such as rising carbon taxes or a requirement to capture hard-to-abate emissions.

CRH declined to comment when contacted by Reuters.

Its annual meeting will be held on April 28.

"The flagging of three CRH votes – the first-ever for net zero accounting related resolutions – puts the spotlight squarely on the company ahead of its AGM," said Stephanie Pfeifer, vice-chair of the CA100+ Steering Committee.



# HealthBeacon opens Green Labs facility in Inchicore

By Maurice Garvey

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DIGITAL therapeutics company HealthBeacon has opened its new Green Labs facility in Inchicore, which will provide facilities for a circular economy for pharmaceutical clients and an R&D centre for sustainable solutions for sharps waste in Ireland.

Headquartered at Naas Road Business Park, the company develops products for managing injectable medications for people in the home.

HealthBeacon and Novartis Ireland have

formed a partnership to use the Green Labs to provide sustainability solutions quickly and easily for patients on Novartis treatments.

The first phase of this is the provision of reusable sharps bins to rheumatology, dermatology and neurology patients.

Smart technology reminds the patient to take their medication and notifies them when their sharps bin is nearing capacity.

The full sharps bin is then collected from the patient's home, undergoes a validated washing regime and can then be returned to the patient for re-use, ensuring an environmentally friendly service for patients.

HealthBeacon currently employs over 50 staff and operates across multiple markets with significant presence in the US, the UK

and the Netherlands.

The company said its Green Labs is a positive step towards addressing the global challenge of sustainably managing patients' waste and supporting pharmaceutical companies to engage in more sustainable waste management practices.

HealthBeacon CEO and co-founder Jim Joyce said that billions of injectable waste devices and hundreds of millions of sharps bins end up in household trash, landfills or incineration facilities.

Speaking at the launch, Leo Clancy, Enterprise Ireland CEO, said partnership "brings sustainable practices to the fore which is critically important, as the transition to a low carbon and circular economy."

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# Spiralling house prices unlikely to slow down in the near future

Prices are knocking on the door of the height of the housing market in 2006

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SPIRALLING house prices and high demand for housing in South County Dublin is unlikely to slow down in the near future, according to a local real estate agent.

Anthony McGee, of REA McGee in Courthouse Square in Tallaght, said that, at present, house prices have yet to hit Celtic Tiger levels – but if prices continue to rise at pace, then they likely will.

“We’re not quite there yet but we’re very close,” Mr McGee told *The Echo*. “We’re certainly knocking on the door of the height of the housing market in 2006 and, if that continues, we will reach that higher figure.”

This follows on from a recent Q1 2022 report by REA, which found that the average house price for a three-bed semi in South County Dublin has risen by 3.3 per cent compared to last December.

“There’s a shortage of property coming to the market, and there’s not a lot of housing being built so the market is contracting,” explained Mr McGee.

This is further evidenced by the finding in the REA report that, last month, the average time taken to sell in Dublin City and County was three weeks, and it was four weeks in the two previous months (January and February).

“That’s incredibly fast, and it shows the interest is out there and the quality of people looking for properties with loan approval in place,” said Mr McGee.

“When you see people bidding and looking at getting a house, if they’re let down on one, they’re straight into looking for another one.”

In Tallaght specifically, Mr McGee said there is significant demand for housing, particularly from people from the area.

“Demand is huge,” he said. “Tallaght is such a sought-after area. It’s well serviced by the Luas, it has shopping facilities and a big population.”

“People are trying to buy and stay in the ‘local scene’, in areas they know and where their family are and where they went to school.

“And that will continue on for the foreseeable future – there’s no doubt whatsoever about that.”

Overall, Mr McGee said he expects house prices to continue to rise, as housing supply struggles to meet demand.

“I can see the prices continuing to rise, because we don’t have the supply, there’s a struggle to find tradespeople and the cost of building materials is going up,” he said.

“It’s a great time to be selling, but a difficult time to be buying.”

**HOUSE PRICES:**  
Anthony McGee  
of REA McGee



“Tallaght is such a sought-after area. It’s well serviced by the Luas, it has shopping facilities and a big population, People are trying to buy and stay in the ‘local scene’

# Five warehousing units plan for ‘the field with the sheep’

PERMISSION is being sought for the construction of five warehousing units, three office units and a cafe/restaurant at a site known locally as “the field with the sheep” in Ballymount Industrial Estate, reports *Hayden Moore*.

Blackwin Limited has applied for planning permission for a site at Calmount Road and Ballymount Avenue, in Ballymount Industrial Estate, Dublin 12.

Proposals are for the construction of five warehouse/logistics units, including an ancillary office use and entrance/reception areas over two levels.

The maximum heights of the units come to around 17.09m and a combined total gross floor area (GFA) of 20,158sq.m.

Each warehousing unit includes car parking to the front and service yard which include loading bays for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) to the rear of each unit.

There is some 200 car parking spaces and 110 cycle spaces provided for the logistics units along with dedicated signage zones.

Three three-storey “own-door” office buildings with maximum heights of around 13.45m and a GFA of 4,194sq.m are incorporated into the plans.

A total of 77 car parking spaces, 50 cycle parking spaces and a bin storage area are proposed for the office buildings.

Plans include the construction of a cafe/restaurant unit, with a maximum height of around 6.09m, a GFA of 213sq.m, and signage, to be located to the south western section of the site.



**CONSTRUCTION:** The field in Ballymount Industrial Estate, known as ‘the field with the sheep’ (inset) the site notice

This aspect of the plans include associated outdoor seating and a binstore, 14 car parking spots and 10 bicycle spaces.

The proposal includes five ESB substation buildings, access off both Ballymount Avenue and Calmount Road, and alterations and upgrades to public footpaths and road.

Plans provide for vehicular and service access points, associated internal access roads, internal access roads, and circulation areas and footpaths.

Landscaping and planting, entrance signage, boundary treatments, lighting, PV panels, green roofs, and an underground foul and storm water drainage network are also part of the plans.

According to Google maps, the subject site is known as “the field with the sheep”.

Third party submissions relating to this planning application are being accepted by the planning authority up until May 10, 2022.

South Dublin County Council are set to make a decision on the proposal by May 31.

# Muldowney's Pub proposal for three-storey apartment blocks

Plans include construction of 21 residential units to the rear and side of the Rathcoole pub

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DEMOLISHING a cottage extension, rubble wall, storerooms and structures at Muldowney's Pub to provide for three-storey apartment blocks make up plans submitted to South Dublin County Council.

Lorat Trading Ltd is seeking planning permission for the development at Muldowney's Pub off Main Street in Rathcoole.

The first aspect of the plans is the demolition of the existing structures on site to include a portion of an existing rubble wall, the rear extension of an existing cottage, existing structures, storerooms and sheds to the west and north of the pub.

Part of the proposals is for the reconfiguration, renovation, and extension of the existing cottages on site to provide for two two-bedroom units.

Reconfiguration and renovation of Muldowney's Pub and storage yard is also described in the documentation attached to the planning application.

Plans include the construction of 21 residential units within two three-storey blocks to the rear and side of Muldowney's Pub.

Block A will provide six one-bedroom units overall while Block B is down to provide for a mix of three one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom units (15 overall in Block B).

Private open space will be provided in the form of balconies with communal open space provided in the centre of the subject site.

**PROPOSALS:** Apartments are planned to the rear and side of Muldowney's Pub on Main Street, Rathcoole



The development will also include the provision of a pedestrian access point from Rathcoole's Main Street.

Pedestrian and vehicular access through the existing car-park entrance to the rear of the public house is also

incorporated into this aspect of the plans.

There is provision for some 32 car parking spaces and 44 bicycle spots.

All ancillary hard and soft landscaping, boundary treatment, an

ESB substation, signage, bin and bike stores and all engineering and site development works necessary to facilitate the development make up the remainder of the proposed development plans.

Third party submissions in relation to this planning application close on May 9, 2022.

The local planning authority is set to make a decision on the plans by May 30.

## €900,000 guide price for six-bed on Ballyboden Road

A SIX-BED house on Ballyboden Road in Rathfarnham will go under the hammer with a guide price of €900k at an online auction later this month, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

The detached property, called Fonthill House, features an extensive, south-east-facing rear garden and a large attached garage.

Extending to approximately 339 sq.m, on a site area extending to approximately 0.20 hectares, the property is subject to a tenancy "under terms unknown", according to auctioneer.

According to the property listing, the house is located in a "highly sought-after" suburb, is convenient to an array of primary and secondary schools, and has multiple transport links offering ease of access to the city centre and further afield.

Fonthill House will go under the hammer at Bid X1's online auction on April 22.



**SOUGHT-AFTER:** The six-bed house on Ballyboden Road

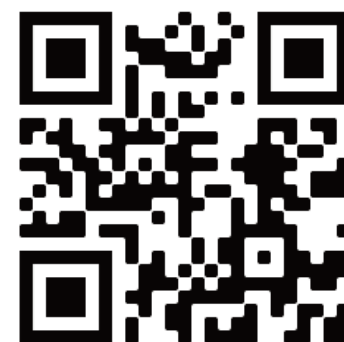
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# 16% of people damaged their vehicle after striking a pothole in the past year

ACCORDING to new figures from a survey by AA Ireland, 16% of respondents stated that damage had been caused to their car, motorbike or bike as a result of moving over an unrepaired pothole in the past year.

AA Ireland surveyed over 5,000 motorists and it found that tyre damage was the most likely fallout of a run-in with a poorly maintained road.

Of those who had their car damaged by a pothole, 61% reported that one or more of their tyres had either been punctured, with 35% stating that the wheel rim had also been damaged by the pothole. Meanwhile, 23% said they damaged the steering alignment and 17% damaged the shock absorbers or shock absorption system.

"Potholes are still a major problem on Irish roads. Many people are having their vehicles or bikes damaged by a poor road surface on a daily basis. It's not good enough," says Anna Cullen from AA Ireland.

"It's clear that more funding is needed for the maintenance and protection of our roads. My advice for those who come across a poor surface and/or potholes is to report it when you can. A well-maintained road will mean all road users are kept safe," she adds.

The majority of respondents who reported such damage were based in Dublin (30%), with 12% in Cork, 7% in Kildare, 6% in Meath, 5% in Wicklow and Galway, 4% in Limerick, Donegal



**“To keep pothole damage to a minimum our patrol team says you should maintain full air pressure in all tyres. Keep your eyes peeled for potholes by leaving plenty of space between yourself and the vehicle in front. If you're not in a position to avoid the pothole, slow down. Hitting it at speed will increase the chance of damage to tyres, wheels, shocks, struts or springs**

and Wexford and 3% were in Clare, Tipperary and Waterford. Across 2021 and so far this year, the AA patrol team have attended over 37,500 callouts to tyre-related issues.

The highest number of callouts were reported in Dublin, Cork, Kildare, Wicklow, Meath, Galway, Limerick, Louth, Wexford, Kerry, Westmeath, Waterford and Tipperary.

"There are ways you can identify pothole damage. You'll notice that the front end of your vehicle dips when you brake, you can feel your vehicle roll or sway while turning, when you accelerate the rear of the vehicle squats and on rougher, winding roads you can feel an abnormal bounce or slide," Cullen states.

"In general your vehicle feels like it's sitting a little lower at the front or the rear. If you stop suddenly you experience a loss

of directional control and there is visible damage such as rusting or dents," she adds.

"To keep pothole damage to a minimum our patrol team says you should maintain full air pressure in all tyres. Keep your eyes peeled for potholes by leaving plenty of space between yourself and the vehicle in front. If you're not in a position to avoid the pothole, slow down. Hitting it at speed will increase the chance of damage to tyres, wheels, shocks, struts or springs," she states.

"Hold the steering wheel firmly to avoid losing control. Don't break when directly over a pothole. This causes the car's weight to shift to the front of the wheel and can increase damage from the impact. Be wary of potholes filled with water, they may be deeper than they look," she adds.

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- Knowledge of community development and community supports

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- Full clean driving licence and use of own car.


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# Pure Mile volunteers remove over 1,700kg of litter and rubbish from the south Dublin uplands

A RECENT litter pick and cleanup by the Atha Cliath Clean Up The Uplands Team Pure Mile Group and the Pure Project of the beautiful scenic South Dublin Uplands resulted in the removal of over 1,700kg of litter and illegal dumping.

Piperstown Road in South Dublin Uplands is a beautiful landscape and environment; however, it is continually affected by litter and illegal dumping. This road is part of the Dublin Mountains Way and both walkers and day trippers regularly visit the area. For over 15 years now Pure have been actively increasing awareness of the South Dublin Uplands and engaging with communities, schools, walking groups, running groups, cycling groups, businesses and organisations, in an attempt to 'Clean Up The South Dublin Uplands'.

Ian Davis, Pure Manager, commented on the recent cleanup: "I remember when I first visited the South Dublin Uplands in 2006

that we do not become complacent, or unfortunately, we will return to the bad old days when illegal dumping was prevalent."

The joint efforts of The Pure Project and Atha Cliath Clean Up The Uplands Team Pure Mile Group resulted in the removal of over 1,700kg of illegal dumping and litter. The group concentrated their efforts on removing all of the discarded, cans, bottles, glass, wrappers, and plastic, from the Viewing Point on the Military Road and then moved to the Piperstown Road and were amazed at the amount of discarded litter in the area.

The Pure Truck spent the day removing the large illegally dumped waste, which consisted of construction and demolition waste, timber, floor boards, plaster board, concrete blocks, doors, furniture, and other items. The Pure Project videoed and photographed both clean-ups and posted them on their social media pages.



and was appalled at the amount and scale of illegal dumping on the landscape. There was a time when you couldn't drive down Piperstown due to the amount of illegal dumping on the road. Over the years Pure has removed tonnes of illegal dumping from this area, but now we are finally seeing progress and a decrease in illegal dumping in the South Dublin Uplands. The Pure Project and the Pure Mile Volunteers have both improved and enhanced the South Dublin Uplands, however, it is extremely important

Pure are engaging with a number of organisations and groups who have already registered with the Pure Mile and all are assisting Pure in, 'Cleaning-Up The South Dublin Uplands'. Several more litter picks / cleanups have been organised throughout the year and areas covered will include, Glenasmole Road, Cunard Road, Piperstown Road, Glassamucky Road, Castle Kelly Road, Ballymorefinn, Kilakee Car Park, The White Road, and all sections of the R115 Military Road.

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Pure supply all groups with Pure Mile Signs, Pure Mile Bags, Pure Mile High-Vis Vests, litter pickers and gloves, and the Pure Truck collects all rubbish and litter gathered by groups. All groups who register with the Pure Mile Project are invited to the Pure Mile Gala Evening Awards Night, and all receive a Certificate of Participation, a selection of Native Irish Trees, and all feature in the Pure Mile Calendar.

Pure are looking for groups, communities, individuals, schools, walking groups, cycling groups, running groups, scouts, businesses, organisations, EVERYONE, to get involved in the Pure Mile by adopting an upland area in the South Dublin Uplands. All groups who enter will be included in the 'Clean-Up The Uplands' Award category and all are in with a chance of winning €500.

Anyone interested in the Pure Mile competition can request an application form and information pack by emailing

info@pureproject.ie or it can be downloaded from <http://www.pureproject.ie/the-pure-mile/pure-mile-application-form/>.

You can also write to; Pure Project, Wicklow Mountains, National Park, Kilafin, Laragh, Bray, Co. Wicklow and they will post out all the information or request an application form and information pack by phoning Pure on 0404 45547.

To enter, simply put your name and contact details on an application form and the Pure Project Manager will meet you and 'Walk the Mile' with you.

Pure would also like to inform the public that the lo-call phone number to report dumping in the South Dublin Uplands has changed from 1850 365 121 to 1800 365 123. Further information on Pure can be found on [www.pureproject.ie](http://www.pureproject.ie) – **TO REPORT DUMPERS AND DUMPING IN THE SOUTH DUBLIN UPLANDS LO-CALL 1800 365 123**



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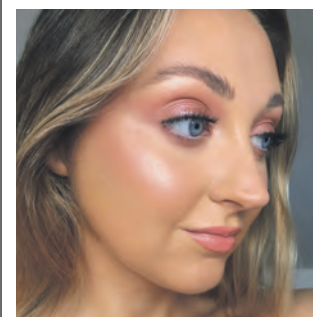
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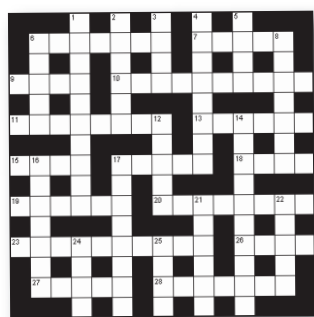


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# Spreading The Disease

## NEW EP FROM ROCK BAND WALKER

by Aideen O'Flaherty /aideen@echo.ie

**R**ock band WALKER, who have previously worked with multi-platinum album producer Michael Wagener, best known for his work with Metallica and Queen, are gearing up for the release of their new EP.

The four-piece, consisting of frontman and Firhouse native Glen Walker, guitarist Kelan Hughes, drummer Ali Cruz and bassist Pete Jordan, set up the band in 2017 with the aim of bringing rock to a mainstream audience.

Alongside their passion for recording music, the band are also dedicated and energetic performers who are currently preparing to play a headline show in Fibbers on Friday, April 22, to coincide with the release of their second EP 'Spreading the Disease'.

Frontman Glen Walker told *The Echo* about how the band felt about releasing the follow-up to their well-received

debut EP, 2019's 'Bringing Rock Back', what the process of putting together the new EP was like, and what gig-goers can expect from their headline show.

**You released your debut EP 'Bringing Rock Back' in 2019, which was produced by Michael Wagener and physical copies of it sold out in Osaka, Japan, within ten days. What was that experience like for you?**

Those debut EP sessions were amazing. We've been so eager and ambitious, not only to record music we strongly believe in, that resonates with us, but on top of that, to work with the very guy that was behind the control board for Queen and Janet Jackson, just speaks volumes. I think it says that we're doing something right. And we do not take it for granted.

**Following the runaway success of your debut EP, did you feel much pressure when you were working on your new, follow-up EP 'Spreading the Disease'?**

Not at all. We were so excited to get back into the studio and begin recording again. Personally, I feel proud and excited knowing that the following and fans we have gained since the first EP are going to love this, since they liked the initial release. If 'Bringing Rock Back' was the starter, 'Spreading the Disease' is the main course!

**What was the process of putting 'Spreading the Disease' together like?**

I wrote and recorded a rough version of the title track in 2019, I believe. Our lead guitarist, Kelan, took it and refined the chorus and speed of the song. So it truly was a team effort. There are some stand-



out songs that Kelan wrote, like 'Make It Work', which he sings lead vocals on. Seeing the band and our producer Michael Richards after it had been a while, was a breath of fresh air. Everybody in the studio was having a blast. There were smiles on all of our faces.

**How do you feel about releasing your new EP, and what response do you hope to get from listeners?**

I feel very excited. I'm so proud of this band and our work. Holding the CD in my hands on release day will be the ultimate pay-off. My goal is that listeners enjoy it. I have a strong feeling they will, as it's the best material we've recorded, in my opinion.

**Do you have a favourite song on the EP?**

That's a difficult question, as the answer always changes. As of today, I'd have to say 'Beautiful Woman'. It's a song I wrote over 10 years ago and the band were eager to include it. There's some lovely sounding acoustic guitars and piano layered on the track, that I had the pleasure of recording. Radio Nova have been kind enough to keep it on rotation and that means quite a lot. The song is very sentimental to me and I'm quite proud of how it turned out.

**You're playing a headline show in Fibbers later this month, how are preparations going for the show?**

We're hungry to play. We've played a few gigs recently, but they were just warm-ups. This is going to be the show of all shows. We're rehearsing and going over the setlist, making sure to keep everything fun and exciting. Life couldn't be better.

**What can the audience expect from a WALKER gig?**

A bombastic, exciting, rock'n'roll party! Some refer to it as a show. It's a feel-good celebration for everyone that loves music and a good time. We love keeping the live show energetic and entertaining – always giving you something to look at while we sing and play. If you like Bon Jovi, Guns N' Roses or Van Halen, this is the gig for you.

**Where can people go to find out more about WALKER?**

We're on Facebook at 'WALKER - Band', you can follow us on Instagram, @W.a.l.k.e.r.band, and you can check out our YouTube channel 'WALKER Band'. Our new EP 'Spreading the Disease' will be available on Spotify, Deezer and all streaming platforms on April 22. Physical copies and merch can also be found at [www.walkerband.bigcartel.com](http://www.walkerband.bigcartel.com)

# Having A Ball

## AT ROUND TOWER GAA CLUB EASTER CAMP

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**Liam Óg, Harry, Daniel, Cillian and Seán U13**



**Sadhbh, Sadhbh, Penny, Aoibhinn, Siún, Meadhbh, and Grace U10**

# No Commitments Choir

COME ALONG WHENEVER YOU CAN

by Merle van Erve / news@echo.ie

**B**ack in February I wrote an article on the No Commitments Choir, based in Firhouse. The choir is a place for anybody who wants to sing in a choir, but are not able to participate in every rehearsal.

When I was interviewing Kate McGowan, the founder of the choir, she invited me to join them one evening and I happily accepted.

It was April 12 when I arrived way too early in Firhouse. That didn't stop Kate and Connor, her brother who plays the piano, giving me a warm welcome.

After enjoying a cup of tea and talking with Kate and Connor, the first people arrived.

The first thing I noticed was that there were mostly women and that I, at nineteen years old, was probably the youngest person attending.

Everybody talked with each other, as if they had known each other for a very long time. I know that community plays a big part in Ireland and it seemed that the No Commitments Choir is a place for the community to come together

and enjoy each other's company.

Now I must tell you, most of the times I feel a bit awkward when I am attending somewhere and I don't know anybody.

Especially when I have to sing, as my voice is perfect for the shower, but that's it.

But this evening, I did not feel awkward at all. Everybody simply enjoyed the evening and had fun singing together. Whether you have a voice like Beyoncé or for the shower, it didn't matter.

Kate was also able to put everybody at ease. She split us up in three sections, high, medium and low voices. Everybody got their own parts and eventually sang all together.

The members took this very seriously, as people brought pens and made notes.

Kate was also very patient, if you did not understand something, she would explain it again and sing it with you.

At the end of the night, all sections came together and we sang the full song. I am not an



No Commitments choir rehearsal

expert in singing, but I must say that it sounded really good.

For me, the evening was a good way to take a break from daily life and to simply enjoy singing with others. I know for a fact that all the

members agree with me on that.

If you want to enjoy a night full of singing as well, the choir meets every second Tuesday. You can simply drop in or book a ticket through their Facebook page.

# 100k Subscribers for Spillane

BRENDAN ACHIEVES YOUTUBE GOAL

by Merle van Erve / news@echo.ie

**Y**ouTuber Brendan Spillane, from Jobstown and past pupil of Old Bawn Community School, has achieved his goal of reaching 100k subscribers to his YouTube channel iRushAlways.

Brendan started his channel back in 2015. At that time he would just upload whatever he wanted, however, after a couple of videos he noticed that it did not work like that.

Eventually he figured out that he could make content on one of his favourite games 'Fortnite', as that was really popular.

"It took a lot of trial and error to figure out what works and what doesn't, but now in the last year or so I've figured out my content. It's all down to how much you put into it and once you give it your all, you'll see the results," said Brendan

Now Brendan has reached the point where he can use YouTube as a fulltime job and that has always been his dream job.

"I make my own hours starting early in the morning or in the evening. It doesn't even feel like working, that's how much I enjoy it."

He told *The Echo* that he used to watch a lot of YouTube himself when he was younger. He was especially interested in the popular creators like Ali-A and JackSepticEye.

Those YouTubers have always been a huge inspiration to him and that's why he eventually



decided to start a YouTube channel himself.

After seven years, he thinks that he is finally starting to understand what works and what doesn't work for his channel.

"The hardest and most challenging part about running my channel is probably coming up with fresh ideas and making sure the videos have an attractive title and thumbnail. It definitely helps to have some sort of knowledge in graphics design," said Brendan.

In the future he hopes to work with more companies, who can sponsor him. He said that he has already worked with Manscaped and he is currently working with Opera Gx.

"One day, I'd just like to be the next big creator in Ireland, in the gaming scene," said Brendan.

Brendan also has some advice for the people who wish to start their own YouTube channel, but don't really know how to start.

"The best advice I could give to anyone who wants to start their own YouTube channel, is to be consistent. YouTube rewards creators who post consistently, by pushing your videos out to a wider audience. If you're thinking about making a channel and don't know what type of content you want to make, I'd round it off to an area you are most interested in. There's almost an audience for every niche on YouTube."

# Easter Camp Fun

AT ST FRANCIS FOOTBALL CLUB IN BALDONNEL

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U 7/8 from St Francis Football Club enjoying the Easter Camp



U 11/12



U 7/8



U 7/8/9 with Coaches Scott, Donnacha and Cian



U 11/12

“Keep walking the walk, one step at a time.”

Joyce Meyer

# Health & Fitness

## WALK TO BETTER HEALTH

by Lee Moroney / info@coachapproach.ie

**N**o one needs to be reminded that the fitness craze has arrived in full bloom and hints to us that it's not going away anytime soon.

For the more, shall we say, "leisurely" type of person, this can cause a lot of guilt. "I'm going to start walking -- next week." "How hard can it be to just walk for 30 minutes? I can do that. I just haven't had time." We've all heard (and sometimes used) one of these excuses.

The one reason people don't do what they don't absolutely have to do is simple: They don't want to, and they don't have to. We grow up learning that death and taxes are the only two inevitables. Now they want us to exercise?

Exercise is thought of by many people as a forced kind of event, and walking hovers near the top of the list in the "boring" category. "I don't want to just WALK! What's the point, where's the destination?" we ask.

Well, just like everything else, there are loopholes here aplenty; it's up to the individual to make something so intolerably "boring" pretty interesting. It's also imperative to your health that you rethink that statement and re-prioritize your life.

Just think of it this way: Do you place a high enough priority on yourself and your well-being? It never hurts to remind yourself of the health benefits you'd gain by walking regularly. It's true -- you will not notice these long-term benefits right away, you will notice these things: You'll have more energy. You'll sleep better. You'll be fitter. And you'll be happier.



**Lee Moroney** HAS BEEN COACHING ADULTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN FOR OVER 20 YEARS, SPECIALISING IN TUTORING FOR DDLETB IN SPORTS, EXERCISE AND FITNESS QOI LEVEL 5S, ALONG WITH MANY COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES AROUND WELLBEING. THE 1,450TH PERSON COMMENCED IN 2020 BY GETTING OFF THE COUCH FOR HIS 'COUCH TO 5Km' PROGRAMME — OVER 500 PEOPLE HAVE USED HIS ONLINE WEIGHT-LOSS PROGRAMME.

Still not enough? OK. On those days you really can't seem to set aside a half hour for a walk, you CAN walk. Find shorter segments of time where walking naturally fits into your schedule. If you're used to driving everywhere, this may take a little rethinking. But consider this: If you have a short errand to do, a meeting to attend, or a child to pick up, walk. If you're headed to see a movie, to worship, to a game, walk. Although it may take a few minutes longer than normal, remind yourself of your efficient use of time: you're actually accomplishing several things at once. (This is a mental trick, but it works).

Look, if our ancestors survived the Ice Age, it won't kill you to walk in the rain. In our age of climate control and central air, we like our environment to remain comfortable at all times. But, come on, how "boring" is that?

Another trick is to think of walking as a basic human need, like sleep, shelter, and food. Then, after you complete your 30 minutes, reward yourself with any of the other three needs. Walk back home and go in the kitchen.

The key is to never demand too much from yourself. So what if the dishes aren't done? Do them later. You'll live longer and more healthfully if you walk instead of doing the dishes! And doctors don't prescribe doing the washing a certain amount of times during the week. These are the "blocks" you put in front of yourself that keep you from walking.

It certainly isn't easy to change our priorities in today's hectic world, but it's harder to begin "getting healthy" when it's a little too late -- and the house is spotless.

Walk to better health...

1. Do 3 x 30 mins walks a week, distance, steps it doesn't matter. It's the time on your feet, not the distance travelled. If I go walking for example I stroll and do not walk fast.
2. Walk in different places and surroundings. Always let someone know where your going for safety.
3. Listen to music, podcast or something of interest to you.
4. Walk with a friend, or try find a walking group.

# On The Ball

## AT THOMAS DAVIS GAA EASTER CAMP

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The Academy



U7



U11/12 at Thomas Davis GAA Easter Camp at Kiltipper Road



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“My secret indulgent food is dessert. I have an incredible sweet tooth - chocolate pudding with vanilla ice-cream or trifle and pavlova. I do love dessert.

Deborra-Lee Furness

# Food with passion

## CHOCOLATE PAVLOVA

by **john paul kennedy** / jpcooking@gmail.com



Last week i was contemplating what dessert could i make for easter sunday dinner as my sister, brother in-law and my two nephews were coming and i instantly thought pavlova, as it's one of their favourite desserts. i've made many different versions of pavlova over the years but i was craving something new and different and then i remembered nigella lawson had made a chocolate pavlova before and i thought; perfect, chocolate for easter and in pavlova form both bases covered. this is incredibly easy to make but so delicious to eat. the crisp and chewy chocolate meringue base, rich in cocoa and beaded nuggets of chopped plain chocolate, provides a sombre, dark-brown layer beneath the fat whiteness of the cream and matt, glowering crimson strawberries on top: it is a killer combination!

### Ingredients: (Makes one generous pavlova)

300g castor sugar  
6 egg whites  
1 teaspoon of good vanilla extra  
1 teaspoon of white wine vinegar  
3 tablespoons of cocoa  
100g of finely chopped plain dark chocolate

### Topping:

300g chopped strawberries  
500ml double cream  
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract  
coarsely grated dark chocolate to decorate

**john paul kennedy** is a self-taught cook and an avid fan of collecting cookery books with a passion for good old-fashioned home cooking. his passion for proper family cooking stems from his two grandmothers, who were both excellent cooks, one of whom was a trained chef. **jp** promises to bring us plenty of family-inspired recipes and tasty treats while showing us how to get the basics right

### Method

1. preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas mark 4/350°F and line a baking tray with baking parchment.
2. beat the egg whites until satiny peaks form, and then beat in the sugar a spoonful at a time until the meringue is stiff and shiny. sprinkle over the cocoa and vinegar, and the chopped chocolate. then gently fold everything until the cocoa is thoroughly mixed in. mound on to a baking sheet in a fat circle approximately 23cm / 9 inches in diameter, smoothing the sides and top. place in the oven, then immediately turn the temperature down to 150°C/130°C fan/gas mark 2/300°F and cook for about one to one and a quarter hours. when it's ready it should look crisp around the edges and on the sides and be dry on top, but when you prod the centre you should feel the promise of squidginess beneath your fingers. turn off the oven and open the door slightly, and let the chocolate meringue disc cool completely.
3. when you're ready to serve, put the meringue on to a big, flat-bottomed plate. whisk the cream till thick but still soft and pile it on top of the meringue, then scatter over the strawberries. coarsely grate the chocolate and sprinkle haphazardly over the top, letting some fall, as it will, on the plate's rim.

this pavlova recipe went down a real treat with all my family on easter sunday. i had every confidence it would – despite me slightly adapting the recipe somewhat. you can use raspberries if you prefer, i tend to find them quite tart but either way, if you are after the contrast of the dark pavlova base, with white cream adorned on top and the crimson red berries make this dessert a real feast for the eyes and one that i will certainly making time and time again! pavlova's are great for when you're entertaining a crowd as the base can be made the day ahead and they go a long way!



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# Fun In The Sun

## AT ST ANNE'S GAA CLUB EASTER CAMP IN BOHERNABREENA

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Lily with the U6's group having a ball in St Anne's



Kerry, Rebecca and Sam with the the U10's



Sophie, Cara and Debbie with the U9's



Ashling and Ava with the U8's



Jack and Katie with the U10's enjoying the games



Ellen, Luke, Steff and Emily with the U12's, enjoying the fun in St Anne's GAA Club on Wednesday

# Freshly Ground Theatre

## THEATRE PIECES RELEVANT TO TODAY'S SOCIETY

by Merle van Erve / news@echo.ie

**F**reshly Ground Theatre is a community based theatre company in Tallaght. Together with the community they create theatre pieces that are relevant to today's society.

In 2019 Freshly Ground Theatre created 'Ode to a Postcode', which involved people from the community writing letters addressed to Tallaght. They then turned the letters into songs and performed them in a cabaret style setting.

Their most recent project, ANAM ÓG (YOUNG SOUL), involved them working with the community of Glenasmole. The project is about the theme of eternal youth and the myth of Oisín in Tír na nÓg.

This resulted in an installation that will remain at the upper reservoir walk until late April.

Freshly Ground Theatre find their inspiration in many places. Often their

inspiration comes from a particular place or site and sometimes it comes from wanting to work with a certain group of people.

"We have regular conversations about our ideas and how to bring them to fruition. We also see lots of theatre and other forms of art, and we are so lucky to be surrounded by excellent work in Tallaght, from the Civic, RUA RED, Tallaght Community Arts, Tallaght Library, and so many more organisations," said Martha from Freshly Ground Theatre.

They didn't sit still during the pandemic either. During the pandemic, they started a project called 'Play Apart'. Young people were asked to submit a short script and Freshly Ground Theatre performed them over Zoom in June 2020.

"We decided to play out these scripts as we thought that young people had very valuable and important things to say about the pandemic, isolation, and other themes. We believe that young people's voices should be heard and represented in theatre, and much of our work with young people focuses on this," Martha explained.

Back in 2020, the group told *The Echo* that they wanted to make new kinds of theatre and they are still very interested in that today.

These new kinds of theatre include film,

augmented reality and virtual reality technologies, sound and audio.

Their project 'This is a Blank Page' was a large-scale digital show, which included radio play, film and workshop. The audience was able to enjoy it all while being remote.

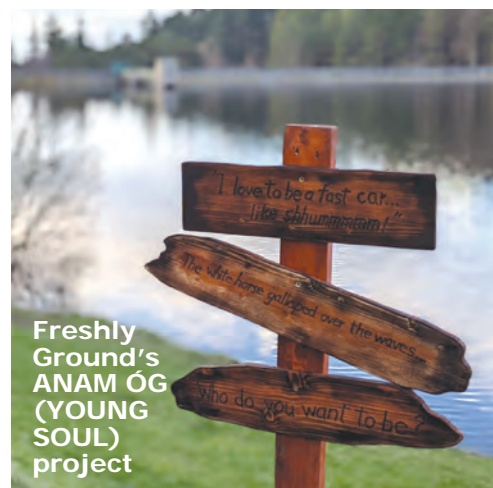
For their most recent project 'ANAM ÓG (YOUNG SOUL)', one of their core artists Bronwen Barrett, built an archive website, so everybody would be able to experience the installation in Glenasmole.

"We are also currently working on an exciting project with the Civic's Ready Steady Show! programme, which involves QR codes which trigger short animations for early years audiences. The integration of exciting digital elements while still providing top quality live experiences is core to much of our work as a company at the moment," said Martha.

Besides their work with the Civic, they also run free workshops for young people, as part of Cruinniú na nÓg South Dublin.

Here they give young people the chance to be creative in a very accessible way. They are also cooking up some new plans, which they are very excited about to share with their audience.

Freshly Ground Theatre can be followed on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and their website [www.freshlygroundtheatre.info](http://www.freshlygroundtheatre.info)



Freshly Ground's ANAM ÓG (YOUNG SOUL) project

# I'm Fine

## NEW RELEASE FROM LUCAN SINGER SONGWRITER

by Merle van Erve / news@echo.ie

**A**lex Tierney is a 22 years old singer-songwriter from Lucan. His new single 'I'm Fine' was released on April 8 via Warner's Level Music.

Alex's music can be described as catchy pop and gentle folk songwriting, mixed with elements of hip-hop and R&B.

One of his last performances, before the pandemic, was in Dublin's Olympia Theatre. He managed to positively surprise his audience with stripped back versions of his own original songs.

With nearly two million streams across platforms such as Spotify he receives big support from iHeartRadio, MTV, Vevo and even from former One Direction's member Niall Horan.

His new single 'I'm Fine' is inspired by one of those days during lockdown, where everything felt a bit too much. Alex said that he sat down at the piano and poured his feelings out and within 30 minutes 'I'm Fine' was born.

"It was one of those special creative experiences where you sort of go into a daze and you're completely focused. I feel like some of the best work can come out of those writing sessions because you're not overthinking it you're just in the moment," explained Alex.

According to Alex, the song is not necessarily about a message. He felt like it is more an

insight in his diary, where he simply opened up about all his anxious thoughts and feelings.

He told *The Echo* that he finds his inspiration for his music in everything. He finds it in his relationships, his friends, other artists' work and in random thoughts.

"It can sometimes feel like inspiration can just fall from the sky and land in your lap, but that mystery can be part of the beauty because you can't force it the ideas have to come. I just have to make sure I show up and turn those ideas into something," Alex told *The Echo*.

The fact that Niall Horan is a fan of his music, made Alex realise that, regardless of people's status, they're all just fans of music.

He thinks that everybody supporting each other is one of the amazing things about the music industry. It also helps him motivate to be the best he can be.

"I try to just focus on making music that I love though, because focusing too much on numbers and awards can be stressful and you can start to compromise your own vision to be more commercial. Knowing that people are enjoying the songs feels great and definitely helps me feel like what I'm doing is worthwhile," said Alex.

His plans for the future are to release tons of new music. Alex feels like the music he's making keeps getting better and better and he

hopes that people enjoy it as much as he does.

He said: "There might even be some gigs throughout the year to be announced, so keep your eyes peeled."

'I'm Fine' is out now on Spotify.



Singer-songwriter Alex Tierney

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Cian and the 12-14's



Matthew and the 12-14's



Wiki and the 8-11's



Javi and the 8-11's



8-11's

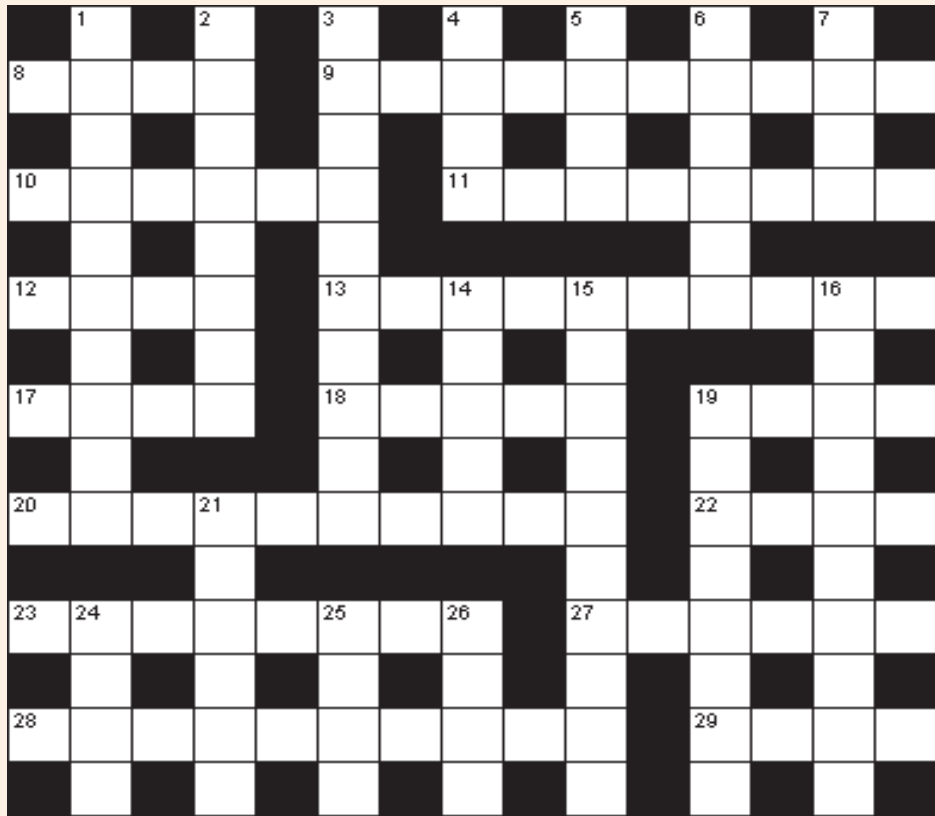


Killian and the 8-11's



William and the 8-11's

# echocrossquiz Q2104



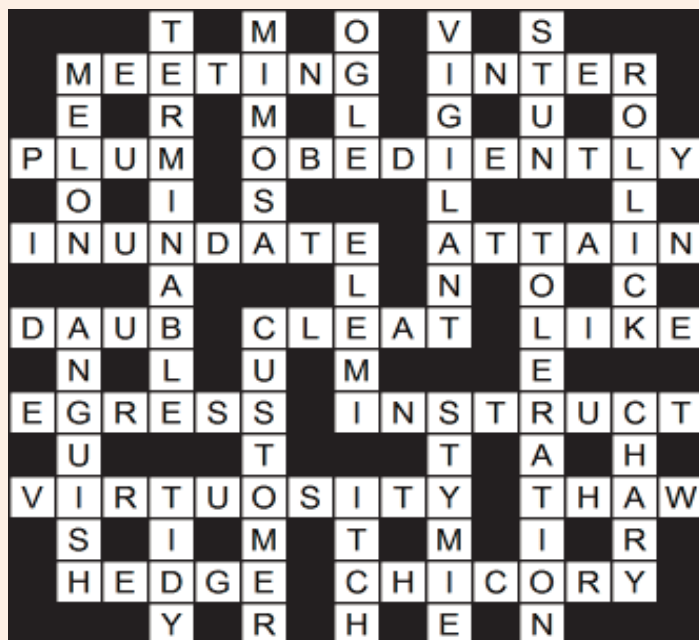
**ACROSS**

- 8 Gin flavor (4)
- 9 Throughout far and wide (10)
- 10 Set ablaze (6)
- 11 Delphinium (8)
- 12 Cab (4)
- 13 Worsen (10)
- 17 Neat (4)
- 18 Lacquer ingredient (5)
- 19 God of love (4)
- 20 Chimney (10)
- 22 Reflected sound (4)
- 23 With skill (8)
- 27 Paramours (6)
- 28 Chip in (10)
- 29 Throw (4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Copyright infringement (10)
- 2 Pleasing and appropriate manner or style (8)
- 3 Sugar and aspartame (10)
- 4 Graven image (4)
- 5 Russian emperor (4)
- 6 Found at the end of a pencil (6)
- 7 Maori club (4)
- 14 Sporting venue (5)
- 15 Analgesic (10)
- 16 Used to clean teeth (10)
- 19 Weaken (8)
- 21 Tangled in snarls (6)
- 24 An unpleasant destiny (4)
- 25 One of two (4)
- 26 Not our (4)

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS 1404**



CAN YOU BEAT THIS WEEK'S CROSSQUIZ?

## SUDOKU 1

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## SUDOKU 2

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## ANSWERS

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SUDOKU 2

SUDOKU 1

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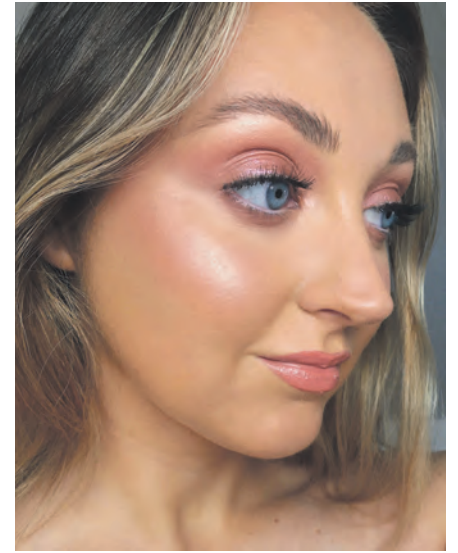
“ I discovered after going to music festivals that I am a rock fan. I love the guitars, the phrasing, and the abandon of rock fans.

Beyonce Knowles

# eBeauty

## GET FESTIVAL READY

by **Aine Pollock** / @ainepollockmakeup @ainepollock@gmail.com



**W**e have gone two years without music festivals and with the festival of all festivals Coachella currently taking place in California, I think it is safe to say that they are back. We will have a lot of great events to look forward to this summer in Ireland. It is time to start thinking about what creative looks you might want to pull off this summer and not to forget that you can get just as fun and creative with your makeup look as well as your outfit. Here are some makeup must-haves for festival season to make sure you are well prepared when the time comes.

**Aine Pollock** IS A GRADUATE FROM IADT DESIGN FOR STAGE AND SCREEN, MAJORING IN MAKEUP AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING FOR TV AND FILM PRODUCTIONS AS A MAKEUP ARTIST. SHE HAS WORKED IN RETAIL FOR CHRISTIAN DIOR, EXPANDING HER KNOWLEDGE OF CONTEMPORARY BEAUTY WHILE SEEKING OUT THE LATEST TRENDS. WORKING ON MOVIE SETS HAS ENABLED AINE'S EXPERTISE TO REACH BEYOND BEAUTY MAKEUP AND GAIN VERSATILITY IN PROSTHETICS AND MODEL-MAKING. SHE IS EXCITED TO SHARE HER ENTHUSIASM AND PASSION FOR ALL THINGS BEAUTY-RELATED.



Colourful Eyeshadow palette:

Eyeshadow palettes with pops of colour are perfect for festival season. This one is great because not only does it have every colour needed but there are also some nice brown and neutral tones for when you want to tone things down.



Eyeshadow primer:

One thing we know about festivals is that you're about to embark on a long day. This means you want your makeup to last all day and that starts with prep. Priming your eyelids before applying your eyeshadow means your eye makeup won't budge.



Individual Eyelashes:

As we're talking about making your makeup last, I find when it comes to false lashes individual lashes can sometimes get away with staying on that little bit longer. You will not get the edges lifting the way a strip lash might.



Lip Tint:

With food and drink stands at almost every corner you turn, you more than likely will be eating and drinking a lot. Therefore, you need to wear a lip stain under your lipstick to make sure you get a little longer out of your lip colour.



Highlighter:

At festivals you can get a little bit more creative with your makeup than you usually would, glowing skin is a must so make sure to pop a little bit of highlighter to your shoulders and chest.



Gems and Sparkles:

What is a festival without some sparkle? You can find gems and glitter on Amazon or in your local Deals. For sticking glitter to your skin, rub on some Vaseline then apply the glitter or for sticking down gems just use some eyelash glue and you're good to go.

“ On my days off, I love denim cut off shorts with gladiator sandals and crop tops.

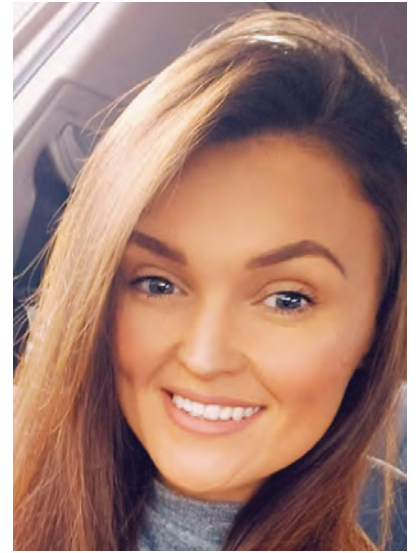
Katerina Graham

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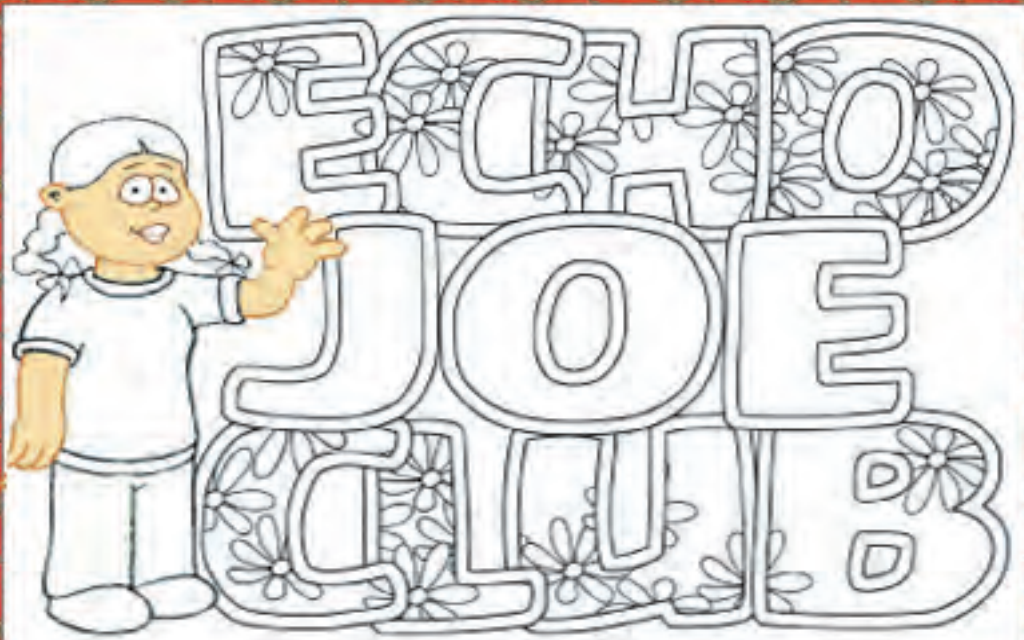
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A Word with Echo So...

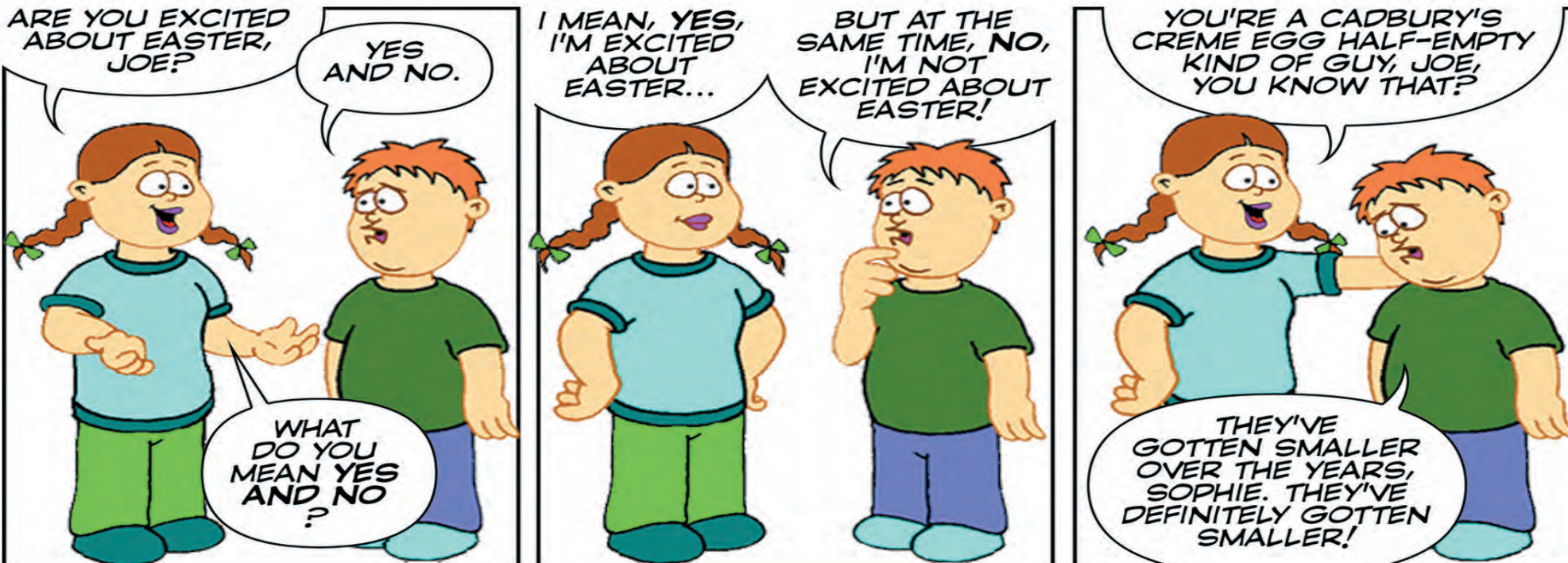
## Anticipation



**CLUBBERS,**  
HOW MANY WORDS  
(TWO LETTERS OR MORE)  
CAN YOU MAKE FROM  
THE ABOVE WORDS?

5-20 pretty good! 21-35 excellent!  
36 and over - you do realise these  
have to be real words, don't you!

1	14	27
2	15	28
3	16	29
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**ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT EASTER, JOE?**

**YES AND NO.**

**WHAT DO YOU MEAN YES AND NO?**

**I MEAN, YES, I'M EXCITED ABOUT EASTER...**

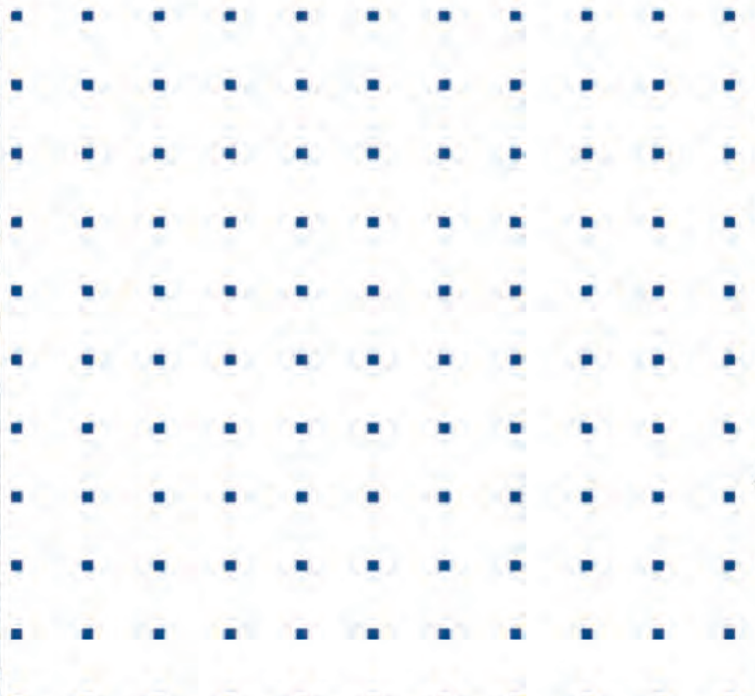
**BUT AT THE SAME TIME, NO, I'M NOT EXCITED ABOUT EASTER!**

**YOU'RE A CADBURY'S CREME EGG HALF-EMPTY KIND OF GUY, JOE, YOU KNOW THAT?**

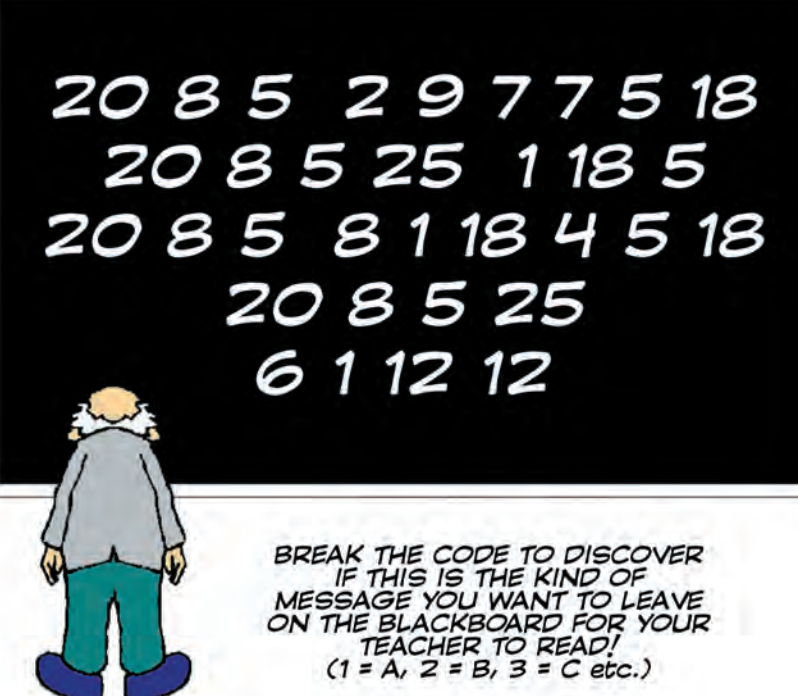
**THEY'VE GOTTEN SMALLER OVER THE YEARS, SOPHIE. THEY'VE DEFINITELY GOTTEN SMALLER!**

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20 8 5 2 9 7 7 5 18  
20 8 5 25 1 18 5  
20 8 5 8 1 18 4 5 18  
20 8 5 25  
6 1 12 12

BREAK THE CODE TO DISCOVER IF THIS IS THE KIND OF MESSAGE YOU WANT TO LEAVE ON THE BLACKBOARD FOR YOUR TEACHER TO READ!  
(1 = A, 2 = B, 3 = C etc.)



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A MISSING LETTER ON EACH ROW FINISHES ONE WORD AND STARTS THE NEXT...

BUT WHAT ARE THE LETTERS?

ECH		VAL
BIN		UTY
GRI		ERD
RIN		NIT
DOW		EAR
PES		UNE
MUR		IND
FIR		PIC

the missing letters: O, D, N, K, N, T, K, E.

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### ANNIVERSARY



**Gaule, Michael**  
6th Anniversary on 26.4.2022 of a dear Husband. Late of Brookview Park. Also remembering my beautiful daughter Mary Moore, Passed away 8.9.2018.

*You shared my ups and downs,  
You helped me see them through,  
You made the bad times better,  
By the things you used to say and do.*

*You were someone I could talk to,  
On whom I could depend,  
You were more than just a Husband,*

*You were also my best friend.  
And so on this your Anniversary,  
I long to let you know,  
How proud I am that you were mine,*

*Because I loved you so.  
So sadly missed and loved by your wife Phyllis, daughters Phill, Julie & Deirdre, Sons-in-law, Grandchildren, Great grandchildren and Friends.*

**Dad  
6 Years**

*We cannot bring the old days back,  
When we were all together,  
The family chain is broken now,  
But memories live forever.*

**Thinking of you and my sister Mary love & Miss you both, Bee, Jody & Family. xx**

**Sixth Anniversary of our lovely Dad Mick**

*The day's, months & years pass,  
But you're still in our thoughts daily,  
Your gift to us was your sense of humour,*

*Your stories are still being told.  
You're sadly missed and loved Dad, Put your arms around Mary, tell her we miss & love her.*

**Julie, John and Family. xx**

**Dad**

*Thinking of the happy days,  
We shared when I was small,  
Always brightens up my day,  
In the nicest way of all,  
Memories are something no one can steal,  
Death is a heartache no one can heal.*

**Also remembering my sister Mary and son Jon.  
Love always Dee, Alan & Family. xx**

### ANNIVERSARY



**O'Reilly, Joan**  
3rd Anniversary (20th April 2019).

*Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure,  
You are loved beyond words,  
And missed beyond measure.*

**Forever in our hearts  
Lorraine, Patrick, Deirdre,  
Samantha, Paddy, Pj,  
Jennifer, Joe, John & Gemma**

### ANNIVERSARY



**Wickham (nee Durkin), Lisa**  
3rd Anniversary away from home occurs 23rd of April. Late of Knockmore Grove. In memory of a beautiful Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Also remembering her son Stephen who passed away on 31st of August 2012 and her grandson Darren who passed away on 6th of May 2021.

*I often sit in my garden,  
And think about you a while,  
Remembering wonderful memories,  
And my sadness becomes a smile,  
For when sitting in my garden,  
It is the place I like to be,  
For I know in my heart,  
You'll always be sitting next to me.*  
**Sadly missed by your husband Andy, daughters Jenny and Elaine and son Andrew, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, extended Family and Friends.**

### ANNIVERSARY



**Kinsella, Margaret**  
In loving memory of my loving wife Margaret whose 1st Anniversary away from home occurs on 21st April.

*I lost my life's companion,  
A life linked with my own,  
Day by day I yearn for you,  
As I walk through life alone.  
The house you left is lonely,  
And I am lonely too,  
Those left behind are good and kind,*

*But my heart aches for you.  
You were someone I could talk to,  
On whom I could depend,  
You were more than just my wife,  
You were also my best friend.*

*If tears were a stairway to Heaven,  
And memories were a lane,  
I'd climb each stair to Heaven,  
And take you home again.  
**You will be forever in my heart and I will always love you from your heartbroken husband Marty. xxx***

**We miss you Mam**

*If roses grow in Heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for us,  
Place them in our Mother's arms,  
And tell her they're from us.  
Tell her we love her and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek,  
And hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
We do it every day,  
But there's an ache within our hearts,  
That will never go away.*

**We love you Mam and miss you every minute of every day from your daughter Orla, son Martin, son-in-law Paul & daughter-in-law Phuong. xxx**

**We miss you Nanny**

*Of all the special gifts in life,  
However great or small,  
To have you as our Nanny,  
Was the greatest gift of all.  
A special time, a special face,  
A special Nanny, we can't replace.  
**We love you and miss you every day Nanny from your grandchildren Rhys, Ellie, Lana & Jake. xxx***

### NOVENA

**Novena to the Sacred Heart**  
*Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it dear Jesus and place it within your broken heart where your holy Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen. Say prayer for 3 days. Promise publication and favour will be granted. E.M.*

### ANNIVERSARY



**Sheridan, Sharon**  
5th Anniversary away from home occurred 20th of April.

*It's been a long hard road without you my dear,  
We all miss you and wish you was here,  
I hope you're good where ever you are,  
If it's next to us or on a distant star.*

**Just letting you know you will always be here in our hearts forever my dear, Partner David.**

**We miss you Mam**

*We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new,  
We thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that too,  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
All we have are our memories,  
And picture in a frame,  
Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part,  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our hearts.*

**Miss you and love you always, Reece and Millie. xxxxx**

*There is no-one else on earth,  
So special to us as you were,  
We hold you forever our precious daughter,*

*In our hearts and memories.  
Saying farewell to you Sharon,  
Was the hardest thing we've ever had to do.  
We wish we had one more chance,  
To see that happy smile,  
To hold you close Sharon,  
Just for a little while.  
We wish that we could hold your hand*

*And make everything alright,  
We would tell you it's not goodbye,  
It's only goodnight.*

**Sadly missed by your loving Mam and Dad. We love you. xx Also remembering my Dad Daniel, my brothers Christy and Danny and my nephew Mark. R.I.P.**

*They say there is a reason,  
They say that time will heal,  
But neither time nor reason,  
Will change the way we feel.*

*For no-one knows the heartache,  
That lies behind our smiles,  
No one knows how many times,  
We have broken down and cried.  
We want to tell you something,  
So there won't be any doubt,  
You're so wonderful to think of,  
But so hard to be without.*

**Missed always, Negger, Ger, Kayleigh, Robyn and Sean.**

*Never more than a thought away,  
Loved and remembered every day.  
**Love nanny Lilly.***

*This heart felt message is for you Sharon,  
Each word is meant sincerely,  
Now that you're gone I miss you so dearly.*

*Sometimes my life feels empty,  
Nothing can take your place.  
I wish I could still hear your voice,  
And see your smiling face.  
You will never be forgotten,  
We think about you always,  
And treasure happy memories  
When we were all together.*

**Loved always Carol, Alan, Alan, Ross and Penny. xxxxx**

### NOVENA

**Novena to the Holy Spirit**

*Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evils against me all instances of my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you even in spite of all material illusion. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine (mention favours). this prayer must be said for three consecutive days and published immediately and after three days the favour will be granted. S.R.*

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**McCann, Jennifer (Jenny)**  
38th Birthday, 10th away from home occurs 20th April.

*A Birthday wish we send today,  
But not on a card in the usual way,  
It's written in gold on a cloud above,  
Sent to you Jenny with all our love,*

*Wrap your arms around her lord,  
Don't leave her on her own,  
We miss her so very much,  
She was the sunshine in our lives,  
We never wanted her to go,  
And wished she was with us still,  
We keep her safe within our heart,  
So she never feels too far away.*

**Love Mam, Stepad Gerard & Brother Stephen. xxx Remembering also her Dad Francis (Fran) whose 67th birthday is in April.**

### NOVENA

**Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

*O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein that you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that have recourse to thee. (3 times). Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times) M.L*

### NOVENA

**Angel Of Portugal**

*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which he is offended. And, through the infinite merits of his Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. L.G.*

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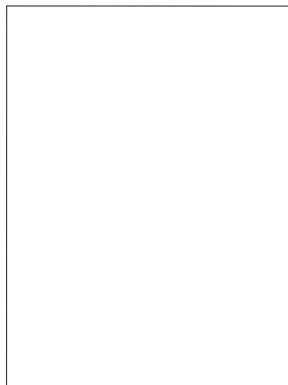
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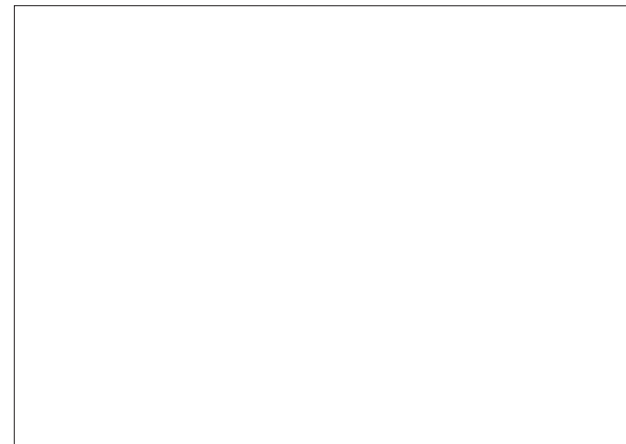
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## NOVENA

### Novena to St. Clare

*Ask St. Clare for 3 favours, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say 9 Hail Marys for 9 nights with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. Powerful Novena. Say "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified and loved, today and every day, throughout the whole world, AMEN". Say 6 times every day for 9 days. Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem. Publication must be promised. T.L.*

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## South Dublin County Council

We Alan & Carina Dillion intend to apply for full planning permission for 1: First floor & two storey extension to side 2: Removal of hip section of roof and building up gable wall to form a quarter hip 3: Conversion of attic to useable storage space placing 2 velux windows and a dormer window and solar panels in roof to rear , and 2 velux windows in roof to front 4 : For a new single storey extension to rear 5: Window profile change to house 6 : For a new single storey shed / home office extension to side of existing house at 29 Woodstown Lane , Dublin 16. This application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am – 4pm, Mon-Fri, and a submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.

## South Dublin County Council

Permission sought for the construction of single story dwelling with waste water treatment system, well, 3no Polytunnels in relation to proposed on site strawberry farm enterprise and all site works at McDonaghs Lane, Glenaraneen, Brittas, Co Dublin. Signed; Annette and Alan Ritchie. Planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of the South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.pm.,and may also be viewed on the council's website- www.sdcc.ie A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin Council on the payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin County Council and such submissions or observation will be considered by the planning Authority in making a decision on the application .The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without condition or may refuse to grant permission.

## South Dublin County Council

Paul and Verena Carty are applying for planning permission for single storey extensions to the side and rear elevations, new dormer window to the front elevation, first floor extension to the rear elevation of the existing dwelling house, along with minor alterations to all elevations. Widening of the existing vehicular entrance and all associated site works at 9 Wainsfort Crescent, Terenure, Dublin 6W, D6W XD30. This application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am to 4pm, Mon to Fri, and a submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.

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#### SD21A/0226 04 Apr 2022 Permission Additional Information

Applicant: Mridul Sharma  
Location: 4, Griffen Glen Drive, Griffen Glen, Lucan, Co. Dublin  
Description: Partial change of use of the ground floor of an existing dwelling to a childcare facility; proposed ground floor extension to form part of the childcare facility; new side entrance; proposed rear extension to the existing ground floor measuring 12sq.m; Internal alterations to include proposed accessible wc and minor demolition to accommodate new extension; all associated ancillary site works.

#### SD21A/0312 07 Apr 2022 Permission Additional Information

Applicant: Aerodrome Propco Limited  
Location: College Lane, Greenogue, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin  
Description: Subdivision of existing Block B, College Lane, Greenogue, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin (existing areas: 23,421sq.m single warehouse and 2,963sq.m ancillary office/staff facilities as granted under application Ref. SD19A/0265 into 2 warehousing units as follows: (1) Unit B1 to contain 13,719sq.m existing warehouse area, 2,905sq.m existing ancillary office/staff facilities area; (2) Unit B2 to contain 9,665sq.m existing warehouse area, 58sq.m existing ancillary staff facilities area, 37sq.m change of use of existing warehouse to ancillary office/staff facilities area at ground floor and 636sq.m additional 2-storey ancillary office/staff facilities on 1st & 2nd floor; the above proposal includes minor elevation adjustments to south & west elevation of Unit B2 to facilitate the additional ancillary office/staff facilities, subdivision of the rear HGV yard by internal fencing, provision of new HGV & car access gate to Unit B2 from the existing estate access road, provision of 36 carpark spaces including 2 disabled spaces and 24 bicycle spaces, pedestrian access & footpath from the new gate to the new ancillary office and associated drainage adjustments. (Note: this planning submission is one of two independent applications for subdivision options to Block B).

#### SD21A/0313 07 Apr 2022 Permission Additional Information

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Description: Subdivision of existing Block B, College lane, Greenogue, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin (existing areas: 23,421sq.m single warehouse an 2,963sq.m ancillary office/staff facilities as granted under application Ref. SD19A/0265 into 2 warehousing units as follows: (1) Unit 81 to contain 15,815sq.m existing warehouse area, 2,905sq.m existing ancillary office/staff facilities area and (2) Unit 82 to contain 7,569sq.m existing warehouse area, 58sq.m existing ancillary staff facilities area, 37sq.m change of use of existing warehouse to ancillary office/staff facilities area at ground floor and 636sq.m additional 2-storey ancillary office/staff facilities on 1st & 2nd floor; the above proposal includes minor elevation adjustments to south & west elevation of Unit 82 to facilitate the additional ancillary office/staff facilities, subdivision of the rear HGV yard by internal fencing, provision of new HGV & car access gate to Unit 82 from the existing estate access road, provision of 36 carpark spaces including 2 disabled spaces and 24 bicycle spaces, pedestrian access & footpath from the new gate to the new ancillary office and associated drainage adjustments, note this planning submission is one of two independent applications for subdivision options to Block B.

#### SD21A/0364 04 Apr 2022 Permission and Retention Additional Information

Applicant: Pfizer Ireland Pharmaceuticals  
Location: Grange Castle Business Park, Grange, Dublin 22  
Description: Replacement of existing signs in approved locations including the high level signs on the western elevation of the Drug Substance Building and the northern elevation of the Administration QAQC Building with a halo lit company logo and lettering and a face lit company logo and lettering, respectively; the non-illuminated wall mounted company sign adjacent to the entrance on the northern elevation of the Administration QAQC Building with non-illuminated company logo and lettering; the non-illuminated signs on structures on the verge of the Business Park estate road to the west of the site; and the signage on the approved internally illuminated structure on the verge at the junction of the Business Park estate roads to the north west of the site. The development for retention permission consists of the retention of a non-illuminated sign installed on a structure on the verge of the Business Park estate road to the west of the site; non-illuminated signs installed on the boundary fence adjacent to two of the entrances to the site from the Business Park estate road; non-illuminated traffic direction signs installed on traffic sign poles adjacent to the southern entrance into the site and on the verge of the Business Park estate road to the west of the site; and a wall mounted non-illuminated sign with company logo and lettering adjacent to the entrance on the western elevation to the Central Utility building.

#### SD21B/0630 05 Apr 2022 Permission Additional Information

Applicant: Ciaran & Nikki Brangan  
Location: 100, Whitecliff, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16  
Description: Construction of a single storey extension to the side and rear; window to the front; internal reconfiguration and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

#### SD22A/0033 06 Apr 2022 Retention Additional Information

Applicant: Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd.  
Location: Unit 3-4, Crag Avenue Business Park, Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Dublin 22  
Description: Retention permission and continuation of use of a former double height warehouse within their building as 426.6sq.m of office use, over two floors as well as all associated and ancillary elevation changes.

#### SD22A/0095 04 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Brian Sheridan  
Location: 50A, Springvale, Edmonstown Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16  
Description: 2 storey dwelling with mono pitched roof and ancillary site works to side of existing house.

#### SD22A/0096 05 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Lorat Trading Ltd.  
Location: Muldowney's Pub, Main Street, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin  
Description: Demolition of some of the existing structures on site to include a portion of an existing rubble wall; the rear extension of an existing cottage; existing structures, storerooms, and sheds to the west and north of Muldowney's Pub; the

reconfiguration, renovation, and extension of the existing cottages on site to provide for 2 two bedroom units; the reconfiguration and renovation of Muldowney's Pub and storage yard; the construction of 21 residential units within 2 three storey blocks to the rear and side of Muldowney's Pub as follows: Block A will provide 6 one bedroom units, giving a total of 6 apartments in this building; Block B will provide for a mix of 3 one bedroom and 12 two bedroom units, giving a total of 15 units within this Block; private open space will be provided in the form of balconies with communal open space provided in the centre of the site. The development will also include the provision of a pedestrian access from Main Street and a pedestrian and vehicular access via the existing car-park entrance to the rear of Muldowney's Pub; Provision of 32 carparking spaces and 44 bicycle spaces, all ancillary hard and soft landscaping, boundary treatment, ESB sub-station, signage, bin and bike stores and all engineering and site development works necessary to facilitate the development.

#### SD22A/0097 05 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: The Board of Management  
Location: Scoil Aonghusa Senior National School, Balrothery, Dublin 24  
Description: Provision of 1 approx. 100sq.m single storey temporary prefab (prefab 01 comprising 1 classroom & 3 resource rooms) adjacent to the south-east boundary of the site and 1 approx. 70sq.m single storey temporary prefab (prefab 02 comprising 1 classroom) adjacent to the north-west boundary of the site and all associated site works.

#### SD22A/0098 06 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Yew Grove REIT Ltd  
Location: UNIT 3022, Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24  
Description: Alterations to existing east and west elevations to include 10 external vents; installation of new photovoltaic solar panels to existing roof; provision of 10 bicycle parking spaces; 2 EV chargers; 1 external condenser and all associated site works.

#### SD22A/0099 06 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Blackwin Limited  
Location: Site at Calmount Road and Ballymount Avenue, Ballymount Industrial Estate, Dublin 12  
Description: Construction of 5 warehouse / logistics units (Units 1, 2 3, 4 and 6), including ancillary office use and entrance / reception areas over two levels, with maximum heights of c. 17.09 metres and a combined total gross floor area (GFA) of 20,158sq.m; Each warehouse / logistics unit includes car parking to the front, and service yards, including HGV loading bays, to the rear of each unit; Signage zones are proposed for each unit; A total of 200 car parking spaces and 110 cycle spaces are provided for the 5 warehouse / logistics units; Construction of 3 three storey own-door office buildings (Block SA, SB and SC) with maximum heights of c. 13.45 metres and a combined GFA of 4,194sq.m; Signage zones are proposed at the entrances to the buildings; A total of 77 car parking spaces, 50 cycle parking spaces and a bin storage area are provided for the proposed office buildings; Construction of a cafe/restaurant unit with a maximum height of c. 6.09 metres and a GFA of 213sq.m to be located in the south western section of the site; The proposal includes signage for the unit, associated outdoor seating and a bin store; 14 car parking spaces and 10 cycle spaces are provided for the cafe/restaurant unit;

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The proposal includes 5 ESB substation buildings; The development is to be accessed off Ballymount Avenue and Calmount Road and includes for alterations and upgrades to the public footpaths and road; The development provides for vehicular and service access points, associated internal access roads, circulation areas and footpaths; The proposal includes landscaping and planting, entrance signage, boundary treatments, lighting, PV panels, green roofs, underground foul and storm water drainage network, including connections to the foul and surface water drainage network on the public roads, attenuation areas and all associated site works and development.

### SD22A/0100 07 Apr 2022 Retention New Application

Applicant: Paul Thornton Waste Disposal Ltd  
Location: 518B, Grants Crescent, Greenogue Business Park, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin  
Description: Retention of existing building (159.25) currently not in use. Proposed use is intended as a recycling facility and this will be subject to a separate application.

### SD22A/0101 07 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Old Bawn Gymnastics  
Location: Unit 70, Cookstown Estate Road, Cookstown Industrial Estate, Tallaght, Dublin 24  
Description: Temporary change of use of part of unit 70 from light industrial to indoor gymnastics sports facility and associated site works.

### SD22B/0138 04 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Anthony McGarry  
Location: 2, Fernhill Park, Dublin 12  
Description: Single storey extension to the front, rear and side of existing dwelling; dormer extension to the rear; widening of vehicular entrance and all ancillary site works.

### SD22B/0139 04 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Sriram Jaikumar and Yukti Batra  
Location: 23, The Way, Scholarstown Wood, Dublin 16  
Description: Attic conversion to home office and storage space with internal access stairs, dormer window to front roof elevation and roof windows to rear roof elevation.

### SD22B/0140 07 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Simon King and Helen MacDonagh  
Location: 17 Wainsfort Grove, Terenure, Dublin 6W.  
Description: First floor extension to side of existing dwelling with new roof light to side of hipped roof.

### SD22B/0141 07 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Ciara Doyle and Ciaran Griffin  
Location: 2 Sylvan Close, Kingswood Heights, Dublin 24  
Description: Conversion of existing attic space; modifications of existing roof structure to gable, raising existing gable wall, dormer to rear and new access stairs.

### SD22B/0142 08 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Roisin and Chris Cadden  
Location: 53 Butterfield Close, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.  
Description: Demolition of existing single storey extension to rear and side garage. Construction of a 2 storey extension at front and side creating an additional bedroom with ensuite. A single storey extension to the rear with velux roof lights increasing floor area to the kitchen and dining room. Conversion of the existing attic with 2 velux windows and dormer window. All associated landscaping, site development works and drainage

### SD22B/0143 08 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Emar and John Lynskey  
Location: 18, Glendale Park, Walkinstown, Dublin 12  
Description: Attic conversion for storage with raised gable and

dormer window to the rear; Single storey extension to the rear; Dormer window to the side; Roof window to the front.

### SD22B/0144 08 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Mbaaga Tuzinde  
Location: 39, Dalpark Road, Oldbawn, Tallaght, Dublin  
Description: Ground floor extension to rear; new porch area to front; dormer extension to rear at first floor level; first floor gable window at side; 2 roof windows to front elevation; internal modifications; 30m2 storage/office space to rear with all associated site works.

### SDZ22A/0004 06 Apr 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: George Buffini  
Location: 58a and 58b, Cappaghmore, Clondalkin, Dublin 22  
Description: Internal separation of the house and associated granny flat to provide for 2 permanent houses and extension of rear garden. Part of the development site is located within the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone.

### S25422/04 06 Apr 2022 SECTION 254 LICENCE APPLICATION S254 Licence Application

Applicant: Signal Infrastructure Ltd.  
Location: Greentrees Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12  
Description: 18m Alpha 3.0 Streetpole Solution with Antennas and ground equipment cabinet.

### S25422/05 06 Apr 2022 SECTION 254 LICENCE APPLICATION S254 Licence Application

Applicant: Signal Infrastructure Ltd.  
Location: Firhouse Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24.  
Description: 15m Alpha 3.0 Streetpole Solution with antennas and ground equipment cabinet.

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# Certificates for Home-Helpers

On Thursday April 8th, John Curry of the National Social Services Board, presented certificates to 15 trainees who had just completed the first Tallaght training course for home-helpers. This course which was funded through AnCo with help from the EEC, ran for six weeks, 5 mornings a week.

Joan Quinn of TWS and Rose O'Keeffe, local Home-Help organiser were involved with AnCo in designing the programme for the course. Talks were arranged on a variety of subjects ranging from Social Services in the Family, to Health and Beauty, from Bereavement to Children at Risk. Many of the speakers were voluntary or professional people already working in Tallaght and thoroughly familiar with local conditions.

During the six weeks, trainees did field work, including visiting

hospitals and Day-Centres. Each trainee produced a project on the area where she herself lived. She also did a craft-work project. The climax of the course consisted of a joint project in which having been allocated a certain sum of money, the combined group had to plan, budget, organise and cater for their open-day reception for 50 people.

Many of the trainees said they had no idea they were capable of so much. At first they found the study very challenging but all agreed it was well worth the effort. Five of them have already been

placed in jobs and the others are on a waiting list.

Under the Health Act 1970 local authorities may set up a Home Help Service to cater for the needs of people who are sick or infirm, those under medical or midwifery care and for people who without such help might have to go to an institution.

It will be obvious then, that those who decide to work in the Home Help Service will be undertaking work of a more responsible nature than simple domestic work and to have done a training course will prove a distinct advantage to them in the widely varying situations in which they might find themselves.



Proudly holding their well earned certificates are the ladies who completed the Home Help Course.

## New Second Level College to be sited at Tymon North

The question mark which hung over the location of Tallaght's new secondary school has finally been removed following the announcement by the

Minister for Education that the school will be sited at Tymon North to serve the Kilnamanagh area.

The site at Tymon North has been acquired by the

Department. It is not as yet known when construction will commence or when the school will be ready to admit its first students. Residents of Kilnamanagh were opposed to any such move and were concerned that they would miss out on a much needed secondary school because the land at Castleview was already owned by the Department of Education. As it turned out, the need to provide the populous Kilnamanagh area with a second-level school was realised and it was decided that Tymon North was the most convenient location.

## Dramatic Talent in Fettercairn



Pupils from St. Anne's Senior School were very busy preparing for Holy Week. With the help of one of their teachers they staged two small plays "The Last Supper" on Holy Thursday at 3pm and "The Passion of Christ" on Good Friday at 3pm. Both plays were

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# Echo Sport

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## JKS Tallaght land Youth League medals

JKS Tallaght Karate Club fielded 11 members in the opening round of the IWKA Youth League and returned home from Ashbourne with a haul of one gold and five bronze.

The event saw Miley Connors reach the semi-finals of Mixed Kata Under 12s in which he took bronze from a large pool of 32 competitors.

His sister, Marie, made the quarter finals in the same category.

Jamie-Lee Kelly reached the last 16 of the Mixed Kata Under 8s as did Ryleigh Bolger in the Mixed Kata Under 10.

Codey Kelly and Peter Lynott got to the quarter finals of Mixed Kata Under 12 as did Alara Lynott and Yasmine Lynott in their fields.

In Kumite, Yasmine Lynott demonstrated excellent fighting technique to capture gold in Girls Kumite Under 16s while her sister Alara scored bronze in the 14 equivalent.

Miley Connors recorded a double, taking bronze in Boys Kumite Under 12 with Ryan O'Reilly narrowly missing out on the same colour in the Boys Kumite Under 8s after he conceded a last-second point.

Xheims (James) Qepi faced two difficult matches, but prevailed to land bronze in Boys Under 14s Kumite with Jamie-Lee Kelly also finishing up third in Girls Under 8s.

Ryleigh Bolger made the quarter finals in Boys Kumite Under 10, while Aaron McDowell was edged out early on.

Peter Lynott also faced a tough competitor and lost out in his attempt to reach the quarter finals for Boys Kumite Under 12s, while Codey Kelly made the last eight in the same category.

Marie Connors fought extremely well for only her second tournament and reached the quarter finals of Girls Kumite Under 12s.

## Bluebell to measure up Rock' ahead of Inter Cup decider

BLUEBELL United are set to get a taste of what could be in store for them in the FAI Intermediate Cup Final next month when they meet Rockmount AFC in the FAI Cup Preliminary Round on Sunday.

The 'Bell secured their spot in the Intermediate Cup showpiece when they recorded a 2-0 victory over St Francis on home soil on Saturday.

By Hayden Moore  
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The former club of Republic of Ireland legend, Roy Keane, Rockmount, meanwhile, recorded a comprehensive 3-1 triumph over Maynooth University Town in the other semi final.

This tees up a mouthwatering clash between the Dublin and Cork clubs in the decider in May.

But before that, both teams will have an opportunity to size up one another when they clash in the preliminary round of the FAI Senior Cup in Bluebell on Sunday.

All sides that made it through to the last eight of the Junior and Intermediate Cups qualified for the Senior Cup and the aforementioned teams were coincidentally drawn against each other.

"It could be a bit of a chess match," Bluebell United manager Shane 'Mario' Dolan told The Echo.

"Look, we obviously play every match to win and this Sunday is going to be no different.

"We're looking forward to being part of it. We would like to hopefully get through to the next round and get a big draw, but the



Bluebell United progressed to the FAI Intermediate Cup Final on Saturday

FAI Intermediate Cup is a priority. We can't take away from that.

"But it will be interesting because Rockmount mightn't want to show their hand ahead of the Intermediate Cup Final.

"Look, it will be a good game no doubt in front of a big crowd and it'll be a preview for what's in store next month."

Bluebell are in good shape after coming through a rebuild last summer and the win against St Francis was testament to the work going on behind the scenes.

Goal-scoring opportunities materialised at either end as the half progressed, but there was to

be no breakthrough prior to the interval.

It did not take long for that to change on the resumption, however, as Leon Hayes hammered home a penalty just three minutes into the second period to give Bluebell the edge on their Baldonnell counterparts.

This came as a hammer blow for St Francis, but there was plenty of time left on the clock for them to work their way back into contention.

Yet the decisive second goal finally arrived for Bluebell five minutes from time when Sodiq Oguntola shook the net in fine style.

"It was a fully deserved win, I thought our lads were absolutely excellent," Dolan smiled.

"We could have went into half-time a couple of goals up if not for their 'keeper, who pulled off a string of great saves.

"We settled into it in the second half then, and were a bit more clinical and took our chances.

"This time last year, when I took over, there were only three players signed to play between the two teams.

"What we undertook was a massive rebuild of the squad, getting in the right players who believed that we could go and achieve something this season."

## Sheldon to build on fine All-Ireland display



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## Inchicore Athletic enjoying superb season



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## Barry is poised to make his long-awaited UFC debut in Las Vegas



Dean Barry

DEAN Barry will make his long-awaited debut in the Ultimate Fighting Championship when he takes on Mike Jackson at UFC Fight Night in Las Vegas in the early hours of Sunday.

The 29-year-old put pen to paper on a fresh multi-fight deal with the organisation in January after more than a year's delay.

From Tallaght, Barry was supposed to make his debut on Fight Island against the

part-time fighter, which was cancelled after Jackson withdrew.

The rescheduled bout was once again cancelled and the Team Rhino fighter had some issues obtaining a visa to fight in America.

Needing to stay active, Barry took and later had to withdraw from a fight in Titan FC, a regional promotion contracted to UFC Fight Pass, through injury.

In December, he finally

got back in the octagon in a welterweight clash with Drew Lipton at Titan FC and he did not skip a beat, carding a victory by punches just 21 seconds into the first round.

Now, the Dubliner is eagerly anticipating his chance to display his skills on the biggest stage when he throws-down in the UFC Apex in Las Vegas on Saturday night.

Barry made a sensational start to his MMA career

against Thomas Tatcher at Shamrock FC in 2017.

At the time, the former Tallaght Martial Arts kickboxer had made the move to Canada and was developing his jiu-jitsu and wrestling skills out of Tristar Gym in Montreal alongside Georges St-Pierre.

Now 4-1, after recording a number of wins by punches and a slick TKO against Corey Samuels, Barry is rearing to go.

## Davis looking to extend unbeaten streak



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## Badminton



Templeogue's Kate Frost and her doubles partner, Moya Ryan competed in the Mexican International. Photo courtesy of Badminton Ireland

## Frost bolstered by form in Mexican International

TEMPLEOGUE'S Kate Frost returned home from the Mexican International Badminton Challenge having turned in an encouraging performance alongside her doubles partner, Moya Ryan.

The pair made it as far as the quarter finals after convincingly beating Mexican duo, Paula Lozoya and Fatima Rio in their opening match 21-8, 21-8.

That win set them up for a clash with Japanese pair of Rui Hirokami and Yuna Kato who won out 21-12, 21-10 before continuing on to take the tournament title.

Frost, who only recently captained TU Dublin to a first ever Intervarsity title, was quick to draw on the positives from their trip to Mexico.

"This will give us a boost as we enter our final preparations this week for the upcoming European Championships" she said.

"I was really happy with the level I brought,

especially after being injured for the past two months and with only one week's training before flying to Mexico. So, it was a real positive to go there and get a result.

"We head to Madrid this Sunday (April 24) to contest the 2022 European Individual Championships.

"In the first round we face the Estonians, who are seeded 30 places ahead of us on the world rankings at 52. Hopefully we can perform well and see if we can get a result there.

"After Europeans, we will have about a month's break/training block as I finish my final year exams and then we will gear up for a busy summer of tournaments as we will hopefully head to Asia for the first time to compete in the Asian leg of Super Series tournaments.

"We also await the confirmation list of competitors who will compete at the World Championships in Japan in August" she added.

## Darts

# Sheldon set for PDC Series return after shining in All-Irelands

KATIE Sheldon will be looking to carry the superb form that propelled her to a near clean-sweep at the 2022 INDO All-Ireland Darts Championship into overseas competition later this month.

By **Stephen Leonard**  
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The Tallaght competitor recently returned home from the Knightsbrook Hotel in Trim with both the All-Ireland Women's Singles and Doubles titles having also made it as far as the quarter finals of the team event with the Dublin Women side who were edged out 4-2 by Galway.

In what was an all-Dublin affair, Sheldon surmounted the challenge of Blanchardstown's Robyn Byrne 4-1 to land the All-Ireland Singles title.

The Tallaght woman is now back-to-back All-Ireland champion having won the previous competition when it was last staged in 2020.

And, it was together with Byrne, that she secured the National Doubles crown after they beat Caroline Breen and Maureen Tiernan in the decider.

That marked the first time that she and Byrne had won a doubles title together and they secured it in emphatic fashion, dropping just one leg throughout the entire contest. Delighted with her impressive haul at this year's tournament, Sheldon said "You're playing against some of the best players in Ireland and I was just absolutely delighted to have won it.

Sheldon will be returning to international competition at the end of the month when she contests the PDC Women's Series before the PDC Development Tour follows a week later - both events taking place in Wigan.

She has more than held her own in the Women's Series so far this year, recording two Last-16 and two Last-32 finishes.



Tallaght's Katie Sheldon (left) with Robyn Byrne after they won the 2022 All-Ireland Ladies Doubles title in Trim

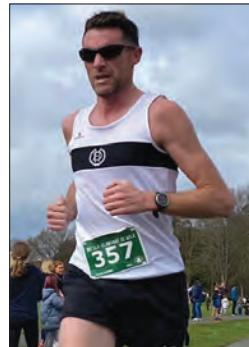
"I was beaten by Aileen De Graaf and Rhian Griffiths who are two very good women's players from the Netherlands and Wales, so I wasn't too disappointed" she told The Echo.

"I was very unlucky. I played exceptionally well and was really

happy with my performance, but was just that little bit unlucky.

"Going away, you might not always win, but you're playing against very good players and when you come home, you can see that your game has gone up a notch" she insisted.

## Athletics



David McConn

## Donore athletes battle their way to medals in Clontarf

DONORE Harriers boasted both individual and team medals by the close of proceedings in Monday's Battle of Clontarf 10-Mile Road Race hosted by Raheny Shamrocks at St Anne's Park.

Incorporating the Leinster 10-Mile Championship, the event saw the small Donore representation led home by David McConn in ninth place overall and second in the M40 category.

Next across the line for the club was Didier Da Costa in 23rd overall and fifth in the M45 division, while Tony Kynes placed 80th overall and won the M65 group finishing almost half-a-minute ahead of Tom Loftus of Raheny Shamrocks AC.

Barry Potts also struck gold in his M70 class, racing home with more than three minutes to spare over William Belton of Sli Cualann AC as he emerged 136th from the 310 finishers.

What's more, the Donore team of McConn, Da Costa and Kynes placed fifth in the overall men's category behind winners, Raheny and earned silver in the M35 team event on 103 points behind winners, Brothers Pearse AC on 92.

The eighth athlete home and third in the senior men's category was Ian Fitzgerald who is a transfer athlete from Waterstown Warriors and will be eligible to compete for Donore from May 1.

Elsewhere, Under 16 athlete, Julie Cleary finished up ninth overall and the first woman in the Na Fianna 5km Road Race in Glasnevin, winning her category by almost four minutes while her mother Kate, emerged the second woman from this contest.

## Basketball

# Terrific treble for Oblate Under 14 boys

OBLATE Basketball Club's Under 14 Boys team can draw huge pride from a season in which they completed a fantastic treble.

By **Stephen Leonard**  
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The team, which is led by Head Coach, Michelle Farrell and assistant, John Walsh, landed both Dublin League and Cup titles along with the All-Ireland Club Championship crown.

They won 16 matches from as many outings en route to the divisional

prize, staving off the fierce challenge of their closest rivals, Dublin Lions and Eanna along the way.

Impressive scoring from Wackie Pahinag, Augustine Farrell and Janric Yumul went a long way to seeing them beat Tolka Rovers by 21 points in the Dublin Cup decider.

And, in AICC competition, the Drimnagh side prevailed after being taken to overtime by St Brendan's of Tralee in the penultimate rounds before then seeing off Lions in the final.

"As a team, they work

very well together and sticking with the plan to always keep developing both individual and team skills has paid off this year" insisted Oblate Head Coach, Farrell.

"The boys have been together for the past few years with most of them coming through the club's academy.

"The achievements this year have been the result of years of hard work and dedication and always wanting to get better. As coaches and as a club we couldn't be prouder" she told *The Echo*.



Oblate Basketball Club's Under 14 team completed a superb treble

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Tadhg, Luke and the Under 6 players at the Firhouse Carmel Camp

## At Tuesday's session of the Firhouse Carmel FC Easter Camp held in Firhouse Community School



Conor, Jamie and the Under 13 participants in the Firhouse Carmel Easter Camp



Oran, Ryan and a number of the Under 12 players in Firhouse Community School



Cian, Chris and the Under 10s at the Easter Camp



Troy, Jack and Under 7s all ready to take part



Jack with some of the Under 12 players in Firhouse CS



Amy, Owen, Lauren and the Under 8 players who took part in the Easter Camp



Jamie, Liam Sean and Under 9 players in Firhouse Community School on Tuesday

### Basketball

# TU Dublin impress in 2022 Intervarsities

TU Dublin served up some hugely impressive performances throughout the 2022 Intervarsities Men's A Basketball tournament and will be hoping to build on the experience gained.

By Hayden Moore  
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The Ciaran McEvelly-coached outfit scrapped tooth and nail all the way through to the competition decider, where they were ultimately beaten 76-82 by Ulster University in UL Sports Arena. "The lads were of course disappointed not to win it,

but they will take plenty from the tournament," McEvelly told *The Echo*.

"They were one of the youngest teams in the whole competition, it was the first varsities for every single player in the squad. Not one has ever played in it before.

"We were level with four minutes to go. It was a race to the final score and we just ran out of steam unfortunately.

"All of the players can hold their heads up high after their performances in the tournament.

"They were in there competing against two/three/four professional and

semi-professional players in some games and they held their own" he said.

When it came to the final, with the scores level at 72 points apiece, the game went into an Elam Ending.

Unlike the traditional basketball format, the Elam Ending sees the game clock stop with four minutes remaining as teams turn to race to a target score, which was 10 points in this case.

Still, despite the result not going their way, TUD had plenty of positives to take with Jack Maguire leading the scoring on 28 points.

The team was dealt a major blow early in the

decider when their star inside player, Liam Osinuga, who has a 20-point average this season, had to withdraw after sustaining an eye-poke.

His replacement, Evan Blackmore, did step up to the challenge however and accounted for 11-points while Adam Mullaly sank 18.

Mullaly had a standout tournament, while Luke Gilleran and Troy Ajikmokun were solid as TU Dublin came through a group that contained Griffith College, UU, and University of Limerick before beating DBS in the last four.



TU Dublin Basketball team made it as far as the Intervarsities decider

## Rugby



Tallaght RFC's Sorcha Burns will be hoping she will have a part to play in Tallaght's meeting with Kilkenny in the Division Five Cup Final on Saturday

## Tallaght hoping for a Super Saturday

TALLAGHT RFC have the opportunity to add two pieces of silverware to the club cabinet this coming Saturday as both their women's team and men's firsts contest two finals.

The former are first up with a clash against Kilkenny in the Division Five Cup decider in Ollie Campbell Park at 11am, before the Tallaght men take on Old Wesley in the final of the Winters Cup in Energia Park at 4.30pm.

It will mark the closing match of the season for the Tallaght women's team and, for their coach Sean Bishop, it underlines just how far they have come.

"I took over as head coach at the start of the season and, with the long break because of Covid, we were almost starting from scratch" he stressed.

"So it was hugely important to have long-serving players like Karen Corrigan, Lisa O'Donnell, Louise Leonard, Eileen Shanahan and our captain Martina Fitzpatrick around to help me understand how the team ticked.

"Then we got players who came through the Tallaght underage system like Martina's daughter, Abbie Keeley and Emma Irwin, plus players who had left the team, but came back like Lisa Kennedy, Samantha Ledden and Lisa Connors.

"On top of that we got loads of new players like Sorcha Burns,

Hilary Allen, Larissa Marenelli, Doireann O'Byrne and Kim Letterfield who were all new to the sport, but have taken to it so impressively. It's all led to a really close squad who have each others' back."

Meanwhile, Tallaght men's coach Tom Leigh is delighted to be in a final after a challenging season.

"We had a very poor start to the season due to a number of issues, with players unavailable, Covid and injuries and we found it difficult to recover.

"After Christmas we had a very honest meeting and since then everyone has worked very hard and the attitude and commitment has been excellent.

"The performance of the team improved and, come March, we started getting the results we deserved and this has brought us to a final which we are all really looking forward to. It's a big day for Tallaght RFC as we compete in two finals."

"We haven't played Old Wesley for a couple of years because we're in different leagues now, but we're very familiar with this team and had a few great battles against them three years ago.

"They will be tough opponents, but we know we can match them if we bring our A game.

"I know our supporters will turn out in force again and we want put on a show for them" he said.

## Soccer



Crumlin United will play host to the Robbie Keane Academy Cup in Pearse Park this week

## Robbie Keane Academy Cup returning to Crumlin

CRUMLIN United is gearing up for the return of its much-anticipated Robbie Keane Academy Cup.

Running from this Friday through until Sunday, the tournament is back after a two-year hiatus that was the result of Covid restrictions.

And the event has again attracted a number of top clubs from around Europe including Manchester City, Aston Villa, Burnley, Benfica and title holders, Everton.

Italian giants, Juventus return for a second year, having competed in 2018, while also competing will be

the DDSL and tournament hosts who will field their own Under 12 Inter side.

Catering for players born in 2010, the competition will be played on a 9v9 format with all group games running on Friday and Saturday and the finals being held on Sunday morning – all matches taking place in Pearse Park.

"We are looking forward to a great weekend of football with a chance to see some of the stars of the future" said Crumlin United's Martin Loughran.

"The club would like to thank Sean Hall, of our main sponsor, Manguard Plus Security and numerous other sponsors who have made it possible to host the tournament this year.

"A big thank you to our tournament co-ordinator, Chris Kelly, who, with the help of a hard-working group, has managed to put this year's tournament together.

"Best of luck to all the teams and our Under 12 Inter players and staff Mark Kavanagh, Shane Dennehy and Graham Cassin" he added.

## McCabe plays her part in Docherty Cup win for Ireland

TALLAGHT Community School's, Lauryn McCabe played her part in the Republic of Ireland Schools team's third straight Bob Docherty Cup title win in Newcastle University on Thursday.

Having beaten England 4-1 and Northern Ireland 4-3 earlier in the competition, the Republic were left facing a strong physical Scottish side for the prize and emerged 1-0 winners.

McCabe, a sister of Republic of Ireland senior team captain, Katie McCabe, won the free kick that crucially brought about the decisive goal on the hour mark – Kiera Sena whipping in the resulting set-piece for captain, Hannah Healy to nod home.

In a match that ebbed and flowed with opportunities



The Republic of Ireland Under 15 Schools team won the Bob Docherty Cup in Newcastle for the third consecutive time

falling both ways, Richard Berekey's outfit went close to taking the lead after chances fell to Orlaith Doherty and Healy.

McCabe had drawn a foul prior to the goal, but the Scottish netminder was

able cut out Sena's wicked delivery on that occasion.

Scotland did press heavily after falling behind, winning a number of free kicks in threatening areas, but Ireland held out for the victory and, with it,

their third straight tournament win having lifted the Cup back in 2018 and 2019, with no competition run over the following two years because of Covid restrictions.

## United Knock'n on the door to a superb season

KNOCKLYON United's LFL Premier Division side is gearing up for a massive homerun to the season.

Currently leading the charge for the divisional crown in what is a very tight race, the team is also poised to face Raheny in this Sunday's Charlie O'Leary Cup decider in Home Farm before later taking on Vianney Boys in the last four of the Sheeran Cup on May 7.

By **Stephen Leonard**  
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"We haven't played Raheny this season as they are an LFL Under 21 team from the strongest LFL underage league" explained Knocklyon manager, Dermot Culliton.

"This final is a great occasion, but our league title attempt is the real focus, with games coming thick and fast.

"We're just one point ahead of Dynamo Dublin and they, along with Jobstown and Lakelands are still in with a chance of LFL Premier glory" he pointed out.

Just a couple of days after they face Raheny in the O'Leary Cup Final, Knocklyon will line out against Dynamo Dublin in a match that could well have a big say in the destination of the LFL Premier title.

While they knocked out Dynamo from the second round of the Charlie O'Leary Cup as well as the first round of the Sheeran Cup, Knocklyon know they will have a huge test on their hands again when they welcome their biggest rivals to the VEC Grounds next week.

But there may still be a few twists and turns in the weeks after, with some big games scheduled including Knocklyon's encounter with fourth-place, Jobstown Celtic who are the only team to have beaten them in the league this season.

Prior to that, they will have to successfully negotiate tough challenges from the likes of Beggsboro, Kiltalawn FC and Park Orient in order to remain well in the hunt at least for the divisional crown ahead of their final outing against third place Lakeland AFC.

# Inchicore Athletic enjoying tremendous season so far

INCHICORE Athletic FC has, so far, enjoyed a hugely impressive season that has been embodied by the success of their men's intermediate team.

By **Stephen Leonard**  
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Under new manager, Gareth Zambra and his coaching team of Paul Kenny and Gerard Mulligan, the squad has not only secured promotion to the LSL Senior 1A ranks, but also made it as far as the last 16 of the FAI Intermediate Cup where they were edged out 2-1 by Rockmount, having played for more than half of that

tie with just 10 players.

What's more, this Inchicore outfit can also look forward to a trip to Villa FC in Waterford for their FAI Cup preliminary round clash this Saturday before they then face off against St Kevin's Boys in the last eight of the Lummy O'Reilly Cup just three days later.

"Gareth said that he was coming to Inchicore to win trophies" said Inchicore Athletic PRO, Finbarr Dolan.

"He recognised that the club was well run with good structures and the area was a sleeping giant.

"He assembled a squad of experienced players with a



**Inchicore Athletic secured promotion to the LSL Senior 1A ranks**

blend of youth, and has met his first-year targets in spades" he added.

The success of Inchicore's seniors is a reflection of the healthy structure of the club as a whole.

Indeed, today, the club caters for 150 boys and girls, covering levels from academy through to Under 11 with Under 13 Girls and Under 14 Boys teams also being fielded.

The latter, under coaches Dean Kelly and John McCoy, have also enjoyed a fine season, winning the DDSL Under 14C division

and remaining in cup and shield contention.

Inchicore Athletic FC also intends to establish a Football for All section, within the club, catering for autistic children and those who require additional supports.

Enjoying a strong relationship with Dublin City Council and Bluebell Community Centre, the club, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, has proven a hugely positive and growing force in the Dublin 8 and 12 regions.

"Our membership

consists of 40 playing adults and 150 boys and girls" explained Dolan. "At Senior level we have five coaches with 20 at Academy level and we play a huge part in helping with the development of boys and girls through team sport.

"The parents of all the boys and girls are so supportive to the club in supporting fundraisers. Outside our fundraising, we rely on sponsors to help us reach our targets and, only for them, we could not keep the ship afloat" he stressed



**Inchicore Athletic manager, Gareth Zambra**

# Oldbury step it up in second half to see off Fairview

TWO GOALS in seven minutes in the second half finally saw Oldbury FC get the better of Fairview Celtic as they won out 2-0 in their UCFL Division 2A clash in Aylesbury Park on Saturday morning.

By **John Mooney**  
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Last weekend's match was a cracker and one in which Fairview will have left feeling deflated after having carved out the better chances in the opening half.

Twice in the opening 11 minutes they could have taken the lead, as Christopher McManus tested goalkeeper Dylan Farrell with a free kick and Ryan Dalton saw his header hit the side netting.

Ethan McCarthy also shot narrowly wide and James Hopkins went close on two occasions, before Oldbury created their one chance in the opening half through Glen Farrell.

On 60 minutes the hosts made the breakthrough as Sean Delaney sent in a

corner from the left, keeper Reece Somerfield came and punched the ball, but only as far as Dan Masterson who duly nodded home.

Seven minutes later it was 2-0 as David Saul won the ball in the middle of the field and slipped a pass into Delaney. He instantly played in Shane Purcell who fired goalward and, although Solmerfield got a hand to the ball, it spilled inside the post.

**OLDBURY FC:** D. Farrell, K. O'Sullivan, S. Purcell, D. Barnwell, D. Masterson, D. Saul, G. Farrell, K. Flynn, X. Aderogba, L. Callery, R. Baxindale, E. O'Neill, P. McBride (Aderogba), C. Patten (Flynn).

**FAIRVIEW CELTIC:** R. Sommerfield, C. McManus, E. McCarthy, C. Bowe, L. Kenny, S. Neelan, R. Dalton, C. Cooney, L. Haskins, J. Hopkins, S. Corbally, S. Fitzgerald (McCarthy), D. McGuinness (Cooney).



**Fairview Celtic's James Hopkins tries to close down Oldbury FC's Shane Purcell and (inset) the Oldbury team**  
Photos by John Mooney

# Rovers continue run in approach to big Dublin derby

MANAGER Stephen Bradley will be hoping his Shamrock Rovers team can maintain their winning form of late when they travel to Dalymount Park to face Bohemians tomorrow evening.

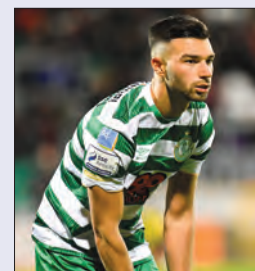
The defending SSE Airtricity League champions have climbed to within one point of the current table toppers, Derry City as they gear up for another big Dublin derby against a Bohs outfit that returned to winning ways on Monday.

Indeed, after being held to draws by both Finn Harps and Drogheda United, the Gypsies served up a heavy 4-1 defeat to Shelbourne at the start of the week.

Rovers, meanwhile, will be coming into this match on the back of their narrow 1-0 triumph over Dundalk - their fourth win in succession.

Danny Mandroui struck the all-important goal against the Lilywhites in front of a crowd of 5,532 at Tallaght Stadium on Monday night.

The midfielder fired home in the 66th minute to break the stubborn resistance offered up by the hard-working visitors whose problems were



**Danny Mandroui**

compounded by the late dismissal of Brian Gartland.

Mandroui was one of seven Rovers players to be retained from their 1-0 defeat of St Patrick's Athletic three days earlier and he was marginally off-target with a brace of efforts just shy of the half-hour mark.

It was a relatively quiet half overall for Alan Mannus, but the veteran Hoops custodian was out quickly to turn away a Daniel Kelly opportunity with his feet on 37 minutes.

Although the deadlock remained unbroken at the interval, there was a sense that it was not going to remain that way for the full 90 minutes.

And so it proved, as Jack Byrne's precise ball through to the raiding Mandroui was followed with a cool finish past the helpless Shepperd.

# Saints pass UCD test but in need of a timely surge

ST PATRICK'S Athletic will be aiming to compound Finn Harps' difficulties and improve their own standing in this season's SSE Airtricity League when the two meet at Richmond Park tomorrow night.

The Ballybofey side currently sits second from bottom in the Premier Division table having managed just two points from their last five outings - their most recent win in the league being registered back in mid-March when they put Shelbourne to the sword 3-0.

While Pat's remain in a far healthier third place in the table, Tim Clancy's side have struggled to garner much in the way of consistency in recent weeks.

Monday night's 2-1 victory away to UCD came just three days

after their 1-0 reversal against defending champions, Shamrock Rovers in Tallaght Stadium.

And that narrow loss on Friday had been preceded by disappointing draws against both Dundalk and Drogheda United as well as a narrow defeat at the hands of current leaders, Derry.

Clancy and his players will, therefore, will be relieved to have returned home from the UCD Bowl with three points especially given that they had to battle their way back from a goal down in the closing 15 minutes.

Indeed, the Inchicore side had looked set to lose further ground after Colm Whelan and St Pat's Ben McCormack traded scores before Joe Redmond served up a winner for the visitors in the 89th minute.

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Jack with some of the 9-12 years participants



Martin with some of the Easter Camp players



Callum, Shonagh, Emma, Lilly and Academy



Ava, Evan, Naomi and some Academy members in McGee Park on Tuesday



Mick with some of the Under 8/9 players in McGee Park on Tuesday

## At St Mark's GAA Club's Easter Camp held in McGee Park on Tuesday



Mick with more of the Under 8/9 players



Zara, Leah, Aoibhin and some of the Under 8/9 participants in the St Mark's GAA Club Easter Camp on Tuesday



Sophie with a number of the 9-12 years players who took part in the Easter Camp

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Danny Sutcliffe

## Dubs looking to step it up for Wexford clash

DUBLIN senior hurlers will need to be firing on all cylinders when they challenge Wexford in the Leinster Hurling Championship at Chadwicks Wexford Park on Saturday.

These teams last met in the Walsh Cup Final in Croke Park at the end of January when Mattie Kenny secured his first title with the capital outfit.

It was an efficient display, as 16 different players registered scores for the Liffesiders to blow Wexford out of GAA HQ on a scoreline of 2-29 to 0-19.

While St Jude's man, Danny Sutcliffe roamed midfield on that occasion, pinging balls into space, local lads Aidan Mellett, James Madden (both Ballyboden St Enda's), Chris and Paul Crumme (Lucan Sarsfields), and Davy Keogh (Thomas Davis) all got on the scoresheet.

However, since that day, more mistakes have cropped up for Dublin and in the first round of the provincial championship against Laois last weekend, they were a model of inefficiency.

The Blues lived dangerously and hit several wides in the opening half at Parnell Park although Donal Burke kept his side in it with an impressive 0-13 tally.

With just two-minutes left on the clock, Laois were only two points behind and Lucan's Paul Crumme wedged a third between the teams.

James Keyes, PJ Scully and Enda Rowland gave the Dubs a right scare late on, but Alex Considine's late goal secured the narrow 1-20 to 2-15 victory.

Meanwhile, Wexford secured a brilliant 1-19 to 1-19 draw with Galway on Saturday.

# Davis remain on unbeaten streak

THOMAS Davis will be looking to keep the momentum going and maintain their unbeaten streak in the Adult Football League Division One when they host St Vincent's in Kiltipper on Saturday.

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The Ciarán Farrelly-managed side are joint-top of the league, with Na Fianna and Lucan Sarsfields the only others not to lose a game thus far.

Since drawing with Dublin giants, Ballymun Kickhams in the first round, the Tallaght men have recorded excellent wins over Castleknock, Skerries Harps and Ballinteer St John's.

All the while, St Vincent's have been quietly going about their business since suffering a shock defeat to Naomh Mearnog in the first round, and they now sit just below the leaders.

Last Thursday evening, in Kiltipper Road, Davis eked out another point when Eamon Conroy struck a late, late goal to secure a share of the spoils with St Jude's.

After Kieran Doherty got the game underway for the Templeogue lads, Eoin Kirby split the posts with a slick point from distance to level proceedings.

Kirby, who was deployed as

a defender, continually surged forward to create an overload on the Jude's backline and ended the encounter as top scorer with a 0-5 salvo.

Likewise, Chris Sadlier, Ryan Deegan and Sean Reilly found their range for the hosts before Doherty, Ronan Joyce and Colm Murphy helped Jude's back into a healthy lead.

Sadlier guided a penalty past goalkeeper, Cillian Barde, but that only served to prod St Jude's into action again.

Within a few minutes, Kevin Lahiff broke down the other end and blasted the ball into the net before David Sheehy and Doherty raised additional white flags.

It seemed destined for Davis' to fall to their first defeat of the season until Eamon Conroy stepped up, ran through on goal and finished to draw parity at the death.

Without intercounty stars, Tom Lahiff and Pat Spillane, St Jude's have somewhat faltered throughout their opening five games, only winning once and drawing twice to sit mid-table.

The Templeogue club will welcome Ballinteer St John's to Tymon Park on Saturday evening while, elsewhere, Lucan Sarsfields are set for a top-of-the-table showdown with Na Fianna at 12th Lock.

Ryan Deegan of Thomas Davis manages to loop a pass into the half-forward line while (inset) Mark Sweeney of St Jude's goes to ground under serious pressure during last week's AFL One clash.

Photos by Paddy Barrett



## Five-star Davis down gallant Mark's



Eireann Joyce of Thomas Davis is tracked by St Mark's Danielle Walsh

THOMAS Davis had the strength-in-depth to overcome St Mark's in the Junior Seven Camogie Cup, recording a 5-10 to 3-2 victory in Kiltipper Road on Thursday.

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With a very youthful panel, most of whom are Under 19, Davis' started very strong aided by the dynamic movement of forwards Natasha O'Neill and Eireann Joyce.

Every time the travelling outfit sent a ball into the Davis backline, Aoife Doyle mopped it up and linked the play through midfielder Sarah Wiseman who unleashed O'Neill.

O'Neill won most balls

that were played into space and linked up with Joyce to create the opening scores of the game.

However, despite falling two goals behind, Mark's were able to muster up enough strength to pull themselves back into the game.

Industrious midfielder, Clare Nugent was ever-present and she was rewarded for her efforts when she pulled on a loose ball in the box.

Nugent also turned provider for their second goal when she zipped a low free towards goal and Shaughnagh Galgey got a deft touch on the sliotar to carry it past goalkeeper Ailbhe Byrne.

However, the hosts never wilted under the pressure

and with the help of a bigger bench, they slowly chipped away at Mark's.

Scores from Wiseman, O'Neill, Ellie Haverty and Helen O'Connor helped the Kiltipper side establish a significant lead which they never let slip.

Having split the posts earlier in the game, St Mark's forward Danielle Walsh played a nice ball to Galgey and she turned past her marker before firing low and hard from 25 metres into the net.

O'Neill kept going right until the end, showing the same amount of energy on the hour mark as she did in the opening minutes and almost bagged Davis' sixth goal, but she was denied by Mark's netminder, Paula Martin.

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