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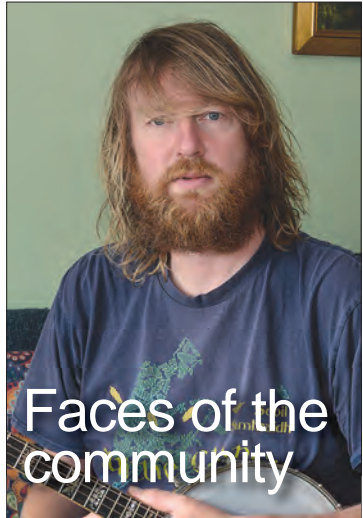
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'CRIMINAL YOUTHS' USE FIELDS AS PLAYGROUND FOR JOYRIDING

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Invitations open for all to run or walk the 5k route known as Georgia's Way

CORKAGH Park will be the venue for the 'AsIAM 5K Run4Autism' family fun day this Sunday starting at 11am.

Members of the autistic community and the wider public are encouraged to sign-up in advance to what is billed to be a fun and inclusive day raising much-needed funds for autism services to support individuals and families.

You don't need to be a regular runner to take part – all abilities are welcome to walk or run the 5k route known as "Georgia's Way" in memory of 4-year-old Georgia Callan who tragically died in an accident in Spain four years ago. Georgia and her family had participated in the very first 5k Run4Autism in 2018 and are asking people who take part this year to wear colourful clothes as a nod to their daughter's bright and cheerful personality.

Kicking off at 11am the day will have lots of fun and

entertainment for all, including face painters, music and of course lots of ice-cream!

Speaking about the upcoming event CEO, AsIAM, Adam Harris said, "This run is a critical fundraising event for AsIAM. The money we raise goes directly to support all of the services we offer to the autistic community throughout the year including the Autism Information Line, a range of social and employment programmes as well as our autism friendly accreditation programme for the business and public services communities."

In signing up for this event, all participants will receive branded merchandise and a medal and refreshments.

AsIAM are encouraging people and groups to fundraise whilst they partake in the event to drive much needed funds for autism services. Registration fees start at €12.50 and you can register today at www.asiam.ie



RUN4AUTISM: Runners at a past AsIAM Run4Autism event

Protocol agreed on traffic box murals being painted over

Many boxes have become vibrant art pieces following 'Paint a Box' commissions

By Aideen O'Flaherty
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A PROTOCOL has been agreed to prevent artwork on traffic light control boxes around the county being erroneously painted over by contractors, as a "small number" have been painted over this year.

Many of the boxes have become vibrant art pieces in recent years as a result of the Dublin Canvas 'Paint a Box' project, which commissions artists to decorate the otherwise plain street furniture.

One of the most popular murals was of Tallaght legend Paddy Drac, on an electrical box on the Old Bawn Road. Paddy was an entertainer who raised thousands for charity but died in 2019. However, the arresting mural by local artist Geoff Tracey was painted over by a contractor last May, who mistakenly thought it was graffiti that had received a complaint and was to be painted over.

The topic of traffic light control box murals being painted over was raised at a recent council meeting by Social Democrat councillor Carly Bailey.

Cllr Bailey asked South Dublin County Council how many of the Dublin Canvas pieces have been commissioned this year, and how many have been mistakenly painted

over so far this year.

In response, the council stated: "Unfortunately, in recent months, a small number of traffic light boxes which had artwork were painted over in error.

"In these cases, there was graffiti on the adjacent box which was to be covered.

"The Environmental Awareness Office, who currently manages the Dublin Canvas programme has made contact with the contractors and agreed a protocol to prevent this from happening again.

"Measures such as issuing screenshots of the exact location, a clear instruction that no murals are to be painted over and highlighting the correct box to be painted will be implemented.

"We expect this to resolve the problem going forward.

"The Environmental Awareness Office has written to Dublin Canvas, who delivers the programme in the county, to apologise.

"We have also requested that Dublin Canvas pass on our apologies to the artists, whose artwork got painted over in error this year."

The initiative to bring a splash of colour to traffic light control boxes was started by Dublin Canvas in 2015, and by the end of next autumn they expect to have 750 vibrant pieces of artwork on traffic light control boxes across the city and county.



NOT GRAFFITI: Artist Geoff Tracey standing at the Paddy Drac mural before it was mistakenly painted over by a contractor in May. (inset) some of the painted-over boxes

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BRILLIANT DAY: The teams who participated in the charity match in Ned Kelly Park on Saturday

Over €8,000 raised in club game for funds for different charities

By **Hayden Moore**
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AROUND €8,000 has been collected to raise awareness and funds around sudden unexplained death in children, suicide prevention and emergency services through a charity football match.

Kilnaminagh AFC and Tallaght City FC brought more than 500 people together at Ned Kelly Park on Saturday in memory of the late Brandon Shaun Mitten and Shaun Dargan.

Brandon Shaun, who was only 15 months when he died in April of this year of sudden unexplained death in children (SUDC), was named in memory of his dad Ciaran Mitten's late friend Shaun Dargan.

Tallaght City took on Kilnaminagh and ran out 4-2 winners in the charity match which also raised funds for suicide prevention centre HOPE in memory of former player Shaun, who died in December 2020.

Tymonville man Shaun played football with Kilnaminagh before linking up with Tallaght

City when his friends started playing there about nine years ago.

The two clubs played each other on Saturday, June 23, in memory of the late Brandon Mitten and Shaun Dargan, who would have been celebrating his 32nd birthday.

"The day went brilliantly. The level of organising from Tallaght City and Kilnaminagh was amazing, it was a fabulous day," Kilnaminagh vice chairperson Paddy Ennis told *The Echo*.

"It was a great fun day, the match finished up at around 4pm and then you had the bouncy

castles, the raffle, a DJ – we didn't end up finishing until 10 o'clock.

"The suicide prevention centre HOPE and SUDC UK had a stand there, and it comes down to Anto Cummins and Gary Foy, who really organised all of this.

"Top marks to both clubs for putting on a great day, we had about forty players involved, and they really are a great bunch of people, a great community."

The inaugural tournament was held in Shaun's honour last year to coincide with his 31st birthday.

This year, the memorial cup was held in Shaun's honour once again on June 23.

Ciaran Mitten was heavily involved in establishing a memorial cup in his friend Shaun's honour to be staged on his 31st birthday, and it was a massive success.

Following the passing of Ciaran's youngest child

Brandon Shaun, the tournament was also held in the baby's honour this year.

"Brandon passed away on April 16," Ciaran Mitten, Brandon's father, who was good friends with Shaun, told *The Echo* before the tournament this year.

"He had taken his first steps that night, he went to bed fine and just never woke up.

"It was diagnosed as sudden unexplained death in children (SUDC).

"Brandon's name is Brandon Shaun after Shaun.

"Brandon will be one of the first that they're going to do genetic testing on to find out why this is happening, because it's happening.

"They mainly do research around SUDC in America and a bit in the UK, but not really in Ireland.

"We're raising money for the SUDC foundation to help with the research, so we can find

out if there is something genetically that causes this and try to prevent it.

"We will also be raising money for HOPE and the emergency services."

All proceeds raised on the day will be donated to HOPE, suicide prevention centre, SUDC UK, and the emergency services.

If you have been affected by this story and need support, please contact HOPE Suicide Prevention Drop-In Centre Tallaght Facebook page or call 087 136 3082 and Samaritans 116 12316 123.

Pieta House Dublin South in Tallaght call 01 462 4792, for Pieta House Ballyfermot call 01 623 5606 and for Pieta House Lucan call 01 601 0000 or visit the charity's website.

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CHARITY: Action between Tallaght City and Kilnaminagh at the charity match on Saturday and (inset) baby Brandon (below left) and Shaun Dargan (below right)

Remembering Harry Boland on the centenary of his death

GAA Club remembers one of its most famous members with celebration event

By **Hayden Moore**
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THE MOST successful hurling club in Dublin will celebrate the life of one of their most famous members, Harry Boland, on the centenary of his death.

One hundred years on from the death of Harry Boland, Faughs GAA club will this Sunday take part in the centenary celebrations with a day of commemorative matches and festivities.

Boland was a very active GAA man. Having refereed the 1914 All-Ireland Football Championship Final, he joined Faughs alongside Eugene Ryan from Rathmines Hurling Club in that same year.

Chairperson of the Dublin County Board during the revolutionary period, between 1911 and 1916, Boland also ended up winning two senior hurling championships with Faughs in 1914 and 1915.

Boland became heavily involved in the Irish Volunteer Force and took an active role in the Easter Rising of 1916. He was subsequently elected to the first Dáil Éireann in 1918 as a

“ The Phibsborough native was a republican envoy in the United States between May 1919 and December 1921

member of Sinn Féin.

Boland was a close ally of Michael Collins but later sided with Eamon de Valera in opposing the Anglo-Irish Treaty which kickstarted the Irish Civil War.

After being re-elected to the Dáil, during the War of Independence, Boland was shot and mortally wounded by the Free State Army on July 31, 1922, at the Skerries Grand Hotel.

The Phibsborough native was a republican envoy in the United States between May 1919 and December 1921 – at one time being presented with the Harry Boland Silver Cup.

A replica of the Harry Boland Silver Cup will be presented during the official opening of Faughs new pitch on Sunday to the Dublin county board for the Dublin Intermediate Championship.

Following that presentation, which is at noon on Sunday, July 31, Faughs minor hurlers will host Camross of Laois before their adult camogie team take on Skerries Harps.

At halftime in each game, Faughs juvenile players will challenge Kevin’s Hurling Club members.

Following that, at 3pm, Faughs hurlers representing Dublin are set to face-off against the oldest GAA club in North America, Harry Bolands of Chicago, in a 1920 commemorative match.

This game will be refereed by grandnephew of Harry Boland, Diarmuid Ó Loing from Bondi Gaels and Australasia CLG.

At the end of the day, there will be a presentation on items from the Faughs Museum along with refreshments and music in the clubhouse.



HISTORIC: Harry Boland (left) and the Dublin hurlers ahead of the 1922 Leinster Final as Michael Collins shakes hands with GAA president James Nowlan

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Hospital urges community to nominate a healthcare hero

Patients and their families encouraged to nominate TUH staff by closing date August 5

By William O'Connor
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TIME IS running out to nominate staff at Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) for a special 'Patients' Experience Award with the closing date Friday, August 5.

Patients and families are being asked to help celebrate the clinical and non-clinical staff they feel have left a lasting impression by nominating them for an award.

TUH aim is to acknowledge a member of staff who has gone above and beyond to provide exceptional levels of care to patients and families.

The award is open to patients and their loved ones to nominate the person they feel made a real difference to them during their time at the Hospital.

The winning nominee will be presented with their award at a special ceremony in September, alongside winners in five other categories to be voted for by staff within the Hospital.

Declan Daly, Chair of the Patient Community Advisory Council representing the community on the judging panel said: "The last two years of the pandemic have taken so many opportunities from us to celebrate different achievements. I am so looking forward to the Heroes Ceremony in September – it is the first time in a long time that our TUH Heroes will have the opportunity to celebrate their award with their loved ones, friends and colleagues."

"I am honoured to represent the community on the panel that reviews all of the submissions and read first-hand the incredible difference acts of kindness and thoughtfulness by a staff member can make to the healthcare journey of a patient and

indeed their family. I would encourage everyone to take a few minutes before August 5 and fill out a submission in the hospital or send an email to TallaghtHeroes@tuh.ie"

Lucy Nugent, Chief Executive of TUH commenting on the Awards said: "Our Heroes Ceremony is a much anticipated event each year, it is so important to receive nominations from our community to hear the stories of staff members who have made a difference to patients and their families."

"There is no doubt that the last two years have been challenging for staff and it is incredibly heartening to see the boost a colleague can get from someone taking the time to let them know of the difference that they made to a patient or their family during their care."

"As well as presenting a Hero Award at a ceremony, each staff member who receives a nomination gets the feedback received. There are so many demands on all of our time, but I hope our patients and their families can take a few minutes of a day to make a submission."

Application forms for members of the public to vote for the Community Nominated Patient Experience Award can be found through the Hospital Facebook page.

The application forms can be emailed to TallaghtHeroes@tuh.ie or sent by post to TUH 2022 Heroes Entries, c/o The Human Resources Department, Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin 24 NROA.

All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of judges chaired by Declan Daly, chair of the Hospitals Patient Community Advisory Council.



NOMINATE: Declan Daly, Chair of the Patient Community Advisory Council at the launch earlier this year

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New Pulmonary Function Lab opens at Russell Centre



LAUNCH: At the launch of the New Integrated Care Hub Respiratory Physiology Service: Mary McGrath (General Manager Primary Care, CHO7); Jeff Murphy (Senior Physiologist TUH), Julius Gramba (TUH/CHO7); Orla Wynn (Chief Respiratory Physiologist TUH); Gillian O'Loughlin (Operational Lead for the Integrated Care Hub Tallaght); Deirdre B Fitzgerald (Respiratory Consultant TUH/CHO7); Craig McDonnell (Senior Physiologist TUH/CHO7)

THE Integrated Care Hub based in the Russell Centre, Tallaght has launched a new Pulmonary Function Lab, the latest addition to their chronic disease management services.

The service, developed in conjunction with the existing Pulmonary Function Lab in Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) has recently commenced operation.

The lab is staffed by a Senior Respiratory physiologist providing Full Lung Function, and overseen by the Chief Respiratory Physiologist, Orla Wynne from Tallaght University Hospital (TUH).

Orla Wynne said: "In the past these tests were only available in the hospital setting, but as a result of significant investment by the HSE and thanks to collaboration with Tallaght University Hospital's Respiratory

Physiology team, service users will be able to receive timely diagnosis and follow up care in the community Hub in Tallaght, CHO7.

"These high-quality testing units are essential for the diagnosis and effective long-term management of many chronic respiratory conditions including Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). In late 2023, the service will expand to include a second Pulmonary function lab, once the purpose-built integrated chronic disease management hub is complete."

Dr Deirdre Fitzgerald, the newly appointed Respiratory Consultant, will work across both the hospital and the integrated care hub ensuring continuity of care of respiratory patients.

Allotment open day

THE FIFTH annual Friarstown allotments open day takes place on Saturday, August 6 from at noon until 4pm.

The event is organised by South Dublin Allotment Association in conjunction with South Dublin County Council.

The open day includes a competition, best in brassicas, legumes, fruits, jams and more.

Light refreshments will be for sale and there will be judging and results with prizewinning wrapping up the day.

Coffee morning

BALLYFERMOT Star is hosting a coffee morning and cake sale this Friday, July 29, from 10am to 1pm at the premises on Drumfinn Park.

The event is in aid of the Star's family summer project and will feature coffee, sweet treats and a raffle, with tickets on sale that morning with a chance to win great prizes.

The Star supports substance users and their families via treatment, aftercare and rehabilitation.

Tymon footbridge to be re-opened temporarily

Local community welcomes the opening of the M50 bridge as a positive move

By Aideen O'Flaherty
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THE temporary reopening of a footbridge that traverses the M50 at the National Basketball Arena in Tymon Park has been welcomed by a community group.

As previously reported in *The Echo*, the footbridge had originally been scheduled to close for two months, with an expected reopening on August 19.

Pedestrians had been advised to take a detour through several underpasses carrying the M50/N81 junction for the duration of the closure.

The works are primarily to renew the waterproofing of the bridge deck structure and additional minor maintenance works, but the closure of the busy bridge caused frustration in the community.

Security fencing at both ends of the bridge had been removed without authorisation last week, and pedestrians resumed using the bridge as they had seen no signs of work at the site.

In a statement to *The Echo* on Tuesday afternoon, a spokesperson for South Dublin County Council confirmed that the bridge has been temporarily

reopened between work phases.

"The contractor has temporarily re-opened the footbridge as it is the CIF holiday period and their staff [are] on annual leave," stated the spokesperson.

"The surfacing works are not complete, but temporary access has been provided to assist the local community.

"Further works will be carried out in the coming weeks which will necessitate the reimplementation of the bridge closure.

"Works are scheduled to be completed within the closure period and the bridge permanently re-opened by August 19."

Brian MacCormaic from the Friends of Tymon Park group has welcomed the move, saying it's a positive development for park users.

"I'm delighted," he said. "It's what should've been done in the first place: do the preparatory work, open it afterwards, then close it again to finish it.

"We fully understand that the bridge has to be closed for maintenance, but to close it when there's no one going in and working on it seems ridiculous."



POSITIVE: The bridge in Tymon Park has been temporarily reopened

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The crimes of defrocked priest described as 'evil' by judge

'He abused the innocence of these young boys for his own purpose'

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NOTORIOUS paedophile and former "singing priest" Tony Walsh has been sentenced to another four years in prison for indecent assaults of three schoolboys in the 1980s.

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Dublin Circuit Criminal Court heard on Thursday that Walsh (72) was a curate in Ballyfermot, Dublin and a chaplain to De La Salle school in Ballyfermot from 1978 to 1986 when he abused the boys.

Judge Martin Nolan said that Walsh has spent around 20 years in prison since 1995 when he was first convicted of indecent assault and that the three victims in the charges before the court were "in a long line of victims".

"He has done many terrible things over the years. He abused the innocence of these young boys for his own purpose. He was grossly and morally reprehensible.

"He has caused a huge amount of harm emotionally and psychologically. What he has done is evil," Judge Nolan said.

Last January Walsh, who is currently serving a sentence in the Midlands prison in Portlaoise, pleaded guilty to indecent assault of a child at a lane in Ballyfermot and indecent assault at De La Salle school on unknown dates between January 1983 and June 1986.

This victim told gardai that he was aged around eight years old when Walsh would come to the school, "we all loved him, he wasn't a teacher, he was nice to us kids".

The victim said he had been put out of the class when he met Walsh in the school corridor.

Walsh followed the boy into a toilet cubicle and anally penetrated the boy before sending him back to the class "dazed and afraid".

On another occasion he anally penetrated this boy in a laneway, telling him afterwards that if he told anyone about what happened the child would get into trouble.

Walsh also pleaded guilty last month (June) to indecent assault of a ten-year-old boy in 1982. The boy's great grandmother had recently died when Walsh brought him to the parochial house and indecently assaulted him.

Finally he pleaded guilty to three counts of indecent assault at De La Salle school in Ballyfermot on unknown dates between September 1980 and June 1984. The victim



NOTORIOUS: Tony Walsh was a chaplain at De La Salle school in Ballyfermot

was aged seven to ten when Walsh repeatedly molested him and indecently assaulted him.

This victim told gardai that Walsh would come to the school and perform Elvis impersonations and sing songs. He would also hear confessions from boys in a spare classroom and it was during these hearings that he molested and anally penetrated this boy.

Reading from his own victim impact report, this victim, who is now aged 49, told the court that his life changed drastically as a result of the sexual abuse by Walsh at the school.

He said Walsh would visit the school and call boys out of class for confession in a spare classroom.

"One by one we would go in to give confessions. This is where the sexual abuse and rape started. I don't remember what I did to invite this man to think it was okay to strip me of innocence and childhood.

"What I do remember is the shock, pain and confusion. What has never left me is the shame.

"The shame of being violated, degraded, humiliated, dehumanised, of not having the understanding or strength to make it stop.

"The shame of feeling and believing what happened was my fault. To this day I still carry this shame. This sexual abuse and rape continued for the next four years; four years of darkness and pain," he said. He said that during his time in the school "my emotional

and physical well-being suffered".

"I was exposed to an adult world I didn't want any part of, a world that brought me nothing but pain," he said.

He told the court that the abuse meant he only achieved a fraction of his academic potential and affected his progress throughout his life.

He continues to suffer nightmares and flashbacks and that his wife and children have also suffered because of the effects on him of the abuse.

Since 1995, Walsh has been convicted of 28 counts of indecent assault, five of sexual assault and five of buggery.

In 2010 he received a nine-year prison sentence for the indecent assault and buggery

of a number of children.

During his interview on some of these offences Walsh told gardai he had certain medical complaints which would make it difficult for him or impossible to perform the alleged acts. He later told them that he was attracted to young boys aged between ten and 12 and "that was always the case".

Imposing a four-year prison term, Judge Nolan said Walsh was a man who took advantage of the trust placed in him and that these offences were part of serious cumulative behaviour.

"But for the intervention of the defendant these boys', now men, lives would have been completely different. He has caused them much harm," he said.

Accountant allowed friend to use bank account

AN ACCOUNTANT who allowed his friend to use his bank account without realising the man was stealing from the financial services company they worked for has been given a suspended sentence, reports *Sonya McLean*.

Kasim Muchhala (34) of Temple Woods, Greenhills Road, allowed his friend and colleague, referred to in court as "suspect A", to use his account a number of times between January 2019 and October 2019.

He pleaded guilty at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to money laundering, on the basis of recklessness, when €72,070 was transferred into his account.

Detective Garda David Egan said

suspect A stole a total of €1.2 million from the company they both worked for by making various fraudulent expenses claims.

He said two other people are before the courts for allowing their accounts to be used to launder the stolen funds.

He confirmed that although Muchhala agreed to allow his account to be used a number of times, and that a total of €72,050 was laundered through it, he never got any reward or money for his role.

Det Garda Egan agreed with Edward Doocey BL, defending, that his client was not involved in the theft and was not aware where his colleague had got the money from.

He accepted that Muchhala said he had been working with suspect A for eight years and believed he was a shrewd investor who had an interest in stocks.

Mr Doocey said given his client's occupation and "professional acumen" he should have been aware of the risk of allowing his account to be used.

He acknowledged that between €5,000 to €8,000 was transferred to his account, either once a month or twice a month, and yet it "didn't alarm him or concern him".

Det Garda Egan agreed with Mr Doocey that Muchhala was unlikely to come before the courts again.

Mr Doocey said his client was a

married man with two young daughters who came from Mumbai to live in Ireland in 2015.

He agreed with Judge Martin Nolan that his client should have been aware of the risk of allowing his account to be used.

"He should have asked why the continued use of the account was needed and what was the source of the income," Mr Doocey said, but added that he trusted his long-term friendship with suspect A and the fact he had a long-standing good record.

"It is not a classic money mule case," Mr Doocey said "There was no promise, no inducement or profit made. He made his account available

at the request of a then friend."

Judge Nolan accepted that Muchhala was a good member of his local community and "highly unlikely to re-offend in the future".

He said he had to accept that Muchhala "didn't know that his friend was using this account to defraud another entity".

Judge Nolan said that on that basis it would be "very unjust to imprison him".

"He is obviously a very bright and intelligent man but I can accept the submission that he didn't suspect or know, (what was happening)," Judge Nolan said before he suspended an 18-month sentence on strict conditions.

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PARISHIONERS from the Church of the Annunciation in Rathfarnham raised €12,000 for Trócaire's Lenten campaign – which will be used to build a new healthcare facility in Somalia.

The money will be used to aid the charity's work in Somalia, where there is currently a

“ He said that as a result of both famine and drought, up to 350,000 children are at risk of dying by the end of the year

drought and a food shortage.

During Mass last weekend, Fr Martin Cosgrove and parishioner Anne Marie Mulhall presented the cheque for €12,000 on behalf of the parishioners to Paul Healy from Trócaire.

Frank Browne, who is a deacon in Rathfarnham Parish, said: “Paul thanked all the parishioners in Rathfarnham parish for their generosity and outlined how desperate things are in Somalia.

“He said that as a result of both famine and drought, up to 350,000 children are at risk of dying by the end of the year.

“The desperate situation is the result of the shortage of food and most recently the supply of grain from Ukraine, and also the failure of the rainy season for a number of years due to global warming.

“The donation from Rathfarnham parish will go to building a new health-care facility to treat severely malnourished children in particular.”



CAMPAIGN: Anne Marie Mulhall, Jessica Healy, Paul Healy and Fr Martin Cosgrove

10-storey 242-bedroom hotel is refused planning permission

An Bord Pleanála upholds council decision citing public safety concerns from proposed slip road

REFUSED: An artist's impression of the hotel on the Naas Road which was refused permission



By Maurice Garvey
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PUBLIC safety concerns arising from a proposed slip road to accommodate a new hotel at the Naas Road/N7, were cited by An Bord Pleanála as a primary reason for refusing the development.

Plans for the construction of a 242-bedroom hotel in the townland of Bushelloaf, Clondalkin, were first lodged with South Dublin County Council in 2020.

Colm Neville Construction Unlimited Company, with an address at the Riverside Park Hotel in Wexford, were seeking permission to build a 242-bed hotel ranging in height from seven to ten storeys.

The site is a green space between Knockmeenagh Road and the Naas Road, adjacent to the Motorlink car dealership and within close proximity of the 190-room Louis Fitzgerald Hotel.

The construction company was appealing to Bord Pleanála against a decision by SDCC last year to refuse permission for the development.

ABP upheld the SDCC decision to refuse permission on July 7.

The Board said the nature of proposed use of a slip road running parallel to the N7 would “likely generate a significant level of vehicular/high level dependency on private vehicular traffic.”

On the basis of information submitted by the applicant, the Board was “not satisfied” that direct access from the N7 slip road “would not result on conflicts with the existing flow.”

They said there is a need to “safeguard capacity, safety and smooth traffic flow” onto a “strategically important multi-modal radial route where the proposed development may have potential to endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users.”

Annual pilgrimage to Knock to take place

THE annual pilgrimage to Knock by the parish of Divine Mercy, Lucan South, is set to take place on Saturday, August 6.

Ever since the Apparition in 1879, pilgrims and visitors have been welcomed to Knock shrine in Mayo, from all

corners of the world.

The bus will be leaving from the car park of the church at 8am on August 6. Cost of the bus trip is €18 per person and is required when booking your seat.

Tea is available in St John's Centre in Knock but

attendees are requested to bring a packed lunch.

All are welcome to join them for this special day. Booking can be made through the parish office from 9.45am to 1pm Monday to Friday. Phone 457 2900 or phone Bernadette at 086 220 9634.

Work on new fourth stand at stadium well underway

Investment of €1.5 million north stand will bring capacity up to 10,000

By William O'Connor

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WORK on the fourth new stand at Tallaght Stadium which will bring the grounds up to a capacity 10,000-seater is well underway and this was clear to see at Shamrock Rovers Champions League match on Tuesday evening.

The investment in the Stadium is approximately €1.5 million with the works maintaining the stadium's UEFA Category 4 status which will potentially allow the hosting of all European games including group games for the Champions League, Europa League or Europa Conference League.

The stadium last month played hosts to a full house when the Hoops played Dublin rivals Bohemians and their match against Hibernians from Malta in their first group match.

Another big crowd will be expected next Thursday night as Rovers will now compete in the Europa League group stages.

Construction workers have been on-site since June and as well as the new North Stand, the development includes major refurbishment work to the main stand corporate areas, which will result in an improved offering and will have much-enhanced facilities for media and sporting fixtures as well as revamped conference and meeting room facilities. In addition, there will be improved fully accessible seating areas in the South Stand, as well as a changing-places facility.

The delivery of the North Stand at Tallaght Stadium and the opportunities it provides as an events venue will also complement the current

CONSTRUCTION: The new stand during Shamrock Rovers match on Tuesday evening



investment of over €80m in infrastructure projects underway in Tallaght, such as the delivery of a new Heritage Centre, the Tallaght Innovation Centre – which is now under construction – the Tallaght District Heating Scheme, as well as a major public realm enhancement programme for Tallaght Town Centre.

Tallaght Stadium is also home to the FAI Women's national football team, the FAI men's

under 21 football team and of course the current SSE Airtricity League Champions Shamrock Rovers, who play all their home games at the venue.

The development of the new North Stand, which will hold over 2,000 spectators, will allow for an increase in the spectator capacity to over 10,000, up from the current capacity of 8,000.

Jason Frehill, Director of Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development at South

Dublin County Council said recently: "The addition of the fourth stand to complete the stadium is proof of South Dublin County Council's commitment to attracting local, national and international visitors to Tallaght. This substantial investment is a milestone in promoting the entire county as a hub for sports and entertainment tourism."

It is anticipated that the construction works will be completed by the end of July 2023.

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Big turnout for heated meeting on bus plans

Over 200 people attend meeting on proposed bus corridor

PUBLIC sentiment regarding the proposed new Liffey Valley to City Centre bus corridor scheme heated up this week in Ballyfermot, reports Maurice Garvey.

Due to short notice, the usual big room downstairs at the Civic Centre was already booked, but Cllr Hazel De Nortúin (PBP) managed to secure a canteen area upstairs.

A baking hot room on a warm summer night didn't deter locals, albeit nobody knew how hot it would be in the canteen until they arrived.

The meeting was so well attended with approximately 200 people packed in, that many had to wait downstairs.

The meeting was facilitated to hear the views of residents by local Cllrs De Nortúin, Daithi Doolan (SF), Vincent Jackson (Ind) and Sophie Nicoullaud (Ind), with Cllr Doolan going downstairs to get the views of residents who couldn't attend.

The next phase of BusConnects will see changes to routes in Dublin, including that of the 79/79A and 40 routes in Ballyfermot – replaced by the number 60 and the G-Spine respectively.

Proposals published recently by the National Transport Agency (NTA) have led to concerns for residents – a key one being the removal of the 79 route, eliminating existing bus stops in lower Ballyfermot, and the lesser frequency of new routes.

This was touched on by Cllr Jackson, who said many elderly people rely on buses and there is the likelihood that the new routes will already be full when they arrive in Ballyfermot and elderly complexes were built in line with the existing routes that may be



DEBATE: Over 200 residents turned up for the meeting last week

culled – a point that led to deafening applause from the crowd.

Another round of applause was reserved for an elderly gentleman who said what was happening is “out of order and disrespectful to elderly citizens – we say no.”

A Lucan resident urged Ballyfermot residents to “stop this before it starts”, citing the loss of the 25 route during Phase 2 of BusConnects last November, which saw residents in Dodsboro/Hillcrest lose a direct bus to the city centre.

However, there was supportive voices for the proposals.

Another Lucan man said there are “some good things” in the plans, and that he got home from Dublin Airport recently for € and within an hour.

A Sarsfield Road resident and mother said she was “excited about the changes that are coming.”

The woman is Linda Tuite as *The Echo* later learned, a Green Party representative for

Ballyfermot-Drimnagh.

The Echo asked Ms Tuite in an email did she not think she should have identified her Green affiliations to the crowd.

In response, Ms Tuite said: “I live on this bus route, and I’ve been making submissions to this project since 2018. One of the reasons I was recently selected as a local Green party area representative is my interest in improving local public transport.

“I saw that there was a public meeting on the service and it was an opportunity to have your say. In my view, making it safe and attractive and convenient to walk, cycle and take public transport is one of the best things we can do to improve quality of life in our community.”

A couple of residents expressed concern at a Tweet by Ms Tuite the day after the meeting, about a car parked on a footpath on Decies Rd.

One resident said the children in the short video are “identifiable” and it “oversteps the mark.”

The Echo did not receive a response from Ms Tuite to that question.

NTA plans for the Liffey Valley to City Centre bus corridor have been suspended until the end of October, due to the need for recruitment and additional buses to service routes in Dublin.

At the meeting, Cllr De Nortúin said the main aspect was for Cllrs to collect the concerns of residents, bring them to the NTA, and then hold another public meeting with residents in September.

“It is mainly about keeping the new Spine on Decies Road,” she said on Tuesday.

“We have met the NTA (with her party colleague TD Brid Smith), and they are willing to change, and have agreed to small changes. Small stuff is not an issue for them. If it is possible, they will change.”

The next public meeting for the new bus corridor scheme will be held in the Civic Centre on September 13, at 7.30pm.

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Road safety is no joke – slow down and respect it

FOUR more people died in separate road traffic incidents within 24 hours between Sunday and Monday last week, bringing the total number of people killed on Irish roads so far this year is up 94.

Up to July 27, the day *The Echo* goes to print, 94 deaths on Irish roads is an increase on the 2021 figure which was 68 and 2019's figure of 78. This is no joke, that's 94 people leaving grieving families behind them.

With the 42 percent increase in fatalities, there has also been 673 serious injuries to date in 2022.

The Road Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána have upped the ante in terms of road safety as the peak holiday season swings into action with the August Bank Holiday weekend.

However, it is not just the bank holiday weekend, last year, August was the worst month for road deaths in a decade with 22 people losing their lives.

Roads are swollen as people up sticks to head to new destinations all over the country for their staycations and tourists take to the road during what is deemed a “high-risk period on the road”

New regulations have been announced by the Department of Transport that will double fines relating to key road safety offences such as speeding, phone use and non-wearing of seatbelts.

Speeding fines has increased from €80 to €160, while mobile phone use and not wearing a seatbelt associated fixed charges has doubled to €120.

It is sad that an increase in fines is what is deemed as a necessary countermeasure to try stop the increasing numbers of fatalities on Irish roads.

88,368 motorists have been detected speeding, while there has been 10,531 mobile related garda enforcement activities and 3,409 seatbelt offences between January and July of this year.

That is on top of the over 4,500 detections of people driving under the influences so far this year.

At this stage, we've all seen the harrowing advertisements, read tragic stories and heard about the impact that road unsafety brings.

At this stage, it is just a total lack of respect for fellow road users' safety. Try be more mindful on the road of the people around you and slow down.

Nobody wants an empty chair at the table.

More businesses join Tidy Towns programme

TALLAGHT Community Council (TCC) launched a Tidy Towns programme for Tallaght village almost two months ago.

There are two weekly meet ups to litter-pick, weed, water the new plants and do other maintenance jobs.

Over 40 volunteers have joined with the TCC committee volunteers during the first two months of the programme creating a really strong start.

Volunteers only need one spare hour to join and help make a positive difference to the village. TCC have lots more ideas to help further enhance the public areas of the village.

The village has had a very obvious uplift in appearance during that time due to the voluntary efforts of the Tidy Towns crew. This includes the removal of over 50 bags of litter, the installation of 20 new street planter boxes, 20 new native trees and perennials, graffiti removal, pathway clearing and a new bespoke heritage mural.

A key to the long term success of Tidy Towns is the support and active involvement from village businesses. They need to take pride in their premises, be proactive in litter

management and think sustainably for their businesses to help the Tallaght Tidy Town application for 2023.

TCC are delighted that there has been a solid support from village businesses so far. PM Group, AWS, M&A Auditors and Lidl have all participated in the Wednesday lunchtime Litter-picks. This event was designed to allow village business take part during office hours. M&A Auditors pledged to attend 1 litter-pick every month after helping out in June and July.

The latest business to join the Tidy Towns was Lidl, whose headquarters is on Main Rd in the village.

Declan Murphy, Tomás Mannix and Colm Crilly joined the Wednesday crew to tackle the lunchtime litterpick focusing on two historic sites in the village.

“The Lidl volunteers were highly energetic and very enthusiastic. It was a pleasure working alongside them last week”. Chris Keeley, TCC member.

Lidl has both a store and their headquarters in the village. Their village store has recently become a fully solar powered store which is great for the village and indeed a Tidy



CLEAN-UP: Tomas Mannix, Declan Murphy, Chris Keeley, Colm Crilly, Gerry Stockil and Peter Forde at the clean-up in Tallaght Village last week

Towns application. Their village parklet also has a wildlife area - with a bug hotel and planting attractive to wildlife. This helps the overall village biodiversity.

TCC would like to hear from any village businesses who want to join a litter-pick or indeed looks at ways to be more sustainable on their premises. If everyone takes some small positive

steps, collectively the whole village benefits.

“There are over 100 businesses located in Tallaght village - from retail, food and professional services.

The potential this offers us to make positive changes in the appearance of village buildings and streets is significant. We appeal to all those businesses to put their shoulder to the

wheel and help improve our village further. We ask them to invest energy and some focus to this initiative that will directly benefit them and the wider community.” Liz Kennedy, Voluntary Chair of TCC.

Anyone who wants to support the Tidy Towns are welcome to drop along to either of the weekly events. Everyone is welcome.

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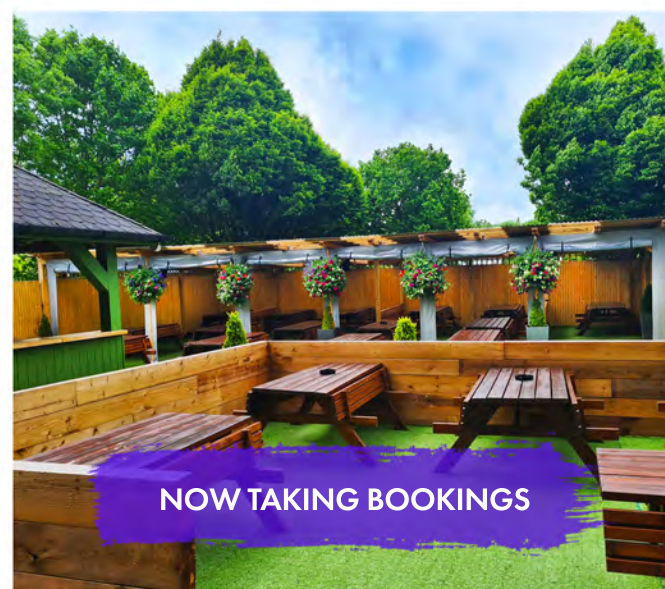
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Landmark statue of Our Lady in place since 1950s

The plan to move the statue at the roundabout in Ballyfermot has been criticised

By **Maurice Garvey**
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THE Our Lady of Assumption has been located in the middle of the landmark roundabout in Ballyfermot since the 1950s, and not the 1970s as reported last week.

Ken Larkin, from Ballyfermot Heritage Group, provided archival leaflets and pictures of the time period, including the first Mass at the church in 1953.

Plans are in place to move Our Lady's statue and redesign the roundabout for a new bus corridor, but many residents would like to see the statue remain in the vicinity, as a welcoming figure for the area.

"The parish of Ballyfermot was dedicated to Our Lady hence the name Our Lady of the Assumption, and the church first Mass was on March 15,

1953," said Ken.

"There was a temporary statue to Our Lady put in the middle of the roundabout till the new all-weather statue was made and erected in 1954. This was paid for by the Archdiocese. In August 1978 a new replacement statue to Our Lady was erected in the same spot to celebrate 25 years of Our Lady of the Assumption church opening.

"As the statue is there from the beginning it should be either left in situ, or, if it is decided by the people of Ballyfermot to take away the roundabout, the statue should be put in a place that can be seen by all coming and going through Ballyfermot and as a mark of respect for the many Ballyfermot people that have passed away.

Regarding plans for a new bus service, and the Assumption roundabout being replaced by a junction with traffic lights, Larkin believes "Ballyfermot people should have some say in this."

“ There was a temporary statue to Our Lady put in . . . till the new all-weather statue was erected in 1954. In August 1978 a new replacement statue to Our Lady was erected in the same spot . . .



MEMORIES: Assumption jubilee in Our Lady of the Assumption parish mag 1978

Writing icons classes in August

ICON writing classes will take place in St Mary's Parish Centre, Lucan, from August 15 to 20 (9.30am – 5.30pm each day).

The parish says writing or painting an icon is a prayerful and specialised gift, and they are very fortunate to have Mihai Cucu, writer of the WMOF icon, to give the course.

Cost is €50. All materials will be provided (includes all brush sets, paints, gold, boards) and the week will close with a special Mass in St Mary's when the icons will be anointed and blessed.

Places are limited. Contact Bernie on 087 2240606

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF THE SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028

Notice is hereby given, under Section 12 (12) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended), that on 22nd June 2022, South Dublin County Council, being the Planning Authority for the County, made the South Dublin County Development Plan for the period 2022 - 2028 for its functional area.

Notice is also given, under Article 131 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended), that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Statement has been prepared. This Statement summarises:

- How environmental considerations have been integrated into the Plan;
- How (i) the Environmental Report prepared pursuant to Article 13C; (ii) submissions and observations made to the Planning Authority in response to a notice under Section 12(1) or (7) of the Act; and (iii) any consultations under Article 13F, have been taken into account during the preparation of the Plan.
- The reasons for choosing the Plan, as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and
- The measures decided upon to monitor, in accordance with Article 13J, the significant environmental effects of implementation of the Plan.

The County Development Plan shall have effect from Wednesday 3rd August 2022.

Copies of the County Development Plan, Environmental Report, the SEA Statement and the Natura Impact Report will be available for inspection at the following locations from **Wednesday 3rd August 2022**:

- Planning Counter, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC (Mon-Fri (excluding Bank Holidays) between 10.00a.m. and 4.00p.m.)
- Clondalkin Civic Office, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 (Mon-Fri (excluding Bank Holidays) between 10.00a.m. and 12.00p.m. and 2.00p.m. and 4.00p.m.)

A copy will also be available for public inspection on the Development Plan website and may be downloaded from www.sdcc.ie/en/devplan2022/. The County Development Plan will be available for purchase through the Planning Department in due course.

**Michael Mulhern, Director of Services,
Land Use Planning and Transportation Department.**
28th July 2022.

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Online booking system for community centres

SOUTH Dublin County Council signed a contract with leading sports software company SportsKey Ltd. to develop an online booking system for its network of community centres.

This will see community centres in the county being able to offer sports clubs, tutors and the general public the ability to see when centres have free times and book and pay for usage. The system complements the pitches booking system which SportsKey developed for the Council.

Funding for the initiative came through Sport Ireland's Innovation Fund, backed by the Dormant Accounts Fund and was applied for through the South Dublin Co. Sports Partnership.

Thos McDermott, Co-ordinator of the Sports Partnership, says the idea behind the project is to give community centres the ability to meet the wishes of people who are now used to booking or ordering items online.

It can also help the community centres to make themselves more visible to the wider community and help ensure that they maximise their opening hours.

SportsKey founder Craig Bewley is delighted to be a partner in this new venture. "Our mission is to help organisations maximise the potential of their facilities through our customised booking systems and to help get the community participating in sport. We already have a great relationship with South Dublin Co. Co. for their outdoor pitches and park pavilions, and this project – which is unique in Ireland – will add hugely to the Council's community offering".

It is planned that the first centres will come on stream in late September with a roll-out over the next few years.



FUTURE: At the contract signing in County Hall, Tallaght are Craig Bewley, SportsKey (left) and Thos McDermott, South Dublin County Sports Partnership

Issue of flying tricolour along with other national flags sorted

Cost considerations arise if flag has to be permanently flying at full mast

By Aideen O'Flaherty
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A PROPOSAL for the Irish flag to be flown outside council offices when other flags are being flown has been approved by South Dublin County councillors.

The topic appeared in *The Echo* letters page several weeks ago, where Cllr Peter Kavanagh defended the council's flag policy in response to a constituent's issue with flags being flown at County Hall without a tricolour also being flown.

At a recent council meeting, Sinn Féin councillor William Carey tabled a motion for the tricolour to be flown at the same time as any other flags that are flown outside council buildings.

In recent months Ukrainian, Palestinian and LGBTQ+ pride flags

have been flown outside council offices, but the absence of the Irish flag has been a contentious issue for some.

Explaining his rationale for tabling the motion for the change to council's flag policy, Cllr Carey said it came about following a conversation with Cllr Eoin Ó Broin in SDCC's Clondalkin office.

"We noted that there were several flags flying outside the building, but the only flag that wasn't flying was the national flag," said Cllr Carey.

"It wasn't so much that we took offence to it, I always understood it that no flag should fly outside a public building without the national flag. That's what raised the issue."

Cllr Carey's amendment to the council's flag policy will see the national flag being flown outside council buildings when there are other flags being flown.



The amendment was backed by Cllr Carey's colleagues in the council chamber, including Cllr Kavanagh, who voted in favour of the amendment to the policy.

"I wrote a letter to *The Echo* in defence of our extant flag policy, as it was at the time, refuting the idea that the council wasn't paying due deference and respect to the Irish national flag, but only flying on the occasions listed in the policy," said Cllr Kavanagh.

"I'm not so precious or jingoistic that I feel the need for our tricolour to be there alongside the trans flag, the Palestinian flag, the Ukrainian flag or whatever that may be.

"But I would like to congratulate Cllr Carey for bringing this forward and it seems to be a very adequate solution. I think it's quite measured, and I'd be happy to support it."

Cllr Carey's proposal was approved by councillors at last week's monthly meeting of South Dublin

County Council.

A discussion was also entered into about having the national flag permanently flying at full mast outside council buildings, but Lorna Maxwell from the council said there are cost considerations which would make this an unlikely scenario.

Ms Maxwell said cost is the "principal issue", as the flag would have to be raised and lowered every day, or if it was permanently raised, lighting would have to be installed.

“We noted . . . the only flag that wasn't flying was the national flag. It wasn't so much that we took offence to it, I always understood it that no flag should fly outside a public building without the national flag. That's what raised the issue

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Suburban Picnic festival attracted over 400 people

Participants learned about their mind and body through different activities

By **Hayden Moore**
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A WELLNESS festival called Suburban Picnic, which was all about connecting and promoting mental health, attracted over 400 people to McGee Park.

Run as part of the #OneGoodClub mental health awareness initiative, St Mark's GAA club successfully organised Suburban Picnic, a festival which consisted of free events for all the family.

Participants had the opportunity to take notice and learn about their mind and body through different activities while connecting and giving to their community at different stalls.

"Suburban Picnic did exactly what we had hoped it would, connect everybody all in the spirit of mental health and well-being promotion," says Denise Paisley, One Good Club project team leader at St Mark's.

"People were able to learn and connect with each other through the collaborative exercise, yoga and dance classes run by Infinity Movement, Zen

Movement and Tallaght Leisure Centre.

"But at the same time, we had a more spiritual experience for people to take notice of their surroundings through Susan Carroll's holistic therapy sessions or the Sounds of Serenity sound bath.

"It was a really upbeat day, with South Dublin Mobile Libraries bringing their musical tots and Good Vibes Ukelele group finishing off the day with their inviting singsong.

"There was plenty of opportunities for people to give back to each other, whether it be through the fundraising events, partner-themed activities or at the stalls.

"Everything was free and overall, it was a really wholesome, fun day. It couldn't have gone any better.

"Our participation in the One Good Club initiative wouldn't have been possible without the support of everyone in the Tallaght community – we can't thank them enough."

St Mark's GAA club was picked as the Dublin representatives for the One Good Club initiative, a



OPPORTUNITIES: Members of St Mark's U15 team playing bingo

nationwide programme which aims to build and encourage positive mental health promotion.

This 10-week programme has seen the club putting their innovation caps on to engage their community in

a heap of different events every week.

Each event related back to Jigsaw's 'five-a-day for your mental health', which includes connect, get active, give, keep learning, and take notice.

After going through the

10-weeks working to organise events to promote youth mental health, St Mark's GAA Club is set to be recognised at Croke Park on Sunday.

At half-time of the All-Ireland Ladies Football Championship Final, St

Mark's and the other 25 clubs from around the country will be presented with a special #OneGoodClub plaque by the LGFA, Lidl and Jigsaw.

See photos on pages 54 and 55

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Welcome news . . .

SENATOR Lynn Boylan has welcomed news that the Seanad Public Consultation Committee will look at the constitutional future of the island.

Sinn Féin Senator Boylan from Kilnamanagh said: "I welcome that the Seanad Public Consultation Committee will undertake a series of hearings on the constitutional future of Ireland. This is a positive development at a time of growing conversations across all communities about how a new Ireland can come about.

"This is an important opportunity for people in Dublin Southwest to have their say on Irish unity.

"Here in Tallaght, many conversations are happening everyday about the benefits constitutional change can bring for all our communities.

"The appetite for change is clear and it is time for open dialogue about how constitutional change can create a better, fairer and more equal Ireland for us all to share.

"This consultation brings these important issues into the heart of the Oireachtas and creates a crucial platform for discussion of pertinent issues such as the economy, environment, education, social issues and healthcare. We are also encouraging the broadest possible input from communities, including our unionist neighbours.

"I would encourage any and all interested groups and individuals here in Dublin Southwest to make submissions to the committee's work. This is a crucial opportunity to make your voice heard about Ireland's constitutional future."

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From the Community and For the Community

Safe Place campaign runs family event with exercise classes

MEMBERS of the Make Watergate Park A Safe Place Campaign organised a fun family event with exercise classes in the popular park on Saturday

Among the groups that turned up were Thi Chi, kick boxing, Yoga with Saoirse and the Men's Shed who displayed some of their amazing hand-crafted woodwork.

"We had a fantastic time in the park Saturday morning. The sun was shining, the park was blooming and great conversation with these amazing people offering free classes to our community," said organiser Barbara Charlott.

The organisers say last weekend's family event encourages the community and park users back into using this public area to the full capacity and make everyone feel safe.

The Make Watergate Park a Safe Place Campaign are planning to run these classes every Saturday in the park from August 13. The campaigners have been seeking improvements in a number of facilities and extra investment in long-term solutions in the park to improve community



FITNESS: One of the exercise classes held on Saturday use of the area.

The campaigns are looking for proper lighting to be installed in the park, community-based park rangers to be employed in the park, more family-friendly facilities such as benches and exercise equipment. The campaign also calls on the council to invest in these exercise, yoga or running programmes to be held in Sean Walsh Park, similar to such programmes in other parks, to increase community use of the area.

Hit-and-run investigation not expected to result in arrests

Father of three suffered fatal injuries after being struck by a vehicle at Brookview Close

A GARDA investigation into the death of a 31-year-old man killed in a hit-and-run incident in Tallaght five years ago is not expected to result in criminal proceedings, an inquest has heard, reports *Seán McCárthaigh*.

Stephen Lynch, a father of three from the Glenshane estate in Tallaght, suffered fatal injuries after being struck by a vehicle at Brookview Close on April 13, 2017.

At the time, gardaí believed the victim was deliberately run over by the driver of a Ford Focus which was later found abandoned a short distance away.

Gardaí understand that Mr Lynch became involved in an altercation with the occupants of the vehicle before the fatal incident after he had earlier asked the driver of the car to slow down because of children playing in the area.

At a sitting of Dublin District Coroner's Court on Thursday, Superintendent Ian Lackey said the

investigation by gardaí into Mr Lynch's death was completed.

Supt Lackey said an independent review of the investigation, which is being overseen by an Assistant Garda Commissioner, is also near completion.

However, Supt Lackey told the coroner, Cróna Gallagher, that the review was not expected to add anything that would further the investigation.

He said gardaí would be in a position in a number of months to allow the full inquest into Mr Lynch's death to proceed "unless some other evidence comes to light which is unlikely."

Supt Lackey said the deceased's relatives had been updated on the progress of the investigation on a regular basis.

Dr Gallagher noted the inquest into Mr Lynch's death was first opened in November 2017 and had been adjourned on a number of occasions over the intervening years.

She also offered condolences to Mr Lynch's family, who were not present in court, on hearing that the victim's father, Danny Lynch, had died suddenly in March.

Dr Gallagher granted an application for a further short adjournment of the inquest and listed the case for October 20 when a date is expected to



TRAGIC: Stephen Lynch had been involved in an altercation earlier with the occupants of the vehicle



“It's important to remind people what we are still going through. We can't move on because we don't have closure

be fixed for the full hearing of the circumstances of Mr Lynch's death.

Since his death, Mr Lynch's family have made several public appeals for people to help to identify his killer as well as any other occupant in the car.

On RTE's Crimercall programme last year, his eldest son, Craig, said his father's death had affected the family's lives "in the worst way possible."

"Everyday it's killing us," he added.

The victim's mother, Vera Donovan, has vowed to continue to return to the area where her son was killed to persuade witnesses to come forward.

In an interview she gave last year, Ms Donovan stated: "It's important to remind people what we are still going through. We can't move on because we don't have

closure."

Last month, Ms Donovan described the people involved in her son's death as a "pack of monsters" and expressed a wish that they would "reap what they sow."

In a social media post, Ms Donovan said she would never give up and hoped her family would one day get justice for her son.

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Campaign for Eoghan raises €30,000

Mountain-biking accident left Clondalkin man paralysed from

BATTLING: Sean Morrissey with Eoghan Gorman in Mondello Park.



By Aideen O'Flaherty

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OVER €30,000 has been raised for the family of a young Clondalkin man who was left paralysed from the neck down after a mountain-biking accident last year.

The money was raised as a result of two events in Kildare a fortnight ago, for adaptations to be carried out in 23-year-old Eoghan Gorman's home.

Eoghan, a Greenpark native and popular sportsman, suffered his life-changing injury in the Dublin Mountains on Sunday, October 3 last year when he came off his bike coming down a trail.

The young man, who is a past pupil of Sacred Heart School in Sruleen and Holy Family Community School in Rathcoole, fractured his C3 vertebrae on his spine – one of the most severe spinal-cord injuries.

Eoghan, who had moved out of his family home in the months before the accident and was living with his girlfriend Saoirse O'Neill in Newcastle, was rushed to hospital after the accident and placed in an induced coma.

Unable to breathe independently, he was placed on a ventilator.

In recent months, Eoghan has been able to come off the ventilator and is able to breathe unassisted, but is paralysed from the neck down.

He is currently receiving treatment in the

National Rehabilitation Centre in Dun Laoghaire with the aim of eventually being able to come home.

A team of friends of the Gorman family set up a campaign earlier this year, called Fight with Eoghan, to raise funds for when Eoghan leaves the rehab centre, to get an adapted house to accommodate his needs.

The Gorman family are planning to move into Eoghan's grandmother's house in Rathcoole, as it is larger than the family's Clondalkin home and would be a more suitable property to adapt for him.

A 5k walk, jog and run event was held in Mondello Park on July 14 – at which over 400 people attended – and a classic car show, fun day and auction was held in Straffan on July 16, with over 2,000 people attending, all in aid of Eoghan's fundraiser for adaptations to his new home.

Eoghan's dad, Dean, told *The Echo* that approximately €30,000 was raised as a result of the two events, which will be added to the €131,000 fundraised so far by Fight with Eoghan.

When asked about how his son is, Dean said: "Eoghan's in good form, he's in good spirits. Going to the fundraisers was very tiring for him, it was a busy weekend."

Eoghan's mam, Tanya added: "He's blown away by the whole thing. The support that's come out for Eoghan and for us, it's unbelievable."

Dean continued: "This is the easy part,



SPIRITED: Eoghan with his girlfriend Saoirse O'Neill, his friend Sean Morrissey, and his parents Dean and Tanya in Mondello Park.
Photos by Ciarán Watts from @WattsMedia1r1

Discarded cans add to pollution of stream

A SEAN Walsh Park user said he was “disappointed” to see a large number of discarded drink cans in the Tallaght Stream in the park last week – and is calling for the introduction of a refundable deposit scheme, reports Aideen O’Flaherty.

Jim Callan, who lives in Old Bawn, visits the park several times a week and on Friday morning took a photo of a heron at the top of the stream, with cans littered on the stream bed below.

“I’ve never seen it as bad as that,” he told *The Echo*. “It’s as if someone just dumped a bag of cans, that were to be recycled, in the stream.”

The Echo contacted South Dublin County Council about the littered cans, and a spokesperson confirmed on Tuesday morning that they had since been removed.

“SDCC were made aware of the large quantity of cans/bottles that were dumped in the stream over the weekend,” said the spokesperson.

“A member of staff cleaned out most of the material yesterday morning.

“As he required waders to remove the remainder of the rubbish, the clean-up of the bottles and cans was finished [on Tuesday morning].”

Mr Callan added: “The council does a great job of maintaining the park – it’s some of the park users that are the problem.”

The affected section of the stream is on the Tallaght Stadium side of the park, and Mr Callan said the implementation of a glass and can recycling scheme may help to combat the issue.

“I don’t think anything will happen until people educate themselves,” he said. “But I think there has to be a refundable deposit on cans and glass bottles.”

Last year, Minister Eamon Ryan signed legislative regulations for a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in Ireland for plastic bottles and aluminium cans.

The scheme is expected to be operational in the third quarter of this year, and it will see customers pay a refundable deposit on items like aluminium drink cans and plastic bottles, which they will get back once they bring their used containers back to a designated return point.

According to estimates by Irish environmental organisation VOICE, in Ireland alone we generate about 3 billion single-use plastic bottles and over 582 million aluminium cans each year.

However, between 60 to 70 per cent of them are ever collected for recycling, while the remaining circa 30 per cent end up disposed in landfills/incinerators or littered in our natural environment.



DISCARDED: A heron looks down on the empty cans in Tallaght Stream in Sean Walsh Park

the neck down

because Eoghan is being looked after in rehab, but when he’s out, that’s when we’ll need the help.

“Just getting him home is our aim. He’s in the rehab, but there’s very little that can be done for him there now.

“He’s a 23-year-old fella. He’s bored in there, and he needs to be with his family and his girlfriend Saoirse.

“He needs to get out and start living the new life he has.”

Before his accident, Eoghan was a keen sportsman who practiced taekwondo, MMA and kickboxing, and Tanya said she believes her son’s experience in sports is a key part of his resilience.

“It’s down to sport, sport has gotten him through this,” she said. “It’s given him his drive and determination. He had his taekwondo, kickboxing, and MMA friends behind him in Mondello.

“To see them standing behind him, it meant a lot to us.”

Dean and Tanya said they want their son to return home as soon as possible, and the donations they’ve received will enable them to do that.

“At this stage we’re hoping to get him into the house for Christmas, so he doesn’t have to spend another Christmas in hospital,” said Dean.

Reflecting on the generosity of people who have donated to the campaign, Tanya said: “We want to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts, we’re so grateful.

“We can never thank them enough.”

The Gormans said they’re planning to hold more fundraising events later in the year. In the meantime, donations are still being accepted on the ‘Fight with Eoghan’ GoFundMe page.

Grant scheme now available to help those suffering from hair loss

AN AWARENESS campaign is needed to boost the take-up of a new grant scheme designed to help people suffering from hair loss, Dublin Mid West’s Fine Gael TD has said.

Deputy Emer Higgins, has established that 183 people have so far availed of the €500 grant towards the cost of a wig or a hairpiece due to hair loss as a direct result of illness such as alopecia or chemotherapy cancer treatment.

Deputy Higgins said, “After campaigning for the introduction of this grant, I am keeping an eye on its progress. I recently questioned the Minister for Social Protection on the matter and it was confirmed to me that since

the introduction of the grant a little over two months ago, 183 people have received it.

“While it is very positive that a number of people have benefitted so far, I am sure that many more people qualify. We need to get the word out that this grant is available to people and I encourage our medical social workers, operating within the community to remind people about the grant.

“The grant operates under the Treatment Benefit Scheme and provides up to €500 for one hairpiece or wig each year.

“Losing your hair can really add to the trauma of illness and for many people a wig or hairpiece gives them back a sense of themselves and boosts their confidence.

“Wigs can be hugely expensive, ranging in price from €1,000 to €1,500, so this grant makes them so much more accessible.

“I also believe this grant should be made available to those who suffer long-term hair loss as a result of mental health issues like eating disorders such as anorexia, and this is something for which I will continue to campaign.”

“Personally, I have seen a lot of interest from local people getting in touch with me to find out how they can apply for this grant, so I think an increased awareness campaign would be really beneficial to ensure that people are aware of the scheme and how to apply,” concluded Deputy Higgins.

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Suspended sentence for man who beat his two friends with a stick

Accused was also ordered to pay €13,000 in compensation for injuries

By **Sonya McLean**
and **Eimear Dodd**

A MAN who beat his two friends with a stick after they had intervened in a row he was having with his then girlfriend has been handed a suspended three-and-a-half-year prison sentence.

James Doyle (36) of Greenfort Lawns, Clondalkin, pleaded guilty at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to assaulting Dylan Gallagher and James Dixon on April 28, 2019.

Judge Martin Nolan said it was “hard to understand” what had caused the defendant to “behave in such an aggressive and violent way” towards his friends.

While he said it was a serious attack, Judge Nolan said the court considered it was unlikely that the defendant would re-offend.

He suspended a three-and-a-half-year sentence on strict conditions in relation to the assault on Mr Gallagher.

Judge Nolan also ordered Doyle to pay €10,000 in compensation to Mr Gallagher and a further €3,000 in compensation to Mr Dixon.

The court heard that Mr Gallagher’s arm was fractured in the assault when he raised it to protect his face. He later had to have surgery to insert a metal plate in his forearm and has suffered nerve damage.



Mr Gallagher, a make-up artist, said his injury caused him to be out of work for many months as he didn’t have the steady hand he needed to do his job efficiently.

Mr Gallagher and Mr Dixon were also due to be married in the months after the attack and they both stated in victim-impact statements that the assault “took away from the joy of the wedding day”.

Judge Martin Nolan said there had been a previous engagement with these two men and Doyle then appeared at their home and attacked them savagely with a piece of wood.

He added that the physical injuries suggested “a pretty determined assault”. He was asked to accept a suggestion from defence counsel that Doyle was not “lying in” wait for the men.

The prosecuting garda told Pieter Le Vert BL that the men had been present at the christening of a child of Mr Gallagher’s brother, Paul, as Doyle was a good friend with Paul Gallagher.

A row broke out between Doyle and his then partner and both Dylan Gallagher and Mr Dixon tried to intervene when the row moved outside onto the street.

There was some pushing and shoving before Doyle kicked Mr Gallagher in his face causing it to bleed, while Mr Dixon was punched in the head.

Mr Gallagher suffered a panic attack as a result of the kick and was brought back inside.

Mr Gallagher and Mr Dixon left

the christening about two hours later and got a taxi home. When Mr Dixon was getting out of the car, Doyle, who lived nearby, struck him in the face with a piece of wood.

Mr Dixon fell to the ground and Doyle struck him a second time. Mr Gallagher ran over to try and stop the attack and received a blow to the head before his left forearm was struck as he put it up to protect his face.

The gardaí were called and the couple taken to hospital. Doyle made a voluntary statement to gardaí the following day, during which he outlined that he was intoxicated that night.

He claimed he had been restrained from leaving Paul Gallagher’s home, following the “tiff” with his girlfriend and said he got a call later from his friend telling him that Mr Gallagher and Mr Dixon were going to call to his home.

Doyle told gardaí he lived with his elderly father so didn’t want the men calling to his home. The court heard that Mr Gallagher and Mr Dixon lived near Doyle.

He said he waited outside for them and when he saw Mr Dixon getting out of the taxi, he picked up a stick that had been lying around and swung it at him. He said the men were his friends and he was very sorry to hear they were in hospital.

Mr Gallagher stated in his victim impact statement that he has a seven-inch scar on his arm and

nerve damage. He said he had to cancel many clients’ appointments and suffered a loss of earnings of €7,000.

Mr Dixon said two of his teeth were cracked and he was prescribed medication to help him sleep. He said he used to be happy all the time and loved being around people but he doesn’t anymore.

The garda agreed with Barry Ward BL, defending, that his client has no previous convictions and has not come to garda attention since.

He told Judge Nolan that Doyle was friends with the men and his remorse was “immediate, sincere and demonstrative” and that his client had written letters of apology.

Mr Ward said Doyle doesn’t have money to offer the court but is willing to raise money as a token of remorse for the victims. He asked Judge Nolan to accept that his client was not lying in wait for the two men.

He said there was an element of intoxication, he picked up a stick and swung the stick.

Mr Ward also asked the court to accept that his client surrendered himself to gardaí.

Ordering Doyle to pay a total of €13,000 in compensation to the victims, Judge Nolan said the intention was to punish the defendant and help the victims.

“You came very close to going to prison for a long time. I don’t know what came into your mind to attack these unfortunate men who were friendly to you,” Judge Nolan said.



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Notice is hereby given that South Dublin County Council (hereinafter referred to as the “local authority”) in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 14 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 intend to acquire compulsorily under the said Act the derelict site described hereunder.

A map of the said derelict site has been deposited at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24, and the Civic Offices, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 and may be inspected there between **Wednesday the 27th of July 2022 and Monday the 29th of August 2022** during hours of business. A copy of the map may also be viewed online at www.sdcc.ie, where information in relation to current hours of business may also be found.

Any owner, lessee, or occupier (except a tenant for a month or a period less than a month) may, on or before **4.00 p.m. on the 29th day of August 2022** submit to the local authority an objection to the proposed compulsory acquisition of the derelict site. Any such objection must be in writing, stating the grounds of the objection and addressed to the local authority at:

The Senior Executive Officer, Environment, Water & Climate Change,
South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

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Frustration is voiced at 'inhuman' living conditions

Protest handmade signs saying 'This building is filthy' placed on windows

By Aideen O'Flaherty
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A RESIDENT of Deerpark Lodge in Kiltipper has put handmade protest signs across his apartment windows to voice his frustration at the "inhuman" living conditions in the apartment complex.

Aaron Finnegan, 43, has lived in Deerpark Lodge since 2008 and is calling on South Dublin County Council to carry out work in the complex.

According to Mr Finnegan, gangs of youth are gaining access to the communal areas of the complex because the entrance door is broken, while there are leaks in the ceiling of the main hallway.

"There's people in the hallways, and they're sleeping in them," he told *The Echo*. "I have PTSD, so living here is driving me insane."

"This place is too stressful for me. It's just thing after thing. I put teenagers out of the building from the communal hall, and my bedroom windows got smashed.

"The roof leaks to the ceiling in the main hallway, and it looks like it's going to fall down."

A month ago, Mr Finnegan said he became so

frustrated with a lack of maintenance work by the council that he placed protest signs on his broken bedroom windows.

One reads 'SDCC Slum Landlords', while another simply states: 'This building is filthy'.

"The place here is in bits, out in the halls," explained Mr Finnegan. "There's something under the stairs and God knows what it is, but there's flies all over it. It's inhuman."

"The council have to open their eyes to buildings like this. The teenagers in the area see them as an easy target because they know they're unkept and unmaintained."

"No one in my family will come to visit me here. Would you go to a stinking place where you don't know what'll be there when you've got to go in?"

According to Mr Finnegan, this is just one of a number of issues that residents in Deerpark Lodge are experiencing.

He said that new post boxes were placed within the apartment complex to replace old ones outside, however the postman doesn't have a key for the complex, so post continues to be delivered to the old exterior post boxes where rainwater leaks through onto the letters.

The Echo contacted South Dublin County Council for comment, but a council spokesperson said they do not comment on individual cases.

“The council have to open their eyes to buildings like this. The teenagers in the area see them as an easy target because they know they're unkept and unmaintained

Laurels static cycleton

THE Laurels Cycle Crew have agreed a three year plan in partnership with the Headway (Brain Injury Services & Support) to raise a quarter of a Million over the next three years.

This Sunday (July 31), the Laurels crew will face off against Lucan pub Pennyhill in a static cycleton to raise funds for Headway.

Derek Cummins, a Clondalkin man who benefited from the support of Headway to recover from a stroke at the age of 42, said all funds raised by the volunteers will go directly to Headway.

"Obviously I am delighted to be involved with both of these amazing projects to make a real positive impact for peoples lives," he said.

The main event is the Laurels Cycling Crew annual initiative, which sees them cycle from Galway to Dublin (September 23-25) in aid of Headway.

The Laurels and the Pennyhill will go head to head from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on Sunday, to see who will become the champions and take the trophy.



PROTEST: The protest signs on the windows and the broken windows at the apartments

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Freedom FM to broadcast live at Tymon market

FREEDOM FM will broadcast live from the Tymon Park Food and Craft Market this Saturday, July 30.

It is the first in a series of planned outside broadcasts on the run up to their next licenced run on FM in September this year.

"We decided to get out of the studio and into the community," said Paul Kavanagh, the station's Assistant Manager, "and we were delighted to be given an opportunity to broadcast at the increasingly popular Tymon Park Food and Craft Market. We'll be going live with Aidan Power with the best music from the 90s and noughties between 12 noon and 2pm."

The one-time pirate station commenced internet broadcasting during the Covid lockdown in 2020, and was awarded its first FM licence during September and October last year.

The station received word this week that their application to return to FM radios has been given the go ahead by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland.

"We are particularly excited to kick off our series of outside broadcasts at Tymon Park because it is like coming home for us. As a

pirate in 1995, we broadcast from a shed in the back garden of a house the other side of the M50 at Tymon Park, and we had our aerial pointing towards Tymon and Tallaght. We'll be bringing our unique blend of chart music from the 90s and noughties to this family event and expect that many of the adults who will be attending the market will probably have done their homework as teenagers in the 90s and early 00s whilst listening to Freedom FM," he continued.

"Last year we took our very own form of broadcasting to Limerick, Cork and Galway cities, as well as to our own home town of Dublin" said Paul, "but this year we will be extending our coverage to parts of Kildare, Wicklow, Wexford, Kilkenny, and Waterford as well as Cork county through a network of 8 transmitters. It's the largest range of transmitters for any temporary licenced station other than Christmas FM, and will mean that we will be covering a substantial portion of the country."

The market takes place between 11am and 4pm, close the playground, at the Castletymon entrance to Tymon Park, in Tallaght. Overflow car parking is available at the National Basketball Arena.

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'We are heartbroken to have lost our eldest son'

At the young age of 24 Paul died in the care of Our Lady's Hospice

By Hayden Moore

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THE HEARTBROKEN family of Paul McGhee has remembered him as "selfless, uncomplaining and easygoing" before he passed away due to complications accrued from a stem cell transplant, and following a battle with cancer.

Paul (24) left a lasting impression on those that he met throughout his short, but full, life.

"We are heartbroken to have lost our eldest son, Paul," his mam, Denise McGhee, told *The Echo*.

"He did win his battle against Hodgkin's Lymphoma but lost out to post stem cell complications/side effects.

"He has left a legacy behind him. We saw how loved he was at his funeral.

"Hundreds of people paid their respects in and outside of the church.

"Fly high Paul, this world was just a stepping stone to greater things for you.

"You made us so proud."

Prior to his diagnosis, the end of 2019 was a good period in Paul's life with the young man meeting the "love of his life" Joanna, graduating with a degree from TU Dublin and starting a job in AIB.

However, in December of that year, he discovered a lump on his chest bone which enlarged rapidly over the Christmas period.

Following an x-ray in Tallaght University Hospital and other consultations, Paul was diagnosed, at the age of 22, with stage two Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a form of cancer that affects the lymphatic system.

This all happened at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic was in its infancy, with Paul



needing to attend much of his chemotherapy sessions throughout 2020 alone.

After receiving the all-clear, it was advised that the Firhouse man undergo an autologous stem cell transplant, which is using his own blood, and in the November, he did.

In the intervening months, throughout 2021, Hodgkin's Lymphoma returned, Paul underwent immunotherapy treatment, chemotherapy, and immunosuppressive therapy.

Paul's blood type was

changed from O+ to A+ after undergoing an allogeneic stem cell transplant last November and developed a series of other complications as a result.

He developed Host Versus Graft disease, Lymphoproliferative disorder caused by Epstein Bar, a severe eye infection and a haemorrhage that required an operation.

With his condition deteriorating, Paul received CAR T-cell therapy, a form of treatment which gets immune cells to fight cancer by changing them in a lab in March of this year.

However, the disease levels increased, and in April, Paul developed severe sepsis and pneumonia, with his parents Jem and Denise along with his younger brothers, Stephen and Jason, called into St James's Hospital to say goodbye.

Despite digging deep, the medical team passed Paul over to the palliative team and he was later transferred to Harold's Cross Hospice, where he spent six weeks before dying two weeks ago.

"Paul was the most selfless, uncomplaining, and easygoing patient during his two-and-a-half-year illness," Denise says.

"He bore it with a strength and dignity that very few do.

"He had a smile on his face most days, always asking the staff and his family how they were doing."

The young Firhouse man was always smiling, even as he underwent treatment for

Hodgkin's Lymphoma and the resulting battle with side effects.

He loved sharing cooking recipes through his Instagram page Cook with Me Paul McGhee, and was always quick with a recommendation for Netflix or a takeaway.

A massive football man, Paul was a beloved volunteer coach with Firhouse Carmel FC and fan of Liverpool FC.

Throughout his illness, Liverpool legends such as Steven Gerrard, Robbie Fowler and Ian Rush, along with former St Patrick's Athletic player Paul McGrath sent messages of support to Paul.

On July 12, at the age of just 24, Paul died in the care of Harold's Cross Hospice.

Just two months before he died, Paul wrote a poem called 'Passing' while in St James's Hospital.

Paul sent the poem to his mother, Denise, and said "mam, you'll know when to read this".

Denise read 'Passing' at the funeral of her "incredibly brave and strong son" in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Firhouse, on July 15.

Members of Firhouse Carmel formed a guard of honour outside the church and at the summer camp as the cortege drove by.

Paul is survived by his parents Denise and Jem, brothers Stephen and Jason, and will be sorely missed by his girlfriend Joanna, nana Mona along with his family, friends and neighbours.



EASYGOING: Paul McGhee celebrates his 24th birthday, in August 2021 (inset) Paul during his time in hospital

Passing

By Paul McGhee

If I don't make it through the night,
I hope you remember my fight.
My fight to win my fight to live,
And to all the love I still had to give.

To my friends, I wish you well.
I hope I've left you with lots to tell.
Memories of me I hope you are fond,
Especially adventures had across the pond.

To my family I love you so,
But this is my time to go,
I know you remember me,
As the man whom I'm proud to be.

To my Joanna, my star, my sun,
I hope you know you're the special one.
I was so lucky to call you mine,
I just wish we had more time.

Memories we'll never make,
For too early, my life the world did take.
As I slip away into the dark,
I hope upon you all, I left my mark.

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



Stars of the Meadows

OVER the past number of years South Dublin County Council has been operating a management programme of grass-cutting in selected areas for the benefit of biodiversity.

Meadows are allowed to grow and flower throughout the growing season and they are only cut once a year, either in autumn or in early spring.

The cut grass is also removed, so that nutrient levels in the soil are reduced. This suits wildflower species.

Many more wildflowers have time and space to bloom and to set seed, and this in turn offers much more pollen and nectar to a wider range of insects.

Also, because some areas are not cut until springtime, there are more places for insects to overwinter in dead stems and grassy tussocks.

To monitor the effects of this management, the biodiversity in the meadows is regularly surveyed, and the results are beginning to show.

Some unusual wildflower species that had not been recorded before in the meadows of South Dublin County are now appearing.

Some of these wildflowers are more commonly found in other parts of the country, but they can occur in South Dublin County because of the soil type that exists here, and also because of the way the meadows are now being managed.

These 'Stars of the Meadows' include high numbers of wild orchids, namely the Pyramidal Orchid and the Bee Orchid.

Letting the grass grow in June and July allows these to flower.

Other wildflowers like the lovely yellow Goatsbeard have a limited distribution throughout the rest of Ireland.

However, the number of



NEAR-THREATENED: The beautiful Moss Carder Bee depends on flower-rich meadows for its survival.

flowering stems of this plant have been gradually increasing in the meadows.

This is due mainly to the altered mowing patterns which allows the plant to flower, set seed, and spread.

The delicate blue Pale Flax is a delightful plant to see swaying in the breeze amongst the tall grasses.

This is much more common along the southeast coast of Ireland, but it too is becoming more frequent now in our park meadows.

Cowslips, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Red Clover, Self-Heal, Ox-eye Daisy, Vetches, Buttercups, and Knapweed, have all become much more plentiful.

For insects, this abundance of flowers has had very positive

impacts.

The park meadows have good populations of the Red-tailed bumblebee, a species which has declined in the countryside.

The Moss Carder bumblebee is described as being 'near-threatened' because of loss of habitat.

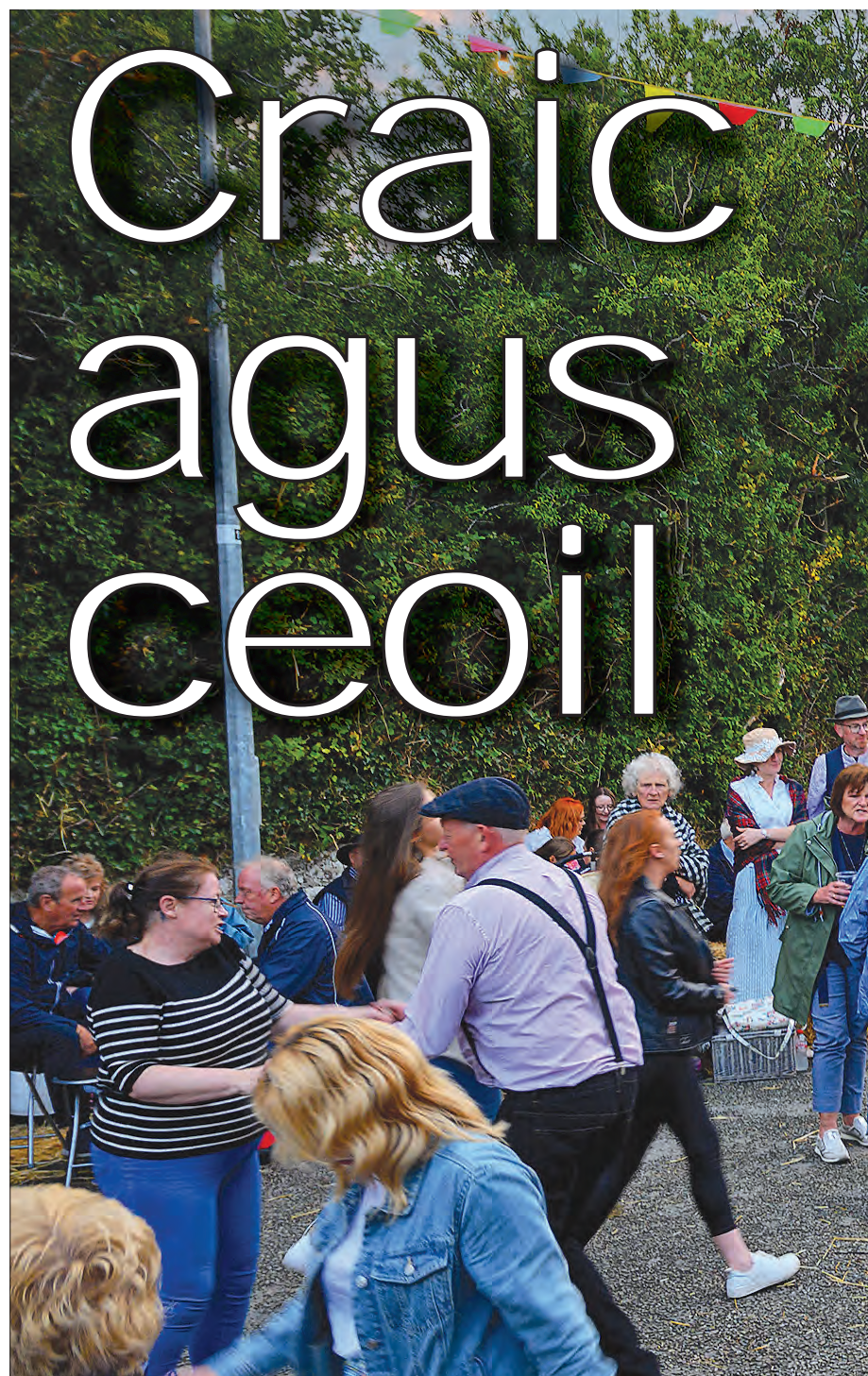
Because it prefers not to fly very far from its nest to find food, this beautiful bee needs to live very close to plenty of flower-rich meadows in order to survive.

Flower-rich grasslands and gardens are therefore very important for these and other insects.

This makes the flowering meadows in our public parks an incredible oasis for biodiversity in the urban environment.



OASIS: The meadows support abundant Pyramidal Orchids and Bird's-foot trefoil



Over 350 people put on their dancing

By Aideen O'Flaherty
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OVER 350 people donned their dancing shoes for the return of the Céilí at the Crossroads in Glenasmole, Bohernabreena, last Saturday.

Attendees were treated to Irish step-dancing, a performance by the St Anne's Balladeers and a live DJ and disco, at the long-awaited return of the annual event.

A committee of local people revived the Céilí at the Crossroads in 2015, after learning that the crossroads at Cunard had previously been the site of céilís in the early 1900s.

The successful revival of the tradition was celebrated again at the event over the weekend, after having to be postponed for the last two years as a result of the pandemic.

Myles Murphy from the Céilí at the Crossroads' organising committee told *The Echo*: "Post-Covid, we were a little apprehensive about how many people would come.

"We didn't really know how many people would be there, but the popularity of the event had grown [in the years before the pandemic]."

"But there was a really good atmosphere on the day and a really strong appetite for it."

"There was a real feel-good factor and people were happy to go out."

The varied event also included a moment of reflection led by parish priest Fr Michael Hurley, in memory of those from the surrounding valleys who had passed away since the pandemic began.

"It's just people coming together, and I think it meant a lot more this year because of Covid," added Myles.

"It meant people got to see their neighbours, have a chat and meet each other. It means a lot to the community. I could say it's the highlight of the year and people really look forward to it."

The céilí began at 7pm on Saturday evening and carried on into the early hours, with many in attendance wearing old-style clothing reminiscent of pre-1930s

fashion.

"We think it's a novel idea and adds a sense of fun on the night," said Myles about the sartorial aspect of the event.

"We gave a prize for best-dressed man and best dressed woman on the night."

"The idea of dressing up in old attire is to pay respect to the people who've gone before us, and to acknowledge those who held the original céilí."

Myles said the organising committee wanted to thank the residents of Cunard for allowing them to hold the event, the Glenasmole Community Association for their support, South Dublin County Council for their assistance, and the volunteers who helped during the event.

The committee also want to thank the event's Fear an Tí, Frank Monaghan, trad musician Mick O'Connor, DJ Deco, local gardaí, local businesses, and St Anne's GAA Club.

"The appetite is already there for it to be held next year," added Myles, "and we're going to make it bigger and better next year."

See photos 48 & 49



HAPPY FEET: Liam and Melly



DELIGHTED: Maria, Shona and Suzanne

g shoes and old-style clothing for Dancing at the Crossroads Céilí in Bohernabreena



DANCING SHOES: Former Tallaght Person of the Year Rose O'Keeffe with locals enjoying the dance

‘Criminal youths’ use park as a playground for joyriding

Many of the cars are not stolen but bought cheaply and run into the ground



BAD BEHAVIOUR: An aerial view from Google Maps shows the tracks and burnt-out cars on the lands in Clonburris with Ronanstown Garda Station located top right

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A CAR stolen from a man's home ended up in a familiar place last month – among a littered scrap-heap of burnt-out vehicles at Clonburris lands.

The green fields, located to the north of the railway line and south of Thomas Omer Way, forms part of South Dublin County Council's Clonburris SDZ (Strategic Development Zone) but work has yet to commence on the site.

The Echo has covered joyriding and burnt-out cars on the land for years. Archived articles helped Lucan man Michael Hurson in his research, after his own car was robbed last month.

Ten days after his Toyota Aqua was stolen from his driveway in the Griffeen area, Mr Hurson received a call from gardai informing him that the car was found 1km away in Clonburris.

He went over to have a look, finding a gap to walk in and scout the grounds.

"I expected to go up and see my car but was shocked to see that there is approximately 10 to 15 cars burnt out in this field. Worse than that, they have built

a track up there to run the cars into the ground before lighting them up," he said.

"My car was a Japanese import, I should never have bought it, apparently there is no immobiliser. I saw six or seven cars up there, all with the Toyota emblem."

Michael said his car was found on land behind Kishogue Community College.

"Apart from the obvious pollution issues which arises from cars being left to disintegrate like this – 300 metres from the Grand Canal – this is hardly the sight we want school kids to view daily. It is ridiculous that these lads are allowed to run riot. I can't believe it is allowed to happen."

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh (SF) said that although the land is marked for development, in the interim "for want of a better description – local entrepreneurs" are using it as a "rally track."

"Some of the cars are not stolen, bought cheap, and run into the ground. I've had a number of requests in with the council, and in fairness they have secured the perimeter, but they find a way to get in," said Cllr Ó Brádaigh.

"Last year, they set a car on



ANTI-SOCIAL: A closer look at the burnt-out cars (circled in red) from Google maps

fire beside an ESB pole, close to the railway line which put a new dimension on it. It knocked off the power (approximately 1,500 people affected according to local reports), a substantial power loss that night."

Ó Brádaigh asked the council for figures of vehicles removed from the land during 2019-21, and understands about five cars were removed.

However, when a truck removal was taking place at the site in April 2021, he spoke to the driver and understands approximately 40 vehicles were

removed at the time.

The Echo understands the land is owned privately, and has asked SDCC for comment.

Mr Hurson went through a "nightmare" to sort his insurance because it was difficult to identify and remove his car from the land.

"The salvage crew used by local gardai say that it is not possible to extract the cars and say that it is the responsibility of the local council," he said.

"There is a ridiculous hedgerow along the Thomas Omer Way these idiots can

joyride out of sight from the public. Essentially this field is left as a playground for criminal youths to perfect their trade.

"This area is far too close to estates like my own for this behaviour to be allowed. Even if this development is to commence in the next few months, this activity should be stopped and the cars removed. This area has been earmarked for development for over five years now and if recession bites over the next few months who knows for sure if this approved development will

even go ahead."

Cllr Ó Brádaigh said the council need to reinforce the perimeter and create public awareness of Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATFs) in the county for end-of-life vehicles.

"The area lends itself to anti-social activity. It is not a safe area. Along with environmental concerns of decaying batteries and vehicles, there is not enough awareness of ATFs. A whole lot more needs to be done by the council to inform people of these facilities."

Young man hospitalised after biking accident at busy park

A YOUNG man was hospitalised following a biking accident in Ballyfermot last week.

The incident happened in Drumfinn Park on Saturday, July 16.

A resident told *The Echo* the park was full of motorbikes and quads for much of

the day but all of a sudden there was sudden silence.

"It was going from about 2pm onwards – it's always a nightmare with bikes and quads in the area. All of a sudden there was this silence.

"Around the main entrance to the park,

the fire brigade arrived and was there for a good while. The park was full of motorbikes and quads during a football game. It is only a matter of time before somebody is fatally injured."

A garda spokesperson said: "Gardai are investigating an incident that occurred in

Drumfinn Park in Ballyfermot, July 16, at approximately 8pm.

"Enquiries are ongoing as to the nature of the incident. A male was taken to St James' hospital for treatment of his injuries. Investigations are ongoing at this time."

Playground inspector to be appointed to assess damage

Children have been gaining entrance through a hole in the fence

SOUTH Dublin County Council is planning to appoint a playground inspector to review a playground in Jobstown, which has been unmaintained and damaged for two years. However, a date for when it will reopen is yet to be decided, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

As previously reported in *The Echo*, the playground, which is located beside the Jobstown Community Centre and Citywise, was maintained by South Dublin County Council before it was locked in 2020.

Bawnlea resident Noel Williamson said the playground equipment was broken, and children were gaining access to it through a hole in the fence, posing a health and safety risk.

In recent weeks, the council has carried out work to cover up the holes in the fence and last

Wednesday, July 20, a council spokesperson provided an update on the playground.

"Extensive damage to the play equipment at Jobstown Playground has necessitated the temporary closure of the playground," the spokesperson told *The Echo*.

"SDCC are seeking to appoint a playground inspector to inspect/review the playground as soon as possible.

"The inspection report will identify the damage and risks in the playground and the works required to allow it to re-open.

"On receipt of the inspection report SDCC shall estimate the costs and make provision to carry out the works required to re-open the playground.

"Dates for same are not available until works are costed and programmed."



Unavoidable weeds add to the biodiversity of the meadows

Unwanted weeds will be removed once the lily bulbs have flowered

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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IT IS "unavoidable" that weeds will grow in sections of parks that have wildflower meadows, but this "adds to the biodiversity" of the area, according to South Dublin County Council.

The local authority stated this in response to a query by Fianna Fáil councillor Teresa Costello at a council meeting last week.

CLr Costello asked if there was a maintenance schedule for wildflower meadows in their charge, as she noticed some had become "suffocated with weeds" and weren't flowering as they did before.

"The amenity wildflower areas which have been planted by the council over the past two to three years generally flower better in the first year as the soil has been cultivated to sow the seeds/bulbs which disturbs the existing seeds within the soil seed bank," stated the council.

"In the following years there is more frequent low grass and colour is a little less intensive.

"To have the same flowering impact as the first year the vegetation would need

to be treated and the soil cultivated and re-seeded each year, however this is not considered to be a sustainable approach to the management of amenity wildflower areas.

"The Public Realm Section is following best practice maintenance which is to cut and remove the vegetation at the end of the growing season and then reseed the wildflower area as necessary.

"It is unavoidable that weeds will grow within the wildflower area, however it should be remembered that this will add to the biodiversity value of the area.

"In the Dodder Valley Park wildflower areas for example, there is grass present with some dockings, thistles, and nettles.

"These unwanted weeds will be removed from these areas in the coming weeks once the lily bulbs have flowered. Intervening any earlier would result in the loss of the lily planting.

"In addition to this we will be sowing yellow rattle which will both suppress and outgrow the grasses and provide additional colour to the area."

The council plans to manage over 160 acres of park land as natural meadows over the course of 2022.

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SUSTAINABLE: A short-flowering meadow in Kilnamanagh which has since been cut

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, **Maurice Garvey** talks to Derek Copley, one of the founders of the Trad Hub in Ballyfermot.



TRADITION:
Ballyfermot
musician and
lover of Traditional
Irish music, Derek
Copley

***The Echo* – celebrating
community for over 40 years**



BALLYFERMOT has a rich history of traditional music but the establishment of the Ballyer Trad Hub helped to provide a weekly focal point for dance tunes and build up a strong local base.

Every Saturday at Ballyfermot Library, from 12 noon to 2pm, musicians of all abilities, can meet up to simply play music in a comfortable space.

The Trad Hub was the brainchild of Derek Copley and Cllr Hazel De Nortúin (PBP).

"It came out of an idea both myself and Cllr De Nortúin had, to try and promote traditional music in the area. By traditional music, in this sense I mean the dance tunes such as jigs, reels etc," said Derek.

"It was very important to make the distinction, because there is no shortage of opportunity to sing in the local area and generally people will listen and be reasonably quiet, but the tunes would always appear to be seen in a session as a chance for people to have a chat until the next song.

"So the Trad Hub is a perfect opportunity to promote the rich heritage and craic behind the dance tunes, particularly identifying traditional musicians who grew up in Ballyer like the Fureys, the Keenans, the Doyles, Frank Sweeney and others like Liam Kennedy who continues to play locally at sessions."

The idea of the Trad Hub is to provide a

space for anyone and everyone to come along and experience traditional community spirit.

"No matter what level they're at, there is something that will hopefully be of interest, be it trying out an instrument, picking up a book, having a chat about your favourite musician, it's all about just being in a space that allows a friendly atmosphere for the music to flow," said Derek.

"Initially, it was set up as a drop-in hub, but it has quickly grown into an informal session of music.

There has been a great interest from the local and surrounding communities. The Ballyfermot Heritage group with Ken and Susanne and Pat, are all regular attendees, along with musicians of all levels and ages dropping in."

Derek grew up in Ballyfermot, going first to Mary Queen of Angels, then to St John's College.

He completed two HNDs at BCFE, first in print journalism in 1999, before going back in 2014 to do the Ceoltoir traditional music course.

His late mother and father, Angela and Tim, were both highly active and respected members of the community for decades, working with schools, the BLCO and then his mother's work with the Resource Centre.

His brother Gary also lives in Ballyfermot.

"I'm a married man now and my wife Ais plays and teaches fiddle locally. I better mention our two dogs Bael and Ceola who love the music....or at least know that when they hear it, me and Ais are near so they've a chance of scabbing some food off us!

Today the Trad Hub is going from strength to strength. Through the Dublin City Council Local Live Performance Scheme, the hub has received funding to host a series of workshops/demonstrations between August and October.

"We have a number of, I think, very interesting workshops lined up, which will be free to attend," said Derek.

Dates have yet to be finalised but the workshops are Tune accompaniment with Daoiri Farrell,

Sean nos dancing with Louise O'Connor, Songwriting with Joe Gibney, A life in music with Liam Kennedy.

In amongst these will be a mini series with instrument makers, titled Meet the Maker.

It will feature violin maker James Beatley, guitar making and maintenance with Eddie Valentine, and uilleann pipers and makers Seamus Ong and Eoin Dillon.

Derek first got a banjo when he was 18, after becoming obsessed with groups like the Dubliners and Wolfe Tones.

"From there, the whole world of traditional

music became apparent through the melodies which would be played intermittently between the songs.

"Although I love singing and sing a few songs myself, I quickly gravitated more toward the dance tune melodies and to groups like Planxty, the Bothy band and banjo players like Kieran Hanrahan, Angelina Carberry and John Carty. I also have a great passion for Maerican old time music, which has the same spirit and attitude of our own tradition of music," said Derek.

Asked which one person he would love to play music with, Derek said there is "too many to mention" and fear of leaving someone out, he will "keep quiet on this one."

Derek believes Ballyfermot is "undoubtedly a very musical area" citing great music making by different organisations like the "Ballyfermot Youth Service, Familibase and also the Men's Shed group."

He hopes in his twilight years to enjoy visits to the Trad Hub when it is run by the next generation.

"One subtle hope, through the exposure and work being done at the Trad Hub, is that when I'm older, I'd be able to hobble on down to a local session with my banjo and fiddle and be able to join in with the next generation of Trad heads for a tune. They might even buy me a pint, if people still drink pints then!"

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Fines for speeding, no seat belt and using phones in car to double

Minister gravely concerned about number of road deaths is determined to address safety issues

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FIXED fines for key road safety offences are set to double, as it is confirmed that 94 people have lost their lives on Irish roads since the start of the year.

Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Ms Hildegrade Naughton, is set to introduce regulations that will double the fixed charges relating to key road safety offences, including speeding, phone use and non-wearing of seatbelts.

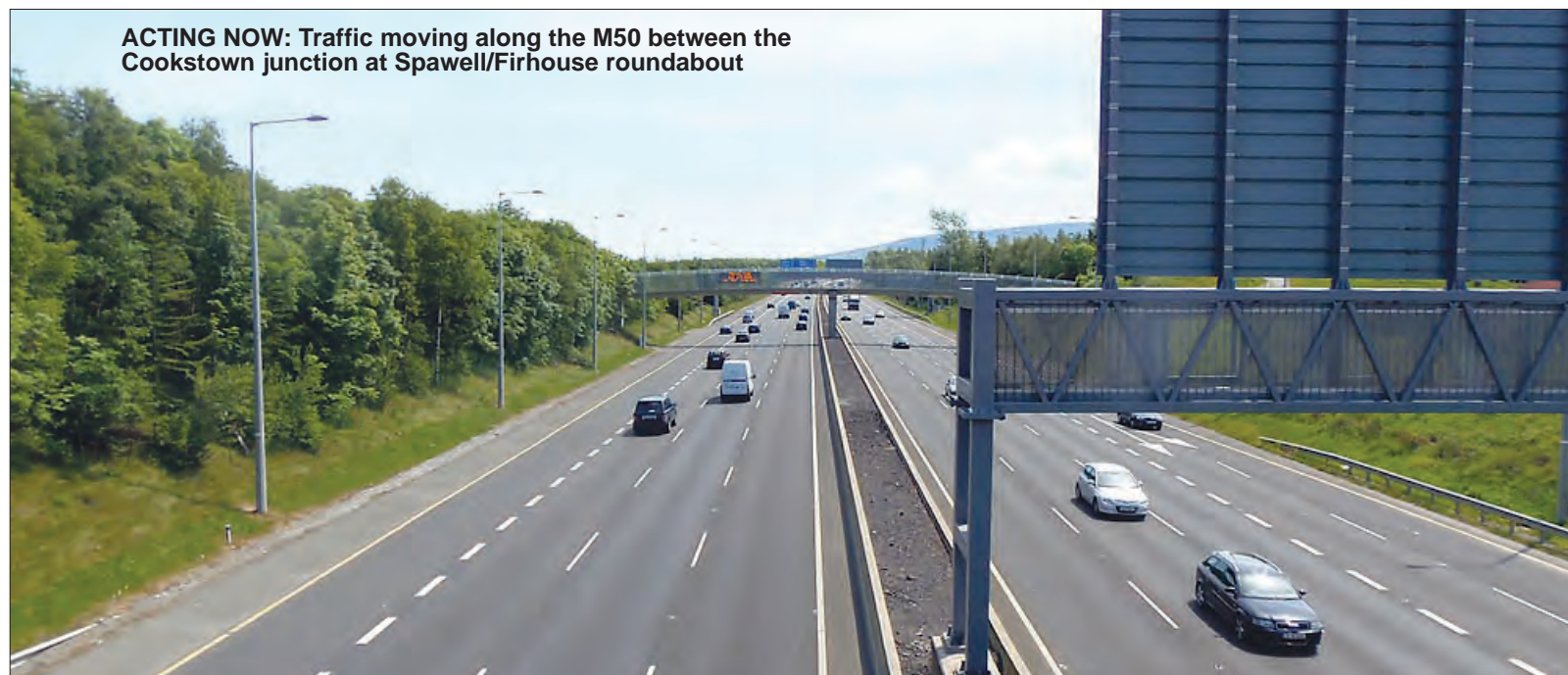
This will see the fine for speeding increase from €80 to €160 and the fine for using a mobile phone while driving, or not wearing a seatbelt, double to €120.

Fines will be doubled for other offences that put the safety of vulnerable road users at risk.

The announcement was made at the Road Safety Authority (RSA) and An Garda Síochána's mid-summer appeal, which urged road users to share the roads safely and for drivers to slow down as we enter peak summer holiday season.

Road users have been reminded to expect higher traffic volumes, not just over the August bank holiday but throughout August as tourists and

“The ‘Speed Fallacy’ is the belief that you save lots of time by speeding on a journey when in fact the time savings are minuscule, a minute or two at most on an average journey



ACTING NOW: Traffic moving along the M50 between the Cookstown junction at Spawell/Firhouse roundabout

holidaymakers take to the road.

According to figures provided, the highest number of monthly fatalities in 10 years was recorded in August 2021, when 22 people died.

This year, 2022, has already seen a 42 per cent increase in fatalities compared to the same period in 2021 –

with 94 deaths and 673 people seriously injured.

Speaking at the launch of the Road Safety Appeal this week, Minister of

State at the Department of Transport, Hildegrade Naughton TD said: “I am gravely concerned about the high number of deaths on our roads this year.

“We need to act now to stem this increase.

“Accordingly, I intend to double the fines for key road traffic offences which are putting drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists at most risk of death on our roads.

“For example, the fine for speeding will soon increase from €80 to €160 and the fine for using a mobile phone while driving or for not wearing a seatbelt will double to €120.

“I will also be doubling fines for offences which put the safety of our children who are walking, cycling, or

scooting to school at risk. Increasing fines for these offences will act as a stronger deterrent to those who break our lifesaving rules of the road.”

She reminded road users that August is typically a very busy time of the year on our roads, and that it is also a busy time for road works and safety upgrades.

Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson of the RSA, said: “We have seen a devastating increase in road trauma this year. 94 people have died and 673 seriously injured.

“All of us have a responsibility to stop this upward trend in road crashes.

“I want to commend the Minister's decision to double the fines for drivers who break lifesaving rules of the road.

“There are too many people being

killed and seriously injured and we must act to prevent more families from going through this trauma.”

Ms O'Donnell added: “At the RSA we will be launching a new campaign to highlight what's known as the ‘Speed Fallacy’.

“The ‘Speed Fallacy’ is the belief that you save lots of time by speeding on a journey when in fact the time savings are minuscule, a minute or two at most on an average journey.”

This August bank holiday weekend, the RSA will be providing free cups of coffee to drivers at participating Applegreen stations to help combat driver fatigue.

The offer will be available from 2pm to 8pm on Friday, July 29, to Monday, August 1.

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Adventure on your doorstep – pointers for exploring the Dublin Mountains

Best of Wicklow Exhibition, Trade Stand area, sheep dog trials and Rumbles restaurant

By **Hayden Moore**
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ADVENTURE is out there, and it is also right on our doorstep, with the Dublin Mountains offering a multitude of opportunities for people to get their hiking shoes on.

There are loads of trails and forests across the Dublin Mountains which leaves individuals and families with a heap of outdoor recreation activities and opportunities to enjoy.

Among these opportunities are self-guided walks at recreation sites such as the mysterious Hellfire Club, which sits atop of Montpelier Hill, or explore the vast Massy's Estate.

There are three mountain summits identified on Ordnance Survey maps, at Cruagh, Glendoo and Kilakee, which all boast grand views of Dublin.

Surrounding the summits are sprawling forest lands such as Cruagh and Tibradden woods, Ticknock and Barnaslingan.

On foot, there are plenty of surprises across the Dublin Mountains Way, which is a 42.6km national way marked trail which crosses from Tallaght to Shankill.

Cairns and large stone megalithic tombs, that date back as far as the Neolithic period, which was around 4,200 to 2,400 BC, are commonly stumbled upon and well represented across the mountains and uplands.

While there is a great opportunity for an adventure across the Dublin Mountains, there is a level of precaution that needs to be taken to

ensure any hiking trips can maximise fun in a safe manner.

Weekends are a great time for a trip up the mountains, but carparks are busiest at this time and having a Plan B is a must.

Letting someone know where you're going and when to expect you back, planning the route and sticking to way-marked trails are a good starting point.

At this time of year, in the height of summer, Lyme Disease is a risk in the outdoors with the regularity of ticks in the environment – so check yourself after walks.

Dress for the occasion, with raingear and proper hiking shoes, and bring water, suncream and a snack along with you to ensure you can fuel your trip.

An important point to consider is that all Dublin Mountains recreation sites have no toilets and there are no bins in the Coillte recreation areas, with them operating with the Leave No Trace principles – encouraging everyone to bring home litter.

The last tip relates to respecting the environment, the Dublin Mountains area is of huge archaeological significance and has a lot of recreational value for enabling everyone to connect with nature.

So, if there is any critters being brought on a walk, ensure they're wearing leads, dog foul is collected and disposed of at home.

For all things Dublin Mountains, including activities, routes, and information, visit the Dublin Mountains Partnership website at www.DublinMountains.ie



EXPLORING: Cruagh Wood



PICTURESQUE: Sean Walsh Park, the gateway to the Dublin Mountains



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Government action needed now to meet 2030 EU climate targets

Dear Editor,
SCIENTISTS fear last-ditch climate warnings are going unheeded as Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) based on the SEAI's interim energy balance provided in June 2022 reveals a record low due to Covid-19 but is set to rebound to pre-Covid-19 levels as restrictions are lifted.

Emissions per capita increased from an historic low of 11.8 tonnes CO₂eq/person in 2020 to 12.3 tonnes CO₂eq/person in 2021.

In December there were fewer than 47,000 battery electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles or 24 per cent of the climate action plan target of 195,300 for 2025.

Peat consumption fell by 67 per cent and natural gas use declined by 8.9 per cent. Electricity generated from renewables dropped from 42 per cent in 2020 to 35 per cent due to low rainfall and intermittent wind.

Leading climate scientists have warned Ireland

is perilously close to breaking the 2° Celsius scenario widely seen as the global community's accepted limitation of temperature growth to avoid significant and potentially catastrophic changes to the planet.

As emissions edge closer to 2019 levels it is too early to say what the rebound will be in 2023.

Whether they come back to 2019 levels or peak even higher remains to be seen. EPA Director General Laura Burke noted a return to

coal use in electricity generation, combined with a partial rebound in transport emissions after Covid-19 restrictions: "have combined to deliver an increase on pre-pandemic levels of emissions".

Action is needed now to meet 2030 EU targets. The government's response to high agricultural emissions is nugatory.

Yours sincerely,
Gerry Coughlan, Kilmamagh.



TRIUMPH: St Mary's and Leinster's Johnny Sexton captained Ireland against New Zealand in their famous victory

All-Ireland rugby unity

Dear Editor,

NO DOUBT many of your readers will have enjoyed the triumph of our all-Ireland rugby team in New Zealand last week.

Imagine if our soccer sporting associations could come together North and South and create one football association.

Not only would we have the opportunity to increase our chances of greater sporting success internationally,

but it may improve relationships between the nationalist and unionist communities in the North and also between all the people in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

It could help pave the way positively, for a potential united Ireland in the future too.

Yours sincerely,
Frank Browne,
Templeogue,
Dublin 16.

Centenary of Griffith's death is not on the agenda planned

Dear Editor,

IN HER written response to a Dáil question (No. 195 July 7, 2022), Minister Catherine Martin TD made it clear that the public authorities (elected and appointed), together with their Expert Advisory Group (Chaired by Maurice Manning, Vice-Chair Martin Mansergh), have no plans to mark the centenary of the death of Arthur Griffith (on August 12, 1922) about 10 days after Harry Boland was killed and 10 days before Michael Collins died.

The Minister's claim (that no particular events are being marked) is not credible given that An Post will issue stamps to mark the centenaries of the deaths of Michael Collins in August and Erskine Childers in November this year.

Both of these had a high regard for Griffith's work to advance nationalist claims for independence over decades, even though Childers did not agree with his support for the Treaty.

It is not too late to convene a special short meeting of the Dáil on Friday 12th August next to commemorate Arthur Griffith who

1) was President of the Dail when he collapsed and

died;

2) led the nationalist plenipotentiaries who negotiated the agreement for the Treaty during Oct-Dec 1921;

3) was in prison for about three of the six years after 1916;

4) had long advocated that those elected from Ireland to Westminster should not take their seats, i.e. abstention;

5) founded Sinn Féin in 1905.

There are precedents for the Dáil to hold special meetings during the normal summer recess, e.g. in August 1994, to discuss a) the report of the Tribunal of Inquiry into the Beef Industry; b) the IRA ceasefire in Northern Ireland; and c) in 1990 to pass special measures of company legislation to provide a means to rescue the business of a beef oligarch.

For more on this, this posting on Facebook – Remembering Arthur Griffith
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1697703800430640/user/100002489578191>.

Yours sincerely,

Donal O'Brolchain,
Drumcondra.

AIB's U-turn represents a victory for customers, but it comes at a price

Dear Editor,
LAST week AIB announced it planned to axe cash and cheque services from 70 more of its 170 nationwide branches on top of the 22 branches that have already lost the ability to deal in cash.

In a U-turn AIB scrapped plans to remove cash facilities from 70 branches across the country after bowing to growing unbearable

pressure from customers' interest groups and politicians.

Finance officials were in contact with AIB about the ATM closures, while feedback was channelled through officials while the Government expressed "displeasure" to the bank ahead of the U-turn.

AIB says there has been a "dramatic increase in the use of

digital banking services and a decline in branch visits and cash usage."

Daily the bank network has 2.9 million digital interactions with customers, compared with 35,000 customer branch visits combined with a 36 per cent fall in cash withdrawals from ATMs and a 50 per cent fall in cheque usage over the past five years.

There has been a drop of 50 per cent in branch over-the-counter teller transactions, while mobile and online payments have increased by 85 per cent in the same time-frame.

While the climb-down was welcomed by both Government and Opposition politicians, the victory won't come without a cost. AIB's financial bottom line will be

impacted as it will have to continue paying for cash services which are being used less and less frequently, which is sub-optimal for the state which is a majority shareholder standing at 63.5 per cent.

More costly is the reputational hit to AIB.
Yours sincerely,
Gerry Coughlan, Kilmamagh.

Dangan Group to double its workforce over three years

Company with offices in Citywest Shopping Centre is going from strength to strength

By **Maurice Garvey**

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DANGAN Group, which has offices in Citywest, announced plans to double its workforce over the next 36 months with the creation of up to 40 new fulltime roles and over 400 additional contract roles being added across the country.

The fully Irish-owned company has offices in Citywest Shopping Centre, Cork and Belfast.

The company provides multi-service client solutions in Recruitment, Cleaning and Merchandising throughout the country, and includes the brands - Dangan Group Recruitment, Dangan Group Cleaning, in addition to Harper Finley Professional Recruitment and Merchandising Matters.

Building on its regional development plans, the company has also recently opened a new office in Belfast to further grow its business in Northern Ireland over the next 12 months with

the appointment of Brian Whelan as Managing Director.

Welcoming the expansion, Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise Trade & Employment, Leo Varadkar said: "Congratulations to the team at Dangan Group on this really significant expansion and to Brian Whelan on his appointment. It's great to see an Irish company go from strength to strength and have such ambitious growth plans. It's a great boost."

Chairman of Dangan Group, Harry Gleeson, said: "The appointment of Brian to the role of Managing Director marks a pivotal moment for Dangan Group as we look to further invest in our business and our people. Brian is the right person to lead as we continue on our growth journey. We're looking forward to working with new partners and hiring more employees across each of our units in Ireland. We know that Brian will be a success in his new role as he continues to support our regional and cross-country development and we look forward to seeing what the future will bring for Dangan Group."

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APPOINTMENT: Dangan Groups' new managing director Brian Whelan (right) with chairman Harry Gleeson

Local groups supporting charity projects encouraged to apply for grants totalling €1m

By **Maurice Garvey**

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INCHICORE charity Common Ground encourages other local organisations to apply for a grant that helped them grow their initiative last year.

Benefact Group's Movement for Good Awards is giving away a further €500,000 to support charity projects that have a lasting impact on communities.

For the fourth year running, the Benefact Group is giving away €1million to charities through its Movement for Good Awards.

Applications for the larger grants of €10,000 or more are now open and close on August 5.

Last year, Common Ground, an arts development organisation, received a €10,000 grant.

This year Ecclesiastical Insurance Ireland is

inviting more charities to apply. The funding can be used within three years and for a blend of project and core funding costs.

Siobhán Geoghegan, Director at Common Ground, said: "We were absolutely thrilled to hear we were one of the winners of the Movement for Good Awards 2021. Winning €10,000 made a huge difference to the work we do locally.

"The grant also came at a perfect time as we had been navigating a difficult period following the covid 19 pandemic. These resources are helping us support and empower local people to create greener neighbourhoods through creative greening initiatives, and we hope other Irish charities benefit from this great initiative."

Charities supporting education and skills, rural or community development, heritage, arts or culture, climate or environment, and human rights or equality are invited to apply online at: www.movementforgood.com/largergrants



INITIATIVE: Celebrating their success at the Movement for Good Awards 2021 are [R to L] Rita Fagan, Board member; Siobhan Geoghegan, Director and Ger Nolan, General Manager of Common Ground; with David Lane, Managing Director, Ecclesiastical Ireland. Common Ground was named as one of the 30 winners at the 2021 Movement for Good Awards

Partnership will allow multi million growth for companies

Nangor Road firm DataSolutions forms new partnership with Cato Networks

By **Maurice Garvey**
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SPECIALIST IT distributor DataSolutions Group has announced a partnership with Cato Networks, provider of the world's first Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) platform.

This partnership with the Nangor Road based-company will help to drive multi-million business growth for Cato Networks in Ireland over the next few years, building further on its seven-figure revenues within the Irish market.

DataSolutions Group has doubled its turnover in the past three years, reaching €8 million in its latest financial year, ended March 2022.

As well as the partnership with DataSolutions, Cato Networks has invested significantly in its Dublin presence, having opened a Point of Presence (PoP) that extends the Cato SASE Cloud Backbone.

The company is also adding to the local team to achieve its goals. Recently, the SASE provider appointed industry veteran Anthony

Walsh as Country Manager of Ireland and expanded its local technical team. It is currently in the process of hiring additional staff across various support functions.

With the support of DataSolutions and its in-depth knowledge of the Irish market, Cato Networks is also looking to recruit partners with expertise in networking and security, and which typically serve the enterprise space.

Michael O'Hara, Group Managing Director of DataSolutions, said: "Given the ever-evolving threat landscape and our new hybrid working world, the breadth of cover that Cato SASE Cloud delivers across all users, applications, devices and locations is ever more crucial – and in high demand. We look forward to working with them to provide cutting-edge solutions and deliver services which power success and deliver real results."

Anthony Walsh, Country manager for Ireland, Cato Networks, said the partnership will allow them to "continue this rapid growth phase and capitalise on the wealth of opportunities within the Irish market and further afield."



PARTNERSHIP: David Keating, Group Security Sales Director, DataSolutions; Michael O'Hara, Group Managing Director, DataSolutions and Anthony Walsh, Ireland Country Manager Cato

Thorntons understood to be in advance talks to buy City Bin

PARK West company Thorntons Recycling, is believed to be in advanced talks to buy City Bin Co in a deal that will lead to a significant consolidation of the sector, reports Maurice Garvey.

Ballymount-based City Bin, which is controlled by Gene Browne, its founder, and the state-backed private equity company Carlyle Cardinal Ireland, has substantial waste collection operations in Dublin and Galway cities as well as a commercial waste business.

Thorntons, a family-owned waste and recycling operator, has 5,500 commercial and more than 75,000 residential customers.

With City Bin's 50,000 customers, most of them households, Thorntons will secure a spot as the number two player in waste collection.

Beauparc, which owns Greenstar and Panda and has 290,000 residential customers, is the clear leader.

According to its website, City Bin started in 1997 "with one truck, two customers and four bins."

In 2019, CCI acquired 45 per cent of the company for an undisclosed sum, with Browne retaining a stake near 40 per cent.

Carducci Holdings, the City Bin parent, posted revenues of €25.2 million in 2020.

The company, which recycles 90 per cent of all waste it collects, has invested €80 million in its business.

Any deal, if completed, would be likely to require the approval of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission.



RECYCLING: Thorntons is understood to be in advance talks to buy Ballymount-based City Bin

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AIB reverse cashless decision following anger in communities

Rathfarnham branch was one of the 70 AIB branches chosen before decision was abandoned

RATHFARNHAM was one of 70 AIB branches set to go cashless from October 21 – until the decision was reversed following public backlash, *reports Maurice Garvey.*

The majority State owned bank rolled back on plans to make 70 of its 170 bank branches cashless.

The announcement generated anger in communities across the country and led to political intervention by the Taoiseach.

Before the decision was reversed, AIB said the nearest AIB branch from Rathfarnham is in Rathgar, and customers would be able to use cash and cheque services at post offices, including a post office on Main Street in Rathfarnham Village.

There used to be AIB branches in nearby Templeogue Village and Terenure Village, but both of these branches were closed by the bank in 2012.

Part of the backlash to AIB's now-abandoned plan at 70 branches was likely because it is the last bank in some areas, according to John Kelly, CEO at Lean CFO and associated lecturer at UCD.

"The key thing if you're doing these things, from my banking days, was you didn't want to be the last financial bank in the town," he told Newstalk.

"I suspect in some of those locations, maybe AIB was the last person that was there to offer a cash service."

Meanwhile, the Independent revealed Department of Finance officials waited four days to tell Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe that AIB was closing cash services in 70 branches.

The decision by the department not to tell the minister for several days of AIB's plans was branded as "outrageous" by the Oireachtas Finance Committee chairman John McGuinness.

Mr McGuinness has confirmed plans to hold committee hearings in September on both the AIB controversy and the future of banking in Ireland.

"Have they abandoned the plan for a period of time or have they abandoned it for good? We don't know," he said. "It's outrageous and scandalous that the banks behave the way they behave."



DECISION: AIB in Rathfarnham

Pharmacy staff provide free health checks for Men's Shed members

PHARMACY staff in Crumlin visited Dublin 12 Men's Shed, providing free health checks for members of the group, *reports Maurice Garvey.*

LloydsPharmacy has teamed up with the Irish Men's Sheds Association to encourage all members to look after their heart health.

As part of the partnership, LloydsPharmacy's highly trained colleagues are visiting various Men's Shed locations across Ireland to undertake checks and offer knowledge and support to members.

Trained colleagues from LloydsPharmacy Ashleaf visited Dublin 12 Men's Shed.

Eight men were checked on this visit with positive feedback and result from all members.

With one in six people having a stroke at some time in their life, it is very important to take care of our hearts. There are simple lifestyle changes we can make to ensure we are doing the best to prevent heart attacks or strokes. Keeping an eye on your blood pressure is essential for maintaining a healthy heart.



CHECKS: Members of the D12 Mens shed

The Irish Men's Sheds Association was formed in 2011 and through over 450 locations nationwide, they provide support, information and resources to members' sheds in Ireland, north and south of the border.

Dervila McGarry, Head of Marketing with LloydsPharmacy said: 'At LloydsPharmacy we

are committed to serving the communities in which our stores operate. Partnering with the Men's Shed networks, allows our LloydsPharmacy colleagues to further integrate and provide an invaluable health check to the men across Ireland. We are delighted to be partnering with the Irish Men's Association and hope to grow the partnership

further in the future.'

Rebecca McLaughlin, Health & Well-Being Manager of the Irish Men's Association said the opportunity is an "effective way of engaging men with their Health – helping many to take the first step towards navigating their way through health issues and potential anxiety around dealing with them."

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74 apartments over three blocks are approved for Hayden's Lane

Plans include construction of 20 one-bed, 48 two-bed and six three-bed units

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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PLANS for the construction of three apartment blocks on Hayden's Lane in Adamstown, Lucan, have been given the green light by South Dublin County Council.

The planning application was lodged by Jackie Greene Construction Limited last December, where they outlined their plans for the residential development.

The proposal includes the construction of three apartment blocks, with heights of three- to five-storeys, to house a total of 74 apartments.

The apartments are to be provided in the form of 20 one-bed, 48 two-bed and six three-bed units, all with associated private balconies and terraces.

Vehicular and pedestrian access is to be provided from Hayden's Lane to the north west of the site, while pedestrian access is from Griffeen Park to the south east of the site.

Provision of car and bicycle parking, public and communal spaces, bin stores and all associated site development and clearance works is included.

The application received over 30 third-party submissions, where concerns were raised about a potential impact on residential amenity, such as overshadowing, it being "intrusive" to the existing streetscape, the "excessive density" of it and a lack of open spaces and amenities.

Other issues raised by the objectors include the potential impact on traffic, access, and parking due to an increase in traffic and parking as a result of the



APPROVED: The site at Hayden's Lane approved for the apartments

development, while objections were also lodged against the removal of mature trees which form part of the plans. South Dublin County Council granted

permission for the development on July 11, with a number of conditions. These conditions include a requirement for the development to hire an independent,

qualified arborist for the duration of the construction works, and they have to submit a developed Construction Traffic Management Plan.

Developer seeking extension to the duration of planning permission

Company was approved planning for four three-bed houses on Crag Avenue

A DEVELOPER is seeking an extension to the duration of planning permission for the construction of four three-bed houses on Crag Avenue in Clondalkin, writes Aideen O'Flaherty.

LT Construction Ltd were previously granted permission by South Dublin County Council for the development in 2017.

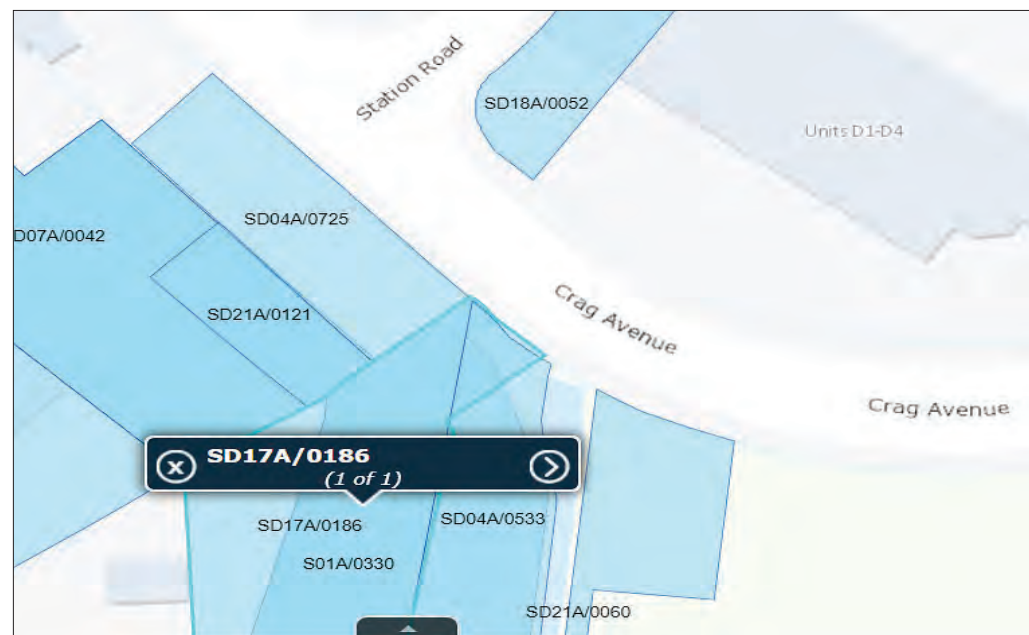
The permitted development consists of the construction of four three-bed, two-storey houses and parking and related infrastructural works.

Alterations include the widening of existing vehicular access gateway at the front of the site onto Crag Avenue within the curtilage of the Protected Structures at 6 and 7 Ballymanaggin Lane.

South Dublin County Council granted permission for the development in August 2017 for a period of five years.

As the planning permission is due to lapse, LT Construction submitted an application this month for the grant of permission to be extended.

A decision on their application for the extension of planning permission is due from the council by September 6.



DEVELOPMENT: The site at Crag Avenue in Clondalkin

‘Age friendly’ apartment complex approved at Walkinstown site

Former commercial premises will be replaced by 59 apartments on Moeran Road

By Aideen O’Flaherty

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PLANS for a new ‘age friendly’ apartment complex at a former commercial premises in Walkinstown have been granted planning permission by Dublin City Council – with the condition that part of the planned development is downsized.

Applicant Delta Acorn Ltd lodged the plans for the demolition of existing factory and ancillary buildings at the former Lighting & Electrical Distribution Group Ltd Factory Complex, Moeran Road, last August.

The plans state the proposal is for the construction of a 59-unit, one- to five-storey “age-friendly independent living” residential development.

The 59 apartments include provision for 51 one-bed units and eight two-bed units, and the development is to be served by 18 car park spaces and 60 bicycle parking spaces.

According to the plans, each apartment is provided with a private balcony or terrace and has access to communal landscaped open space in the central courtyard and a communal roof garden on the southern block.

Plans also include the provision of entrance lobby, comprising reception desk, office and communal spaces comprising common room, meeting room, laundry room, bin store and a bike store all at ground floor level.

The plans attracted ten third-party objections, where concerns were raised about the ratio of parking spaces to future residents within the proposed development, the lack of a gate at the front of the proposed development, and the potential impact on traffic.

On July 4, Dublin City Council decided to grant permission for the contentious development, with several conditions.

These conditions include the developer making a development contribution of €10,452.99 to the council as a contribution towards expenditure in the area that is likely to be incurred by the council.

The council also instructed the developer to reduce the height of one of the apartment blocks to two storeys, with the removal of one of the floors and the omission of eight units.

One of the other blocks also must have a floor removed, and in doing so omit two apartment units, so that the height in the block can be reduced to three storeys.



APPROVED: The site approved for 59 ‘age friendly’ apartments on Moeran Road

Retention permission granted for three existing prefab buildings

RETENTION permission has been granted to St Michael’s and St Raphael’s primary schools on Kylemore Road in Ballyfermot for three existing prefab buildings, writes Aideen O’Flaherty.

The three prefabs, one at 154m² and two at 84m², function as classrooms for the two schools and are located on the schools’ Dominican campus.

According to the application lodged by the schools, the classroom accommodation is of single-storey prefabricated construction complete with WC facilities provided for in each separate building.

The buildings are located within the rear playground areas and are separate from the existing school buildings.

Access to each of the prefabricated classroom buildings is provided by wheelchair access ramps.

It’s noted in their current application that the school previously received planning permission for the three classrooms in 2008.

On July 4, Dublin City Council granted retention permission to the two schools for the three prefabricated classrooms.



RETENTION: St Michael’s and St Raphael’s primary schools in Ballyfermot

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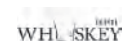
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Hybrid Electric comes out on top as preferred choice for new car purchasers

A NEW study of Irish people intending to purchase a new car within the next 18 months has shown hybrid electrics as the top pick over all other powertrain options. Just over 31% of the prospective new car buyers surveyed said they will choose a hybrid electric for their next car purchase, while more than half (54%) are likely to consider one. Currently, hybrid electrics represent 22.5% of the Irish market in 2022.

The research of 1,900 adults conducted by iReach revealed that 45% intend to buy a car within the next 12 to



18 months, with 23% stating they will buy a new car, which represents a considerable jump from the 19% who stated the same in a similar survey conducted in March 2021.

As is evident by the high demand for hybrid electrics, the survey findings represent a major change underway in Ireland towards electrified motoring as drivers seek to switch from pure fossil fuel powered vehicles into more

environmentally sustainable options. Battery electric cars (EVs) made major gains coming in as the second most popular new car option at 26%, which is up from 20% last year in a similar study.

Diesel came in third at 18%, petrol 4th at 17% and plug-in hybrids fifth at 8%.

As Ireland's best-selling car brand in 2022, Toyota's strong reputation was reflected in the survey findings as it came out

on top in a number of key categories:

- Leaders in hybrid technology – 75%
- Build quality: Toyota 1st at 19%
- Brand reputation: Toyota 1st at 18%
- Low fuel consumption: Toyota 1st at 21%
- Low environmental impact: Toyota 1st at 26%
- Resale value: Toyota 1st at 25%

The survey also revealed that Toyota is considered the most trusted car brand in Ireland at 24%, which is very much reflective of the recent Reprtrak study of the 100 most reputable brands in the country in which Toyota ranked 9th overall.

Commenting on the research findings, Zoe Bradley, head of marketing at Toyota said, "It's really heartening to see the migration towards low and zero CO2 emitting vehicles in a market once dominated by diesel. The move towards electrified motoring is clearly gathering pace and at Toyota we are proud to be at the forefront of this positive change."

"This move towards more sustainable motoring and the important role that our hybrid electrics play is absolutely evident in the survey findings, where almost a third of new car buyers are planning to purchase a hybrid. We have long held the belief that hybrids represent a neutral choice for drivers wishing to move away from diesel and create positive change for the environment. Importantly, EVs are finally gaining traction as a strong choice for new car buyers and we believe will represent a further shift change in the mass market adoption of battery electrics."

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SPOTLIGHT: Jo Linehan; and Dave Moore, Today FM at the launch of the new Carzone 'Electric Spotlight series'. The series is hosted by Jo Linehan and aims to shed some light on what it's really like to drive an Electric or hybrid vehicle.

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Blah Blah Blah

IRISH ROCK BAND RELEASE NEW SINGLE ABOUT POLITICAL CLIMATE

California-based Irish rock band ONOFF are back with their new single 'Blah Blah Blah', offering a searing assessment of the political climate in the States and the wider world. The band consists of frontman and Crumlin native Paulie Daly, bassist and Clondalkin man Dave Hurrell, and drummer Stevie Bogan. The trio has been based in Sacramento for several years. 'Blah Blah Blah' is the band's most politically

by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / aideen@echo.ie

Was there any reticence about putting out a politically themed song or did you feel it was the right time?

'Blah Blah Blah' could be released now, next year, or in five years' time. The hidden agenda in American politics will still remain the same, but I don't think any band in the past has ever been more direct with a message in their music like this one

Sacramento. How do you feel about being able to be back on stage again, but this time performing in venues with a visible audience in front of you?

It was particularly weird over here in the States because, yes, of course the pandemic was a serious thing (as it was everywhere) and it affected a lot of people, including



Irish rock band ONOFF

charged song yet, with the song's music video seeing the band members masquerade as Joe Biden, Vladimir Putin, and Kim Jong-un.

Frontman and Crumlin native Paulie told The Echo about what inspired the band to step into the arena of political songwriting, the message the band hopes to convey with 'Blah Blah Blah', and their plans for a new album – their third – to be released next year.

Your new single, 'Blah Blah Blah', sees ONOFF venturing into political songwriting for the first time. What prompted this?

The current political climate! It's actually not the first time we've dabbled in the political realm of songwriting – in fact, we have a song called 'Shame on What the Powers Have Done' that we released in mainland Europe back in 2009. It's about the George Bush episode; oil, war, governments...it's all in it. It's a never-ending story, right? But 'Blah Blah Blah' is definitely the most political we've gotten with a song.

What is the message you hope to convey with 'Blah Blah Blah'?

You know, we definitely view our band as a band of the people and for the people. Our message though 'Blah Blah Blah' is more of a wake-up call. At the end of the day, we're all getting fed the same crap, we just wrote a song about it. People should listen to the song though, we feel its self-explanatory.

Can you tell me a bit about the idea behind the music video for 'Blah Blah Blah'?

Having an anti-political themed song needed an anti-political themed video. We are all Irish in this band, born and raised, and what Irishman doesn't like to take the mick out of things from time to time? Especially three of the most corrupt power figures in the world right now.

During the pandemic ONOFF played sold-out drive-in shows in

members of our families and close friends, but it was most definitely manipulated to cause fear and panic in people. Thankfully, people have been back at shows for quite some time now. It's all about them, really. If we see the audience digging what we do, it just makes us play better and better. It's kind of like a positive feedback loop where the audience vibes off us and we, in turn, vibe off them.

What can listeners expect from your upcoming album, and has a release date been decided yet?

The new album comes out in 2023. We will be releasing four singles between now and the official album release next year. Every track is different and has a life of its own.

'Blah Blah Blah' is out now on all streaming platforms. For more information, follow ONOFF on Facebook or visit their website at www.onoffrock.com.



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Ballyfermot Writers Group holding a copy of the book



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Home Boys Home

WRITERS GROUP LAUNCH COLLECTION OF STORIES AND POETRY

by Aideen O'Flaherty / aideen@echo.ie

The Ballyfermot Writers' Group launched a new book, containing a collection of short stories and poetry about homelessness, in the Laurels in Clondalkin last Thursday, July 21. The book, titled 'Home Boys Home', features prose by internationally acclaimed Crumlin writer Rob Doyle, and Kit De Waal, whose debut novel 'My Name is Leon' has been made into a BBC series.

The writers from the Ballyfermot Writers' Group, including Camillus John and Declan Geraghty, also contributed to, and have released the book.

When asked why the writers' group wanted to delve into the topic of homelessness, writer and editor Declan Geraghty, from Rowlagh in Clondalkin, said it was a way for the group to voice their frustration with the housing crisis in Ireland.

"I think we kept mentioning it at our group meetings, it was just a topic that kept coming up," he told *The Echo*.

"Our government is awful and keep ignoring it, while kids are living in hotel rooms in big families with no space or privacy to disconnect or concentrate on their schoolwork.

"Not to mention people living on the streets, then there are people who are renting from landlords that have no security from one week to the next.

"Then there are three generations of families under one roof. It was just a topic everyone seemed to have on their minds at some point, and something that some people had previous experience with."

The group began compiling the collection in 2020, and now, two years later, they're finally able to release it – and all proceeds will be going to the Dublin Simon Community.

Finally getting to hold a print edition of the book was a proud moment for Declan, as so much work has gone into the creation of the illuminating collection of short stories and poems.

"We have previously done small publications but holding the print version of this book felt good," he said, "especially with all the delays we had trying to put it together.

"We have been trying to put this together since late 2020.

"From the pandemic and lockdowns and every other obstacle that came our way during that time, with this book it feels great, because our small writing group is alongside such big writers doing something for a good cause."

'Home Boys Home' is out now on Amazon for €10 per copy, and all money made from the sale of the book will go to the Dublin Simon Community.

The Ballyfermot Writers' Group holds its meetings and workshops in Ballyfermot Library on the first and third Wednesday of every month, from 6.30pm to 7.50pm.



Ballyfermot Writers group

Imagination

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

by Aideen O'Flaherty / aideen@echo.ie

Interactive workshops encompassing drama, stories and playing for children aged three to five will be held at the Ballyfermot Library on Thursday, August 4, at 10.30am and 12 midday.

Titled 'The King Who Was Too Set in his Ways', the workshops are part of Dublin City Council's Early Years Arts programme in partnership with The Ark.

The context of the workshop posted on the council's website is as follows: "Once upon a time there was a king who was very set in his ways and didn't like to try new things.

"His two favourite colours were white and green and everything in the Palace had to be white and green: all his clothes, decorations, flowers in his garden and even his food – white bread, rice, pasta, potatoes, lots and lots

of peas and some green apples!

"But one day a family moved in next door – they had the most colourful clothes and decorations that the king had ever seen. The king was a bit confused.

Maybe he is too set in his ways..."

The workshop will be led by Joanna Parkes and will allow little ones and their parents to use their imagination and embark on a workshop adventure together.

The workshop is free; however, places are limited so advanced booking is required on Eventbrite at www.tinyurl.com/BallyfermotKing



Ballyfermot Library

Hot Mess

PERFORM ON HOME GROUD AT BALLYFERMOT ARTS FESTIVAL

by **Aideen O'Flaherty** / aideen@echo.ie

A high energy covers band called Hot Mess, composed of musicians from Ballyfermot and Clondalkin, gave a well-received performance at the Ballyfermot Arts Festival this month.

On July 7, the band performed in the car park of the Tesco in Ballyfermot, where audience members were treated to covers of songs spanning the 1980s to current chart hits.

Performing in Ballyfermot has a particular resonance for the band, as Hot Mess was born out of a music group formed by the members of local youth service FamiliBase in 2015.

Lead singer Sarah Dunne is a Ballyfermot native and vocal trainer in FamiliBase, while bassist Aaran McCullough has attended Kylemore College and Ballyfermot College of Further Education.

The band's keyboardist, Christopher McMahon, is a classically trained pianist from Clondalkin who has also worked as a youth arts worker in FamiliBase in order to help the next generation of budding musicians.

Drummer James Peppard is a multi-instrumentalist and also works as a youth relief arts worker in FamiliBase, the band is completed by guitarist Daniel McCullagh from Kylemore.

All of the band members are seasoned musicians, who've been involved in numerous bands such as White Fangs, Rock of Ages and James Birmingham's George Michael Tribute Band.

However, the formation of Hot Mess marks the first time the group of musicians have come together to create something "entirely new and fresh", according to Christopher.

The band's guitarist, Daniel, who is also Aaran's cousin, began his musical journey when his father taught him to play the keyboard as a child.

He then went on to learn the guitar, and his propensity for playing music was encouraged by one of his teachers in De La Salle National School in Ballyfermot.

"During 6th class in the De La Salle, Brother Eugene encouraged musical kids during school," he said.

"We went to him during school break and played guitar and tin whistle. During the last few years of secondary school some of my friends from school started playing guitar.

"We went to our local FamiliBase to use the recording studio and all the music equipment. I met most of our band members there – we would jam together a lot. My cousin Aaron joined FamiliBase soon after."

As for how he feels about being a part of Hot Mess, he said he was "delighted to be playing with this band and gaining more and more experience playing live".



Hot Mess performing on stage

Poet's Corner

FIRST TIME IN SAGGART

by **Gavin Bourke**



Gavin Bourke grew up in the suburb of Tallaght in West Dublin. Married to Annemarie and living in Co Meath, he holds a B.A. in Humanities from Dublin City University, an M.A. Degree in Modern Drama Studies and a Higher Diploma in Information Studies from University College Dublin.

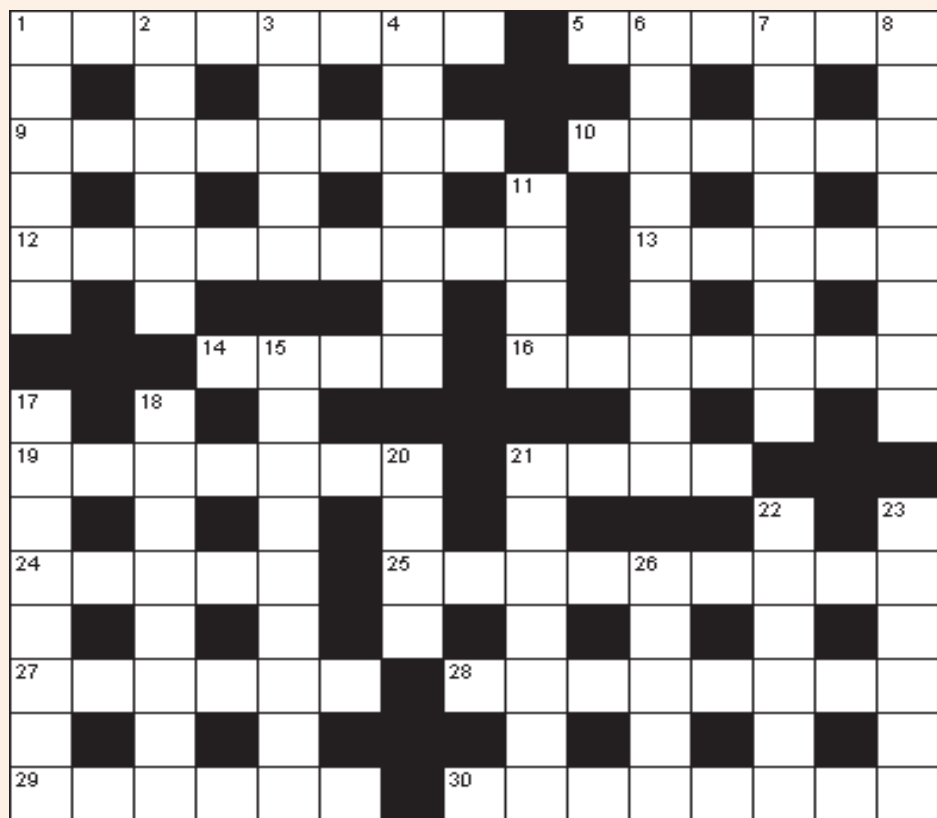
We drove passed The Square and beyond Citywest, on our first journey in this direction out of Dublin.

Rows of new-looking houses and apartments with cars parked neatly in the driveways, as we made our way to the quaint Arts Centre, on the main thoroughfare, led by the outside lights and lanterns, as the night made its initial approach. Our very first time in

the truly charming village of Saggart, full of old-world charm and hospitality, chimney-smoke, comfortable homes and passing cars. We went for a coffee as it started to get dark, walked on the fallen leaves, as the streetlights began to illuminate the main street, lending a nice, warm, cosy, welcoming feel to our visit, wrapped in a blanket of the cool, fresh, Autumn evening air. The historical and

literary meeting the new world seamlessly, with the best of intentions, lending a familiarity, to a place we had never been to before, but were glad to see and witness, nonetheless. An exquisite gem of a village, located at the epicentre, between the N7, Rathcoole, Tallaght, Citywest and Dublin City itself. That was our impression anyway, to say the least.

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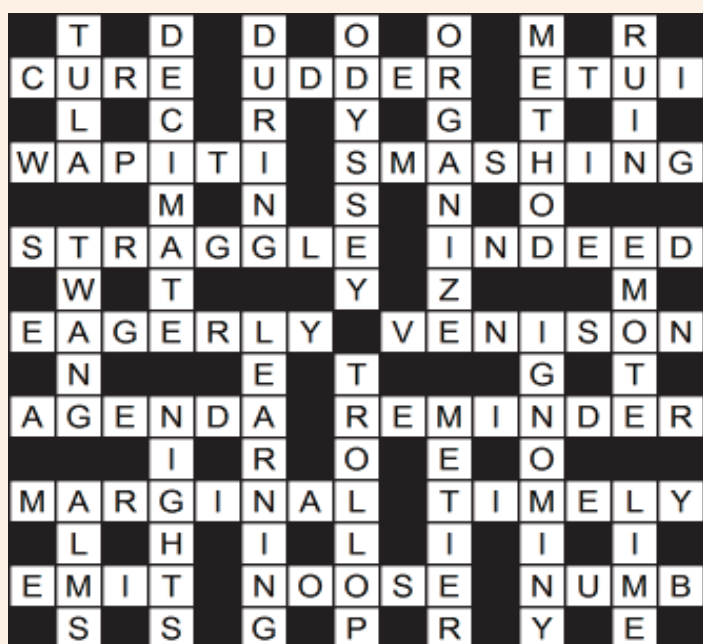
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- 5. Spreads sleeping sickness (6)
- 9. Seppuku (8)
- 10. An authoritative rule of conduct or procedure (6)
- 12. Impervious (9)
- 13. Pipsqueak (5)
- 14. Leave in a hurry (4)
- 16. Harassed (7)
- 19. Physics or chemistry (7)
- 21. Crazes (4)
- 24. Expression (5)
- 25. Obituary (9)
- 27. Formerly, a score (6)
- 28. A consonant characterized by a hissing sound (8)
- 29. Sense (6)
- 30. Involved in a sexual relationship (8)

DOWN

- 1. Not these or those (6)
- 2. Exit (6)
- 3. Children want these every birthday (5)
- 4. Harshly ironic (7)
- 6. Closed (9)
- 7. A herb found in India (8)
- 8. Adventure (8)
- 11. Mormon state (4)
- 15. Pertaining to motion pictures (9)
- 17. Helped (8)
- 18. Persevering (8)
- 20. Feudal worker (4)
- 21. A dissenting clique (7)
- 22. A musical composition of 3 or 4 movements (6)
- 23. Periwinkle (6)
- 26. Small African antelope (5)

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Pól with Carolyn, Shónagh, Aislinna, Lúsaí and Odrán Hannah and Lauren



Shauna and Olivia during demonstrations dance classes on Saturday



Lorna, Olivia, Freddie and Sylvia



Amelia, Carla, Sandra and Fran



Karl, Ryan and Noah



Ella and Tiffany



Nicola and Ellie



Rita, Margaret, Margaret, Neil and Nora

Suburban Picnic

HELD BY ST MARK'S GAA CLUB IN MCGEE PARK ON SATURDAY

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Mary and Maureen



Aisling, Hayden and Neil



Zara and Naomi



Katelyn and Shauna



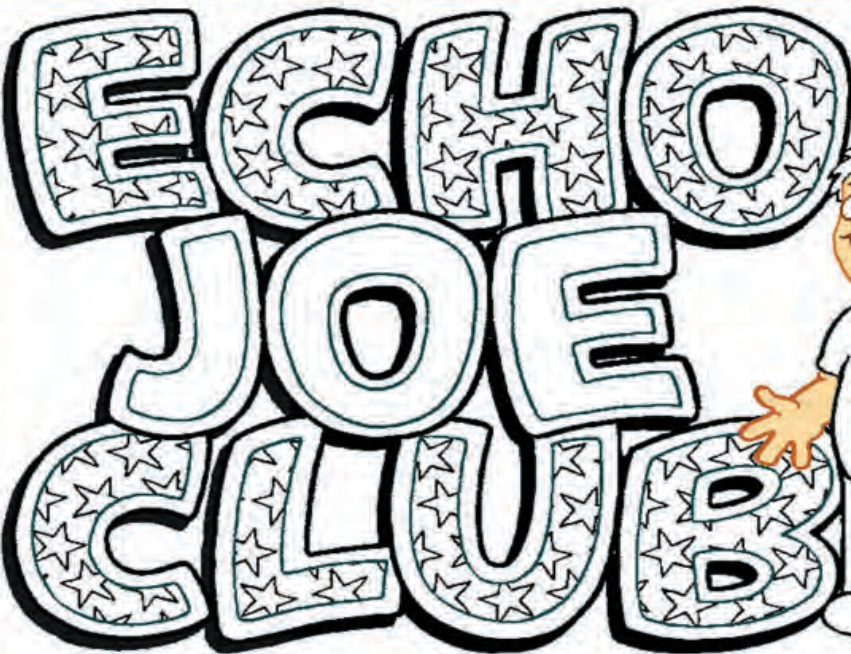
Lilly and Olivia



Yvonne and Emer



The U15 girls team playing bingo



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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
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7	20	33
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A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes. Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.



A1	A2	A3	A4
B1	B2	B3	B4
C1	C2	C3	C4
D1	D2	D3	D4
E1	E2	E3	E4

UNCOVER A HIDDEN DRAWING BY COPYING ACROSS THE SHAPES FROM THE JUMBLED SQUARES IN THE LEFT GRID INTO THEIR PROPER ORDER IN THE GRID ON THE RIGHT!

SO MUCH FOR TEACHER'S IDEA OF TREATING SCHOOL-BOOKS AS IF THEY WERE OUR FRIENDS...

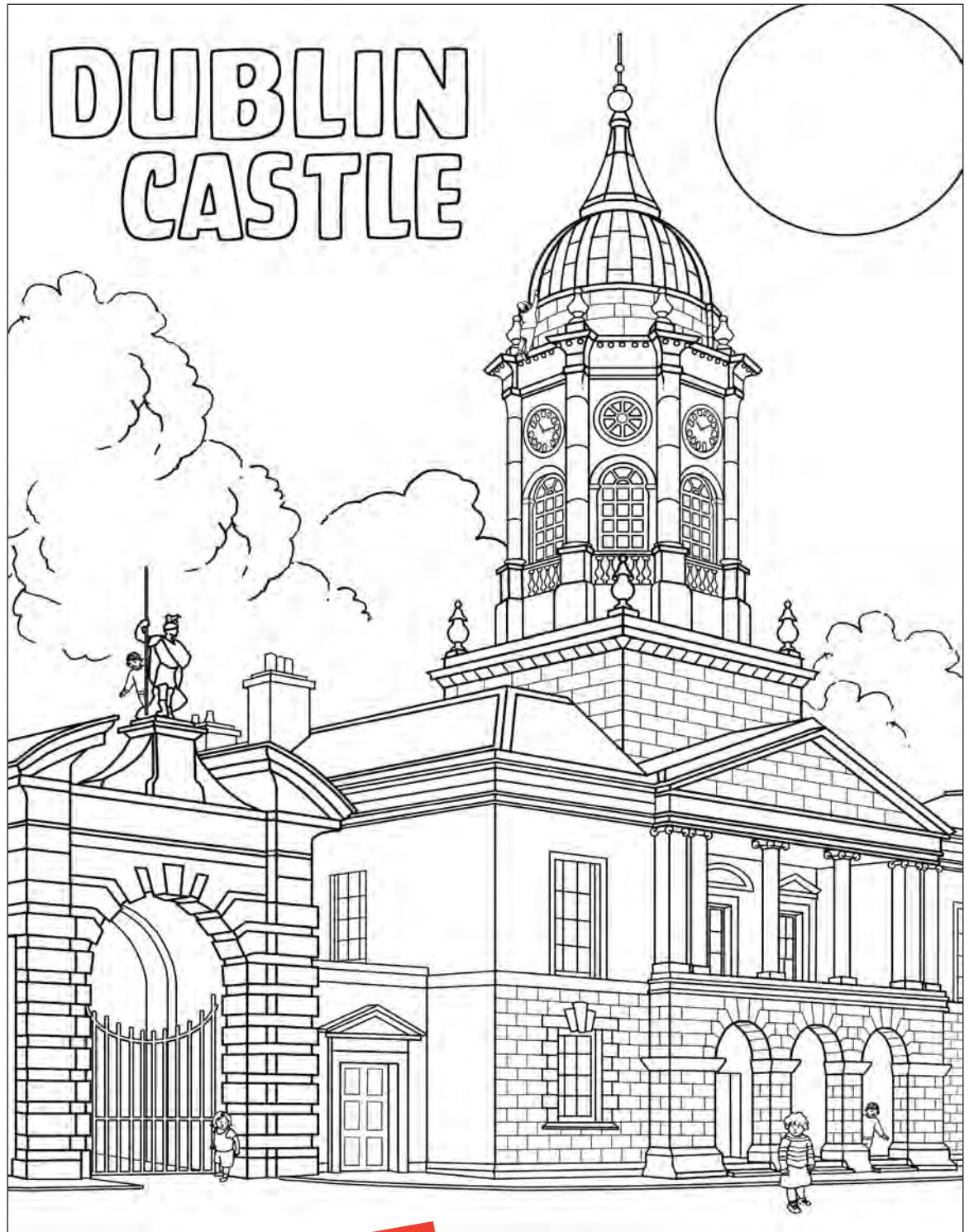
...MY HISTORY BOOK'S BEEN CHRONIC IN GOAL, AND IN MIDFIELD!

THE TEAM TRIED IT UP FRONT AND TOLD IT TO FORGET ITS POOR PERFORMANCES TO DATE...

...BUT IT'S NO USE - ITS CONFIDENCE IS SHATTERED!

YOUR HISTORY BOOK JUST WON'T LET GO OF THE PAST.

WE'VE PUT IT ON THE TRANSFER LIST!



LETTER LINK LOG-JAM

A MISSING LETTER ON EACH ROW FINISHES ONE WORD AND STARTS THE NEXT...

BUT WHAT ARE THE LETTERS?

BOR		AME
LAS		ORN
LES		TAB
CLA		INK
ARC		ELP
LAM		UMP
DEE		EST
FUN		ERB

the missing letters: N, T, S, P, H, B, P, K.

winner

Tara Murray, age 7, is this week's winner of The Echo Joe Club logo colouring competition. Tara, your prize will be on the way to you soon.

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Opposition By Local Group To Brittas Housing Plan

A Brittas residents group has been formed to oppose the rezoning of 150 acres of land around the County Dublin village from "high amenity" to low-density housing.

The Blessington Lake District Association will hold its inaugural meeting in the Downshire Hotel Blessington on August 30th 1982.

The land was rezoned in June when a motion proposed by Mr. Larry McMahon (FG) and seconded by Mr Liam Lawlor (FF) was adopted by the Council despite opposition from planning officials.

A spokesman for the new group Mr Pierre de Labre

said: "The decision was taken without any consultation with the local people. I first heard of it when I read the news in the evening paper on my way back from London and when I talked to other local people they told me they got to know from a neighbour or from reading the newspapers."

He added that Brittas-type developments would continue until there was a plan for the area. Meanwhile, a local Worker's

Party branch has condemned the planning decision as "a blatant attempt allowing a few speculators to make a few quick shillings".

Calling for an inquiry into the decision, the Ballinteer and Tallaght cumainn said: "The Workers' Party would like to see the warning of planning officials taken seriously before it is too late. They have stated clearly that if this scheme goes ahead it is a 'recipe for disaster'.

"If Larry McMahon, Liam Lawlor and their friends on the County Council have their way they'll soon be rezoning the Phoenix Park. The Workers' Party calls for some measure to stop this type of blatant speculation".



These youthful walkers took part in St. Anne's G.A.A. Sponsored Walk to Waterworks on Sunday July 11th.

First Ever All-Ireland Title For Tallaght-Ballyroan

THE TALLAGHT/Ballyroan Order of Malta Ambulance Corps took the All-Ireland cadet team championships title in Sligo on Sunday July 4.

In the 13-16 years final, Marie Keane, Liza Harte, Mary Pointon and Allison Kerr left four opposition teams trailing to win the first-ever All-Ireland title for Tallaght-Ballyroan.

The girls performed an oral first aid test and treated a mock accident in

winning the competition which had eluded their club for so long.

In 1979 the unit had given their previous best performance when coming second.

Not content to take just the team awards, members of the unit then went on to win medals in the

dividual events.

Allison Kerr won the silver medal in the 13-16 yrs cadet individual test and 12 years old Carol Nulty of Seskin View Road won the bronze in the 10-13 cadet individual test.

Special praise was given to the performance of young Carol who was competing in her first championships.

It has been announced that a presentation will be held in early September to mark the winning of the championships. The venue will be decided shortly. Watch this space for details.

Fortunestown Lane Improvements

THE DUBLIN County Council has confirmed that £20,000 has been allocated for the continued improvement of Fortunestown Lane from the

Roadstone entrance to Belgard Road. The land required has now been acquired for widening and works are now in progress.

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Council Deny Millbrook Allegation

THE DODDER Valley Park at Old Bawn, Tallaght is intended for both passive and active recreational use according to the Parks Department of Dublin County Council.

In a recent statement they denied the allegation of Millbrook Lawns Residents Association that there was a conflict between the two forms of recreation in the park.

Instead, the approved plans for the development of the park envisaged the provision of an "extensive range" of pedestrian paths, tree planting, seats, etc., in addition to the pitches, basketball and tennis courts already provided.

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Cycle Raises £7000

Nearly 200 people participated in this year's Kilnarnagh Glendalough sponsored bicycle pilgrimage, held on July 4th.

Over £7,000 was raised for the St. Kevin's Parish schools fund in this the third year for the annual thirty-mile cycle.

One hundred and twenty six men and sixty-four women went from Kilnarnagh where St. Kevin was schooled to Glendalough where he founded a community of monks, passing through Blessington Turlough Hill on the way.

But the cyclists found only part of the pilgrimage party. Many travelled down by coach and 600 people in all gathered in the Wicklow resort for religious ceremonies that afternoon.

On arrival back to Kilnarnagh, the travellers were entertained by youngsters starting their Summer Project they performed a judo exhibition, an Irish dancing exhibition and a concert "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat".

The cyclists will meet at the Belgard on the night of Monday 26 July for a presentation ceremony. Each person who lasted the distance will receive a trophy.

When asked whether the event would be run again next year, cycle organiser Fr. Hanratty said "I do not believe anyone could get us to stop it now".

Isn't She Cute



Completely unaware that she was being photographed, this young girl enjoyed her goodies at the Tiny Tots Disco during the Millbrook Lawns Community Week.

Killinarden Comes Clean

Killinarden Parish won first prize in the County Dublin Tidy District competition for the area showing best improvement in tidiness over the year.

Killinarden Community Council will receive £1,000 towards an amenity of their choice in the area.

This is the first time Killinarden have won the prize and in doing so they

defeated entries from all over County Dublin.

Although there is not a next stage in the competition, prizes will be awarded next month for the five best kept gardens in the parish.

Cartoon Characters Help Local Lady to Prize Bond Win!

THE well known Minstrels, used by Lyons Tea for the past 11 years in their cinema and television commercials, have helped Mrs. Pauline Doyle, 161 Balrothery Estate, Tallaght, Co. Dublin to share in a £100,000 prize in the latest Prize Bond Draw.

40 holders of ticket number X762190, including Mrs. Doyle will each receive £2,500 in their share of the top prize. The 40 holders had each received their Prize Bond number as part of an ongoing Lyons Tea campaign.

Packets of Lyons Tea and Teabags carry Minstrel coupons, and any member of the public who collects and submits 40 coupons is entitled to a free share in a Prize Bond as well as being included in a free draw for a Ford Cortina car.

It is the first time that any commercial firm has won the top prize in the Prize Bond's Draw, although the Lyons Minstrels have won several minor prizes in the past.

Watergate Sign

DUBLIN County Council have ordered a roadsign for the entrance of Water-

gate Estate, Tallaght. The nameplate will be erected on delivery.

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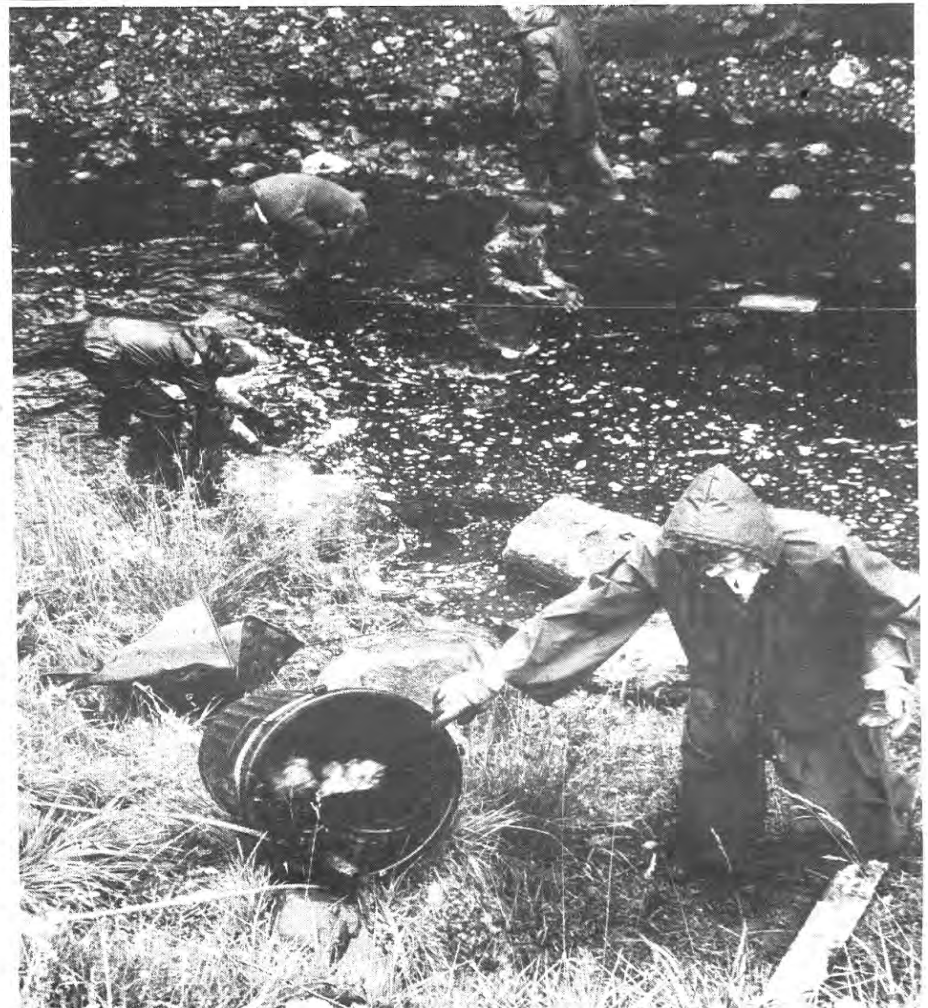
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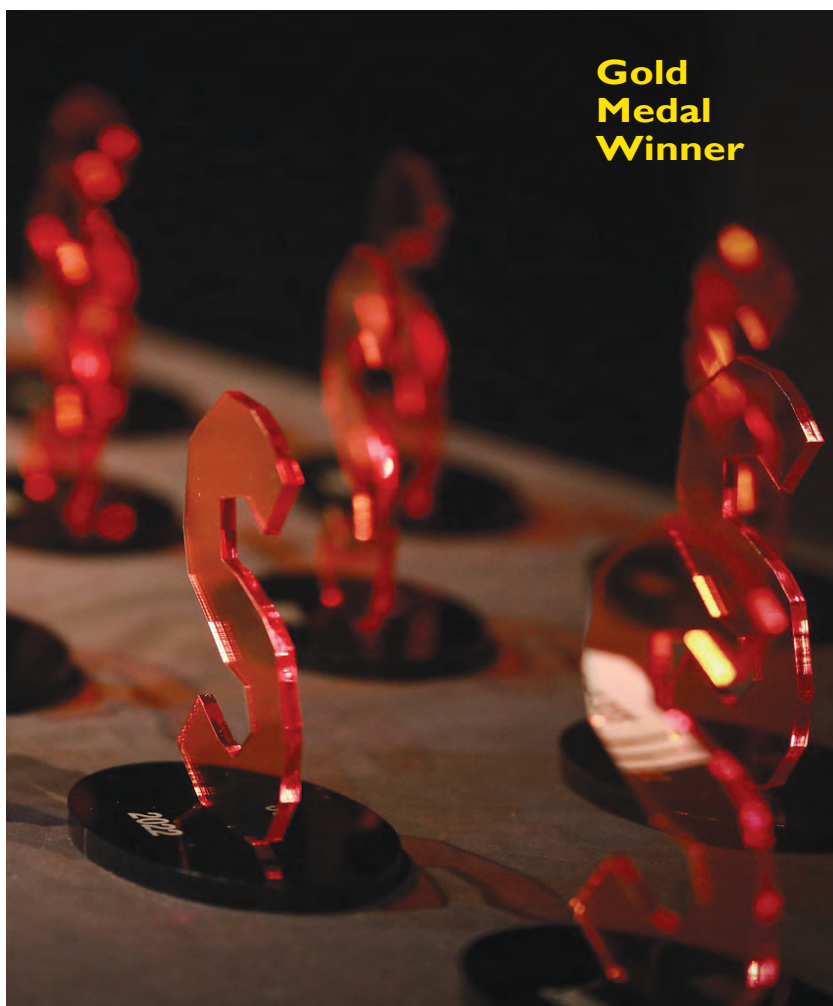
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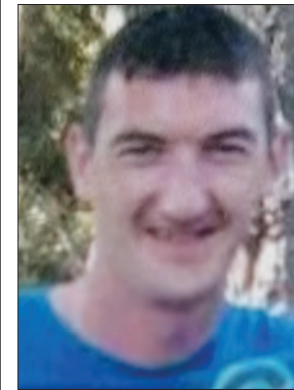
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BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



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Byrne, Brigid
10th Anniversary away from home occurs 30th July. Also remembering her Birthday at this time. Late of Clondalkin. Remembering also, her son Kenneth Byrne.

*We lost a mother with a heart of gold,
How much we miss her can never be told,
She shared our troubles and helped us along,
If we follow her footsteps we will never go wrong.
We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you mother and always will.*

Sadly missed by your loving husband Gus, your daughters Angela, Yvonne, Elizabeth, Hazel, Denise and Susan, son Edward, Grandchildren, Great-grandchild, Daughters-in-law, Sons-in-law, Family and Friends.

Nolan, Catherine (Kay)
7th Anniversary occurred 27th July.

A Letter from Heaven
*I'm writing this from Heaven,
Where I dwell with God above,
Where there's no more tears or sadness,
There's just eternal love.
When you are walking down the street,
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps,
Only half a step behind.
And when you feel that gentle breeze,
Or the wind upon your face,
That's me giving you a great big hug,
Or just a soft embrace.
And when it's time for you to go,
From that body to be free,
Remember you're not going,
You are coming here to me.*
Sadly missed by her beloved husband Liam, and the Austin and Nolan families.

Brierton, Alan
5th Anniversary, 29th July 1978 - 2nd August 2017.

*The very echo of his name,
The memory of his smile,
The little things he said and did,
Are with us all the while.
Lonely is the home without you,
Life to us is not the same,
All the world would be like heaven,
If we could have you back again.
Our lips cannot speak how we loved him,
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,
But God only knows how we miss him,
In our home that is lonely today.*
Forever missed and loved by your devoted Mam and Dad, Liam & Maura. Always in the hearts of your sister Janet, brother-in-law Austin and niece and nephew Willow & Theo.

Matthews, Frank
17th Anniversary away from home. Occurs 30th July. Also remembering our Mam Margaret Matthews.

*Memories are keepsakes,
Cherished all life through,
Ours are very special Dad,
Because they are of you.
A smile for all,
A heart of gold,
One of the best,
This world could hold,
Never selfish, always kind,
These are the memories you left behind.*
Sadly missed by your loving family. xxxxx

O'Dwyer, Ciaran
39th Birthday, his 9th away from home occurs 1st August. Late of Cappahmore.

*If Heaven had a number,
I'd call you on the phone,
To wish you Happy Birthday,
And ask you to come home,
A kiss blown up to the sky so blue,
Catch it Ciaran it's just for you.*
Happy Birthday Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Caroline and Jamie. xxx

Swaine, David
60th Birthday occurred 27th July 2022. Late of Old Bawn, Tallaght.

*Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered every day.*
Love, Mam & Family. xx

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Novena to St. Jude
Most Holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honours and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore, you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and help of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly, (here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever, I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. D.D.

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.

NOVENA

August Queen of Heaven
Sovereign Mistress of the angels! Thou who from the beginning hast received from God the power and mission to crush the head of Satan, we humbly beseech thee to send thy holy Legions, that, under thy command and by thy power, they may pursue the evil spirits, encounter them on every side, resist their bold attacks and drive them hence into the abyss of eternal woe. Amen T.G.

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The heartache and the sadness, Might not always show, People say it lessens, How little do they know, They say I have my memories, But they just don't understand, I cannot kiss a memories face, Or hold a memories hand, On the outside it seems I'm healing, But God if they could see inside, The pain and the sadness of losing you, Hasn't changed since the day you died, But when I'm sad and lonely, And everything goes wrong, I seem to hear you whisper, Cheer up and carry on. Kathleen, you were so special, What more can I say, Except I wish with all my heart, That you were here today.
From your loving husband Paddy. xx

Have you ever lost your Mam, Or ever felt the pain, Or ever felt the bitter tears, That dropped like falling rain, If you never had that feeling, Then I hope you never do, For when I lost my Mam, My heart just broke in two, I often sit and think of you, And think of how you died, To think you could not say goodbye, Before you closed your eyes, I hold you close within my heart, And there you will remain, To be thought about through my life, Until we meet again.
From Stephanie, Alan & Jimmy, Jacinta, Fran & Boys. xx

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ANNIVERSARY



Blake, Mona
In loving memory
Born 11th March 1975
Passed away on 25th July 2019
Rest in peace.

Deep are the memories, Precious they stay, No passing of time, Can take them away. Now I am gone, release me, Let me go, I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, But be happy that we had so many beautiful years. So grieve for me a while, If grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust, It's only for a while that we must part, So bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on, So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you cannot see or touch me, I'll be near, And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear All my love around you, soft and clear, And then when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile, And Say "Welcome Home!"
Love Brendan, Family & Friends.

NOVENA

9 Day Novena to St. Anthony.
St. Anthony, I resort to thy protection and aid, as proof of my affection and faith, I offer this candle which shall burn every day. Please comfort me in my difficulties and through thy living in the house of my Saviour, intercede for me and all those I love so that we may always hold God in our hearts and be provided for in our necessities, I beseech thee, St. Anthony, to have infinite pity in regard to the favour I ask of thee (here mention your favour). Please help me to overcome all difficulties which I now leave at thy feet. 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Mary's, 3 Glory Be to the Father's. This novena should be said for 9 days in succession. Each day a candle should be lit and a copy of this prayer left in the Church to help another soul in distress and to increase devotion to St. Anthony. This miraculous Saint grants everything no matter how difficult and before the termination of the nine days. But even if your request is granted, the Novena must be fulfilled. Holy St. Anthony pray for us. M.C.

ANNIVERSARY



Kenny, Kevin
11th Anniversary away from home occurs 31st July. Also remembering his brother Martin & nephew Jack. Late of O'Hogan Road, Ballyfermot.

If we only knew that morning, What heartache that day would bring, When your loving heart stopped beating, And we couldn't do a thing. They say there is a reason, and that time will heal, But neither time nor reason will change the way we feel. No one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles, And no one knows how many times, We've broken down and cried. So we want to tell you something Kevin, So you won't be in doubt, You are so wonderful to think of, But so hard to live without.
Loved and sadly missed from Mam, Dad, Sisters Karen and Samantha, Jonathan, Jack, Rosie and Sadie, Brother Stephen, Siobhan, Halle, Harper and Hunter.

ANNIVERSARY



McCarthy, Thomas
2nd anniversary occurred 27th July.

A million hugs and kisses, Sent to you above, Carried with care on the wings of a dove, A prayer, a Mass, these are all I can give, But these you will have as long as I live, No words can say or tears express, The loss, the love, the emptiness, Miss you every day, son Thomas.
From his broken hearted mother Pauline, brothers David, Darren, sister Caroline, brother Kenneth, his loving partner Nia and sons Dylan & Landen, large circle of friends and his special friend Harry Kelly xx

No matter how we spend our days, No matter what we do, No morning dawns, no evening falls, Without a thought of you.
From his sister Caroline and family. xx

Another month, another year, Another smile, another tear, Another winter, a summer too, But there'll never be another you.
From his niece Danielle and Lexie. xx

ANNIVERSARY



Clarke, Kerrie-Ann
22nd Anniversary occurs July 30th. Late of Pineview Rise.

Well here it comes again, Doesn't matter if it's twenty-two or ten, The pain will never go away, Since the minute you left us that sad day.
Will love & miss you forever Kerrie-Ann love Mam, Dad, Tracey and Declan.

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South Dublin County Council

Martin & Sarah Roche are applying for planning retention permission for the alteration of a previously approved planning application, reg. ref. SD20B/0495, which consisted of a ground floor extension to the rear, the demolition of 2 dormer roofs and provision of a new dormer roof serving 2 existing first-floor bedrooms and a proposed bathroom at the rear, a dormer roof to the front serving an additional bedroom at first-floor level, reconfiguring the ground floor layout with additional windows to the side passage, infilling the porch area and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development. Planning Retention is sought for the alteration of the rear dormer roof including an increase in its width, bringing the side gable flush with the side of the main house on the side passage side, an increase in the height of the side dormer walls, resizing, and recentring, of the windows on the rear gable. The reconfiguration of the ground floor plan layout with the provision of a new window and the repositioning and resizing of the rear doors on the rear ground floor gable, resizing of two windows, and provision of a new window on the side passage gable, and the construction of a party wall on the adjoining neighbour's side constructed on the shared boundary, and the omission of two of the three roof lights granted permission on the rear ground floor extension and the resizing and relocation of the remaining roof light. Alteration to the front dormer roof which now forms a slight apex and a soffit overhang, and the resizing of the window at 23 Mountdown Road, Manor Estate, Dublin 12, D12 NW82. 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

Elaine & Benji O'Reilly are applying for planning permission at the single-storey dwelling, Lugg, Saggart, Co. Dublin, D24 FV44 for the provision of a two-storey extension and single-storey side extensions to the existing dwelling. The extensions to comprise 160sqm to ground floor and 137sqm to the first-floor, accommodating additional bedrooms and living accommodation and granny flat. Finishes to be painted sand & cement render to walls and natural slate tiles to the roof. 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

Retention Permission sought for previously constructed detached single storey pitched roof garden/games room structure across end of rear garden (77.70sq.m) with ridge height at 3.380m above ground level, Retention also sought for single storey pitched roof open plan extension to rear of existing house (39.83sq.m) with ridge height at 3.955m above ground level complete with new velux rooflights over, internal alterations & associated site works at 5 Wellington Court, Templeogue, Dublin 6w for Pat & Therese Monks. The Planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm, and may also be viewed on the councils website – www.sdcc.ie A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of 20 EURO within 5 weeks of receipt

of the application by the South Dublin Co.Co., and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

South Dublin County Council

I Noreen Lindsey intend to apply for planning permission for development at this site 9 Glenmore Court, Rathfarnham, Dublin, D16 ND83. The development will consist of: Amendment to existing planning permission ref SD22B/0163. Dormer window to the front roof area. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its' public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

South Dublin County Council

Rachael Glennon is applying for permission for a hipped roof with roof lights over the side extension returning over the front porch, and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development at 12 Templeogue Wood, Dublin, D6WW304. 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.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 2022

<p>SD21B/0639 13 Jul 2022 Permission Additional Information Applicant: Piaras & Claire Flynn Location: 29, Springfield Road, Dublin 6w Description: Demolition of existing chimney and single storey conservatory and kitchen extensions to the rear; construction of two storey extension to the front of the existing dwelling; construction of single storey flat roof extension to the rear with rooflights; construction of new first floor extension over the existing garage, with partial conversion of garage; conversion of existing hip roof to a gable roof; new dormer extension to existing attic; widen existing vehicular entrance to 3.5m and all associated site works.</p>	<p>accommodating 38 apartments, including alterations proposed to the previously permitted unit mix, resulting in an overall increase of 6 units in total, i.e. from 2 one-bed; 28 two-bed; 2 three-bed (32 units) to now provide 6 Studio; 9 one bed; 23 two-bed (38 units); no additional floor is proposed, building remains at 3 storeys in height. Increase in the number of car parking spaces from 40 to 44 at basement level (no change to parking on Loreto Terrace). No change is proposed to SuDS, drainage, landscaping or site development works as granted under Reg. Ref. SD18A/0053.</p>	<p>Applicant: Teres Small Location: 157, 'Cottages', Old Court Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24 Description: Demolition of an existing shed (25sq.m) to the rear, and the construction of a new part single storey (43sq.m) and part two storey (17sq.m) pitched roof extension to the rear, the installation of roof lights to the existing roofs and all associated site works.</p>
<p>SD22A/0101 14 Jul 2022 Permission Additional Information 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.</p>	<p>SD22B/0058 12 Jul 2022 Permission Additional Information Applicant: Colin and Aoife Durkin Location: 9, Knocklyon Avenue, Templeogue, Dublin 16, D16X4C0 Description: (a) The removal of the existing conservatory and the construction of a new 20.5sq.m single storey kitchen; (b) the removal of existing shed to the side of the house and construction of a new 17sq.m boot/utility room; (c) extend the lounge forward into existing porch area, 5.2sq.m with rooflight over; (d) extension of 7.9sq.m to the existing family room/den to the side elevation, south; (e) detached 25sq.m shed in the rear garden. At first floor level: (f) the construction of a new stairs and stair well to the front elevation to roof level with an apex roof and new windows, 4.5sq.m; (g) extension to bedroom 3 on south elevation of 6.3sq.m along with layout changes to all floor levels along with elevational changes to dwelling; (h) removing existing roof and chimney and replacing it with a new roof to include 2 dormer windows, one to the front elevation and one to the rear elevation, clad seamed aluminium and 2 'Velux' windows to the rear elevation and providing a new stairs to attic area to include open plan area and bedroom 4 with ensuite; (i) the removal of the existing beech hedge onto Knocklyon Avenue and Leylandii trees to the front garden, replace existing vehicular entrance and add new 2m high electric gates and provide a new pedestrian gate and a new boundary wall 2m high to the front of the house and 2.4 at the rear garden of the house onto Knocklyon Avenue; (j) All associated site development and drainage works to facilitate the development, ancillary works for foul and surface water to soakaway, BRE365 and public drainage systems.</p>	<p>SD22B/0079 13 Jul 2022 Retention Additional Information Applicant: Anthony Sterio Location: 23, Churchview, Gibraltar, Dublin 22 Description: Retention for detached single storey shed/gym/office to the rear of the garden with ancillary works.</p>
<p>SD22A/0110 14 Jul 2022 Permission Additional Information Applicant: Pineview Location: Pineview Business Park, Firhouse Road, Knocklyon, Dublin 16 Description: Demolition of single storey unit, concrete walls and gates; removal of containers and portacabin; 3 new single storey light industrial units to southeast corner of the existing business park between units 4 & 6 and associated site works.</p>	<p>SD22B/0156 12 Jul 2022 Permission Additional Information Applicant: Ray and Lorna Malone Location: 6, Templeroan Lodge, Dublin 16 Description: Extend first floor bedroom to rear with rear facing dormer window; convert roof space to a storage area with rear facing dormer window; provide a high gable window to stairwell; construct a front porch.</p>	<p>SD22B/0209 15 Jul 2022 Permission Additional Information Applicant: Paul Tighe Location: 1, Liffey Wood, Liffey Valley Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin Description: Single storey extension to rear and side of existing dwelling.</p>
<p>SD22A/0126 14 Jul 2022 Permission Additional Information Applicant: First Step Homes Ltd. Location: Junction of Grange Road, Nutgrove Avenue and Loreto Terrace Rathfarnham, Dublin, 14. Description: Modifications to previously granted SD18A/0053 consisting of external and internal alterations to previously granted development of 2 three-storey buildings (linked at first and second floor levels), increase in area to (total of 6077.2sq.m gross floor area (including one basement level of 1,922sq.m gross floor area)</p>	<p>SD22B/0212 15 Jul 2022 Retention Additional Information Applicant: Caitriona Conway Location: 24, Ballyowen Avenue, Lucan, Co. Dublin Description: Retention of single storey lean-to extension to side (northwest) of the dwelling including utility and store room, door to front and rear of the extension, 2 rooflights (north west elevation); Front entrance door/porch with 2 opaque glass panels to either side inclusive of all associated site works.</p>	<p>SD22B/0212 15 Jul 2022 Retention Additional Information Applicant: Caitriona Conway Location: 24, Ballyowen Avenue, Lucan, Co. Dublin Description: Retention of single storey lean-to extension to side (northwest) of the dwelling including utility and store room, door to front and rear of the extension, 2 rooflights (north west elevation); Front entrance door/porch with 2 opaque glass panels to either side inclusive of all associated site works.</p>
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TU Dublin Badminton team captured bronze at the European University Games in Poland

European Games bronze for TU Dublin Badminton team in Poland

TU DUBLIN Badminton team captured bronze from among a field of 19 universities competing at the European Universities Games in Łódź, Poland this week.

Drawn in Group B with University of Bordeaux (France), University of West Bohemia (Czech Republic) and University of Cyprus, the Dublin side kicked off their campaign with a thrilling 3-2 victory over the second-seeded French.

David Walsh and Moyà Ryan battled back from a set down to win in three close sets before Templeogue woman, Kate Frost edged them 2-1 in front with a singles win.

The French managed to restore parity in the men's doubles only to see Frost and Moyà Ryan combine for victory in the decisive match.

Facing University of West Bohemia next, the Irish went 2-1 up thanks to singles wins for Walsh and Frost before the former, together with Conor Bradley were narrowly beaten in the men's doubles.

Yet, again Frost and Ryan pulled it out of the bag in the women's doubles for another narrow triumph.

Knowing a win in their final group match would see them top Group B and guarantee bronze, all TU Dublin players served up wins to see them beat University of Cyprus 5-0.

Taking on University of Strasbourg (who also topped their pool) in the semi final on Day Two, the Dubliners lost out 3-1, with Walsh winning his men's singles tie.

Delighted at seeing her side reach the podium, Frost said "It has been a great start for us competing in European University competition and I am so proud of this team to be bringing home a bronze medal.

"From being the bottom-seeded team in the competition to a spot on the podium, it feels amazing and it is great that we could carry on our good level after winning the Varsity back in April. "A first Varsity win and a first European medal all in one year, this will, for sure, go down as one of the best years in TU Dublin badminton history" she told *The Echo*.

The players will now turn their attention to individual and doubles competition in which they will be again pushing for podium spots.

Adeleke shines on the World Senior stage



Tallaght's Rhasidat Adeleke finished ninth in the World Championship 400m in Oregon

RHASIDAT Adeleke has most certainly made her presence felt on the World Senior Athletics Championship stage this month.

The 19-year-old played a massive part in the Ireland Mixed 4x400m Relay team reaching the final in Oregon where they might well have improved on their eventual eighth-place finish had the Tallaght woman recovered in time for the medal race.

In individual competition, Adeleke very narrowly missed out on a place in the World 400m Final, despite clocking her second fastest time over the distance this season.

Her time of 50.81 saw her finish fourth in her heat and ninth overall as she came up just short of the medal race by a mere 0.16 seconds in a heat that was won by two-time Olympic gold medallist, Shaunae-Miller Uibo of the Bahamas.

Adeleke battled right to the end for that second automatic qualification spot, but was just unable to overhaul Jamaica's Candice McLeod and Poland's Anna Kielbasin-ska who finished second and third respectively.

Despite being denied a spot in the final, Adeleke remains one, if not the most, highly-rated competitor in Irish athletics.

In addition to finishing ninth in the world, she has eaten up Irish sprint records this year, setting new national bests in the 60m, 200m, 300m and 400m.

"To get there at 18-years-old, it's a dream come true" - Sheldon

KATIE Sheldon has spoken of her pride at mingling among the top stars of women's darts after she lined out at the World Matchplay Championships at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

By Stephen Leonard
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While she was beaten 4-2 by the eventual title winner, Fallon Sherrock, 10 years her senior, in the quarter finals, the 18-year-old Tallaght competitor gave a very good account of herself in her first time competing at this level.

"The match ended 4-2

and if I'm completely honest, the way I played wasn't how I can play" Sheldon told *The Echo*.

"But to get up there on a stage that I hadn't been on before and to give her a bit of a match, I was happy enough with that.

"Going out there it was a massive experience and to have some of the lads coming over with me, it was a great boost to my confidence, knowing they were in the crowd.

"So to have that experience at such a young age, I really feel that will stand to me.

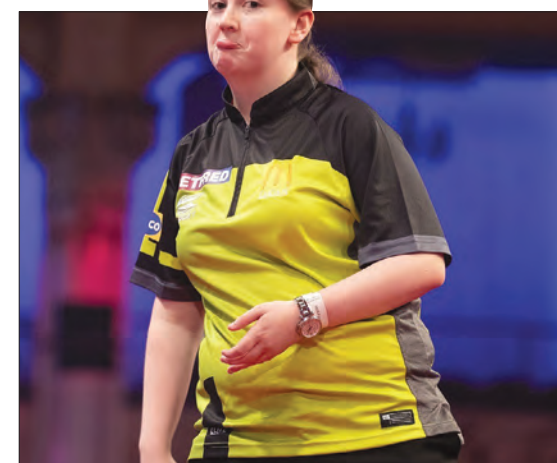
"To get there at 18-years old, it's a dream come true

and I'm absolutely chuffed with myself.

"She [Fallon] kicked on straight after and I was delighted for her.

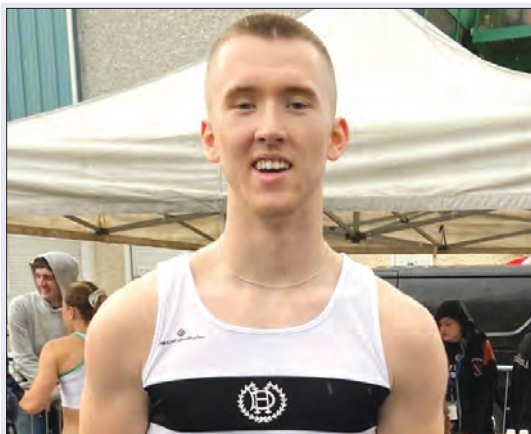
"But there's always next year. Now that I've got a feel for it, I've gone and I've enjoyed it, I'll go back to the board and hopefully get back there again" she said.

Next up for the Tallaght woman will be two trips to Germany in August, the first for the PDC Development Tour before a second visit a week later for a Women's Series event that will mark the start of qualification for next year's World Matchplay.



Katie Sheldon from Tallaght in action at the World Matchplay Photo by Taylor Lanning/PDC

Athletics



Jack Raftery won the AAI Games 400m

Donore's Raftery and NicDhomhnaill sisters maintain superb form

JUST a week after helping the Ireland Mixed 4x400m Relay team to an eighth-place finish at the World Senior Athletics Championships in Oregon, Donore Harriers' Jack Raftery, won the 400m A Race at the AAI Games in Tullamore.

He came home in a time of 46.51 ahead of Callum Rorison (47.17) of Australia and the second ranked Irish 800m athlete, John Fitzsimons (47.98).

Daragh McAuley came up against top-class international opposition in the 400m Hurdles, but ran close to his best to finish sixth in 57.62.

The AAI Games programme also included the National 10,000m Championships in which Ide and Sorcha NicDhomhnaill formed a lead group with Jessica Noble.

Ojewumi helps Ireland squad secure European C'ship standard

JOSEPH Ojewumi of Tallaght Athletic Club enjoyed a fine outing at the AAI Games in Tullamore.

He recorded a time of 10.40 to finish second in the 100m behind training partner and National Senior champion, Israel Olatunde (10.25).

What's more, Ojewumi was competing as a member of the Irish 4x100m Relay team who ran a combined time of 39.27 to secure

the gold-medal spot which Ide took in 34:10.05 with Sorcha a stride behind in 34:10.28.

Elsewhere in Sunday's Tallaght 5k Road Race, which also incorporated the Dublin Novice Championships, Donore's David McConn (16.29) finished fourth overall, won silver in the Dublin Novice division and gold in the M40 category.

He also led Donore Harriers to team gold in the novice competition with the next scoring member being Daragh Keegan (16.55) in 12th place.

The scoring four was completed by Alasdair Brown (17.00) in 17th and Des Tremble (17.04) in 19th place and first in the M50 age group.

Ian Fitzgerald, after a strong start, fell back to place 21st and was followed home by new member Matteo Leguen in 23rd and Simon O'Toole in 26th position.

a qualifying standard for the European Championships.

Meanwhile, there were other solid times recorded by Tallaght AC's Joseph Finnegan Murphy (10.80), Simon Essuman (10.98) and Kieran Elliott (11.07) in their contests.

Elsewhere, all eyes will be on Cormac Dixon tomorrow morning (Friday) when he takes his place in the European Youth Olympic 3000m Final in Slovakia.

O'Byrne lands National Heptathlon C'ship title

LARA O'BYRNE broke the 5000-points mark for the first time and set three new club records for Donore Harriers on her way to winning the National Senior Heptathlon Championship title in Tullamore last weekend.

The Lucan woman recorded a great start when winning her first event, the 100m Hurdles in a new personal best and club record time of 14.33.

She then cleared 1.63m and 1.66m in the High Jump, and while she fell short in her attempt to match her PB of 1.69m, she still chalked up an additional 806 points.

A further 559 followed in the Shot Putt before she rounded off Day One with a personal best of 25.64 to win the 200m and bag a further 829 points.

Day Two began equally as well for the Donore multi-eventer after she won the Long Jump with another PB and club record clearance of 5.38m.

While she picked up a leg injury she opted to continue in the competition and was pleased to launch

her javelin out beyond 30 metres for a best distance of 30.89m that brought with it a further 493 points.

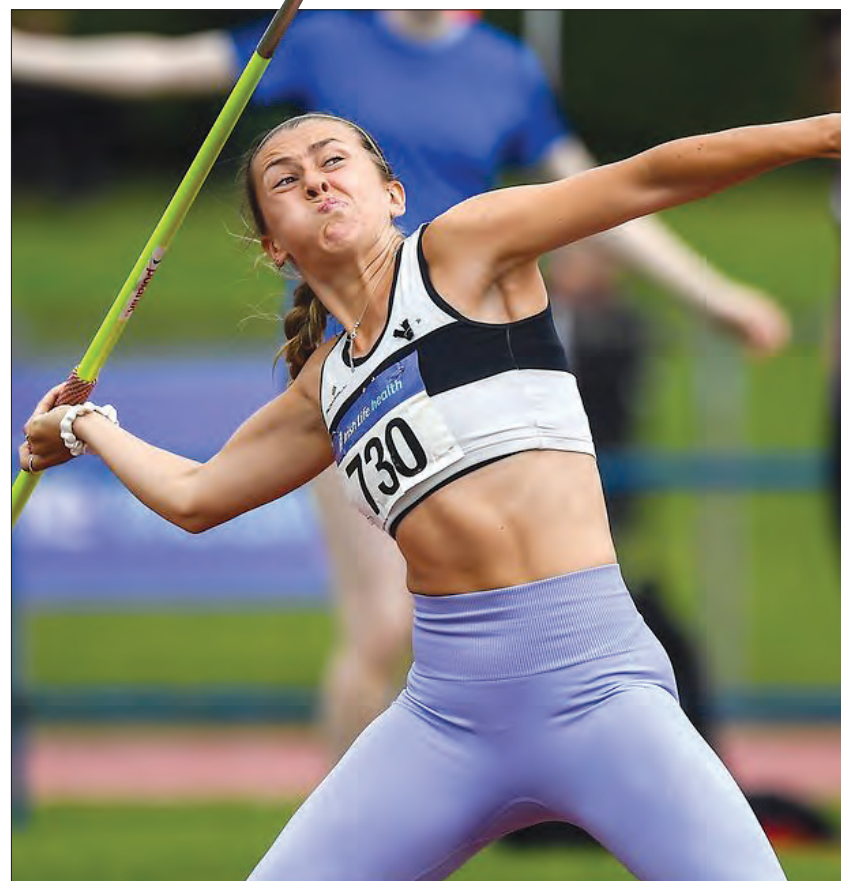
Breaking the 5000 points-target required a good 800m run – not an easy task when contending with a leg injury and an untimely torrential downpour.

Still, she ran from the front, passing the bell in a minute and 12 seconds before ultimately crossing the finish line in 2.27.94 for a superb victory that was six seconds short of her PB.

Nevertheless, the statistic that really mattered was the 719 points gained that saw her emerge with a final score of 5003 points.

The new mark was not only a personal best, but also a club and Dublin County record as she finished exactly 1000 points ahead of silver medalist, Louise King of St Colman's South Mayo.

Meanwhile, O'Byrne's clubmates, Zion Osawe and Melody Omozee lined out in the Under 14 Girls Pentathlon placing ninth and 11th overall.



Donore's Lara O'Byrne from Lucan won the National Heptathlon title

Cycling

Killeen looking sharp ahead of Leinster Championships

LUCAN Cycling Road Club's Ronan Killeen will be hoping to build on some fine performances of late as he gears up for this weekend's Leinster Cycling Road Race Championships in Dundalk.

By **Stephen Leonard**
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The event, which will cater for all levels of competition including Masters (M40), Elite A1, A2, A3 and Junior (Under 18), will see Killeen pushing strongly to add to his roll of honour.

Indeed, while he missed last year's outing due to a crash the week before in which he suffered a broken arm, he did win the Masters Road Race title in both 2019 and 2020.

Off the back of a very strong performance in the 2022 Rás Tailteann International Cycle Race that featured a ninth-place finish on the opening day, Killeen later recorded a

superb victory on the final stage of the International Newry Three-Day.

In that outing, he initiated the day's breakaway that also included his Lucan team mate, James Delaney, Paul Kennedy (Burren) and Martin Colgan (Armagh).

Those riders spent almost 100km out front on a testing course which, 30km from the stage end, included three categorised climbs and a summit-finish on Spelga.

"I'm quite proud of that one" said Killeen. "To win a race is always special, but to do it on the higher ground, you never forget those. Special also to have a team mate there in the escape all day" he said.

Now Killeen will be hoping to carry that form into the Leinster Championships and is confident he and his team can deliver a strong display.

"I'm happy going into them" he told The Echo. "My form has been quite good over the last few



Ronan Killeen of Lucan Cycling Road Club on his way to victory on the final stage of the Newry Three-Day Race. Photo by Toby Watson

weeks, but at the end of the day, I'm just going to do my best, and if my best is better than the other guys, hopefully I'll win.

"Our team is strong too.

We've about five lads who, in their own right, have a real chance, so I'd expect us to also be thereabouts for the team prize" he added.

A solid performance here will leave the LCRC rider on a sound footing ahead of next month's National Championships with cater only for M40 riders.



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June Sports Star of the Month CORMAC DIXON

JUNE proved yet another great month for one of Tallaght AC's up-and-coming athletes, Cormac Dixon.

Representing his school, Holy Family CS in Rathcoole, he raced home to victory in the All-Ireland Schools Intermediate Championship 3000m race in Tullamore, staving off the strong challenge of Darragh Mulrooney.

Dixon, who also captured silver in the Dublin 800m Championship with a new PB of 2:01.1, was later selected for the Ireland team that is, this week, contesting the European Youth Olympic Festival in Slovakia.

He earned his berth on the national squad after registering EYOF standards for the 3000m at both the Dublin Graded Meet and Dublin Juvenile Championships on his home track in Tallaght.

That feat was followed by victory in the Under 17 3000m Final at the National Juvenile Championships in Tullamore where he maintained an early lead throughout the seven-and-a-half-lap contest, crossing the line unopposed in a new personal best time of 8:40.42.

It was the latest in a string of top performances in 2022 by the Rathcoole lad who also carded an 800m and 1500m double at the National Juvenile Indoor Championships in Athlone in March



'The Echo Sports Star of the Month' Award for June is accepted on behalf of Tallaght Athletic Club's Cormac Dixon by his coach, Shirley Murray from Thos McDermott, Co-ordinator, South Dublin County Sports Partnership (SDCSP) and Stephen Leonard, Sports Editor, *The Echo*.



Tallaght Athletic Club sprint coaches, Tony Byrne and Alanna Wade, together with club athletes Sean and David Aigboboh and Joseph Finnegan Murphy receive 'The Echo Team of the Month' Award for June on behalf of Tallaght AC's Men's 4x100m Relay team from Thos McDermott, Co-ordinator, South Dublin County Sports Partnership. Also pictured is Stephen Leonard, Sports Editor, *The Echo*.

June Team of the Month TALLAGHT AC'S MEN'S 4X100M RELAY TEAM

TALLAGHT Athletic Club accounted for a number of highlights at last month's Irish Life Health National Senior Track and Field Championships in Santry among which the achievements of their Men's 4x100m Relay team was one.

Indeed Sean Aigboboh, Kieran Elliott, Simon Essuman and Joseph Finnegan Murphy combined to see off the challenge of Crusaders and Emerald AC on their way to the title in a time of 42.22.

Their victory served to underscore the depth of sprinting talent that has been emerging from Tallaght in recent years.

Indeed Aigboboh, himself, delivered an impressive performance to win the 100m title at the Tailteann Schools Inter Provincial Games in Tullamore in 10.71 also in June.

Although his time was good enough to earn qualification for the European Under 18 Championships, it unfortunately came too late as the cut-off date had closed the previous week.

Among the other highlights for Tallaght at this year's National Seniors was that of their international star, Rhasidat Adeleke who pulled off a dramatic 100m victory, pipping Molly Scott to the title by just one 100th of a second.

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Sophie and Leah with Caoimhe at Tallaght AC



Eddie, Niamh and Owen of Tallaght AC



Damien, Liam and Eoin, St John Ambulance, were on duty at the Tallaght AC 5K Race



Clare, Dorothy and Caroline, Tallaght Athletic Club 5K Road Race stewards, enjoying the day



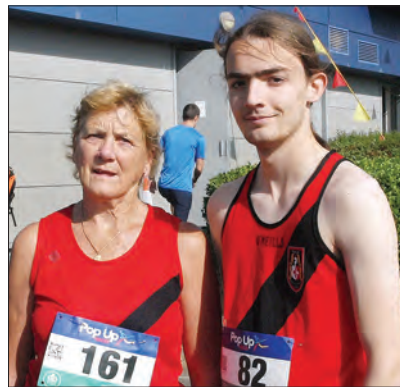
Eddie and Sinead in Tallaght AC



Orla and Janice of Brother Pearse



Michael & Alan, Brother Pearse AC



Eileen and Sean of Lucan Harriers



Athletes race into action at the start of the annual Tallaght Athletic Club 5K Road Race on Sunday



Tanja and Ethan from Crusaders



Carmel, Sheila, Breda and Suzie in Tallaght AC



Dylan with his godson, Mason



Breda, Sheila, Helen, Clare, Grainne, Hazel, Joe, Gerry and Brian of Tallaght Athletic Club



Tallaght Athletic Club's 5K Race Committee members Gerry, Sarah-Jane and Derek

At Tallaght Athletic Club's annual 5K Road Race on Sunday

SOME 300 runners lined out for Tallaght Athletic Club's annual 5K Road Race on Sunday.

Staged for the first time since 2019, this year's event incorporated the Men's and Women's Dublin Novice Championship.

Clonliffe Harriers' Richard Owens clocked a time of 15:51 on his way to victory with Myles Gibbons (16.19) of Sliabh Bhuide Rovers emerging runner-up and Paul O'Beirne of Sportsworld taking third place.

Brothers Pearse athlete, Ciara Hickey crossed the

line eighth overall to take the women's title in a fine time of 16.38 ahead of second place, Sarah Mulligan (DSD) and Yvonne McCauley of Crusaders in third.

In the junior categories, Shasta O'Brien took the top prize for the local club after he finished 28th overall in 17.54 while Ellen Mongey Walsh (Clane AC) won the junior women's prize.

Paul Cummins (16.52) was the first Tallaght athlete to cross the line in 10th with clubmate, Josh O'Brien (16.54) just one place further back.

Soccer
Saints aim to preserve European interest

ST PATRICK'S Athletic return to European action tonight, hoping to surmount the challenge of NS Mura when they meet in the second qualifying round second leg of the Europa Conference League in Fazanerija Stadium.

Tim Clancy's men have every reason to feel confident in their potential to secure further passage following a first-leg performance in Richmond Park that many believe should have earned them more than a 1-1 draw.

Indeed, despite an impressive first-half display, the Saints found themselves trailing at the break after Mirlind Daku capitalised on a defensive error to steer home 28 minutes in.

The homeside had no shortage of opportunities to restore parity before Chris Forrester served up an equaliser on the hour mark

Barry Cotter, Anto Breslin, Joe Redmond and Harry Brockbank were all presented with openings on goal last week, but the Inchicore outfit were unable to edge in front ahead of the return leg.

It leaves the tie very much on a knife's edge, although Mura will be hoping home advantage will serve them well in their bid to advance.

They themselves could have snuck a winner last week, but Nik Lorbek's strike found only the framework after Dardan Shabanhajaj's shot had been parried by goalkeeper, Joe Anang.

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Simone, Emma, Josh and Martin O'Brien



Harry and Danny Prendergast



Alan and Rocco Houston



Donal and Marie Farrell



Keith, Lisa and Ray Joyce



Shamrock Rovers' Aaron Greene puts in a challenge on Olivier Verdon while (inset left) Hooperman with Liam and Andy Greenslade and (inset right) Lisa and Kevin Cronin



Emmet and Eric Boyle

At Shamrock Rovers' clash with Ludogorets in Tallaght on Tuesday night

DESPITE recording a gutsy 2-1 win in the second leg of their tie with Bulgarian outfit, Ludogorets at Tallaght Stadium on Tuesday night, Shamrock Rovers exited the UEFA Champions League qualifiers at the second-round stage.

Having suffered a 3-0 reversal in Razgrad seven days earlier, Stephen Bradley's Hoops were faced with a seemingly impossible task on their home patch.

However, the defending SSE Airtricity League Premier Division champions dared to



Paul and Senan

dream after goals from Aaron Greene and Aidomo Emakhu cut their aggregate deficit to the bare minimum as the match drew to a close.

The visitors had also been reduced to 10 men by this point following the dismissal of Manuel Cafumana, but a stoppage-time finish from Cauly Souza ultimately ensured that they would weather this challenge and progress.

Rovers will now transfer to the third qualifying round of the Europa League, with the first of two games against North Macedonia's Shkupi to come in Tallaght next Thursday.



James and Tom

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Holohan MA to follow up on successful World Championship

FOLLOWING a hugely successful outing in the BJJ Junior World Championships in Wolverhampton, Holohan Martial Arts is gearing up for more domestic and international tournaments over the coming months.

Fielding a squad of 32 competitors, the club chalked up a haul of 21 medals, including 11 silver and 10 bronze in England earlier this month.

"It was a brilliant team effort from everyone who went across, parents included" said Holohan MA Academy Manager, Chelsea Hudson.

"Our youngest competitor was Finn O'Neill who is five and our eldest was Tori Warren who is 17.

"Our kids classes start from age 4+, so it's a brilliant way for the children to develop through learning martial arts, team building and games and then eventually competing if they want to" added Hudson.

Next up for the club will be the Grapple Industries contest on July 31 in which they will be fielding at least 11 competitors, namely Cian, Tori and Zach Warren, Niamh



Holohan MA competitors at the BJJ Junior World Championships in Wolverhampton

Fitzpatrick, Taylor Evans, Danielle Tutty, Sarah Carney, James O'Keeffe, Stephen Molloy, Sean Farrell and Shauna Bannon.

Following that, there will be a return to

Wolverhampton in September for the Elite BJJ European Championships. And in between will be a charity Novice MMA competition in Portllington on Sunday, August 14.

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Karate



Members of JKS Tallaght scooped 10 medals at the Piltown Open Championships

JKS Tallaght end season in style

JKS Tallaght saw its squad of seven competitors card a haul of ten medals at the recent Piltown Open Championships 2022 in Kilkenny.

In what also served to complete the karate season, this tournament saw Codey Kelly, Charlie Hill and Scott Warner O'Reilly combine to take silver in the Under 12 Junior Team Kata event Hill and Warner O'Reilly chalked up bronze in Under 8 Junior Mixed Kata while team mate, Yasmine Lynott secured silver in the 13-14 Junior Mixed Kata division.

Jamie-Leigh Kelly and Gintaras Aleknavicius garnered

a wealth of experience and medals from their outing on the mats in Under 8 Junior Mixed Kata.

In Kumite, Warner O'Reilly finished runner-up and Hill third in Under 8 Boys while, in the Boys 9-10, Kelly battled through four rounds only to be beaten into second place by one wazari (1/2 point).

In Boys Kumite 11-12 Purple to Black, Eamon O'Callaghan earned silver in a tough final.

Jamie-Leigh Kelly secured bronze in the Girls Under 8 Kumite, while Yasmine Lynott fought off tough competition to secure bronze in Girls Kumite 13-15 years.

Baseball

Ireland captain Fox upbeat after Euro qualifiers

IRELAND Senior Men's Baseball team captain, Alan Fox was very encouraged with the form his side displayed at this month's European Championship qualifiers in Bulgaria.

While they emerged from the tournament without a win, they served up some gritty performances in all of their three games, losing out just 3-2 to hosts Bulgaria after which they went down 7-4 against Slovenia.

And while they did suffer a 15-2 defeat at the hands of a French outfit that would normally be lining out in the top Pool A ranks, the deficit was smaller than that France recorded against their other group opponents.

"Results didn't go our way, but we did extremely well considering the 'domestic' nature of the



Ireland's Alan Fox team" said Fox, who lines out with the Clondalkin-based Spartans Baseball Club.

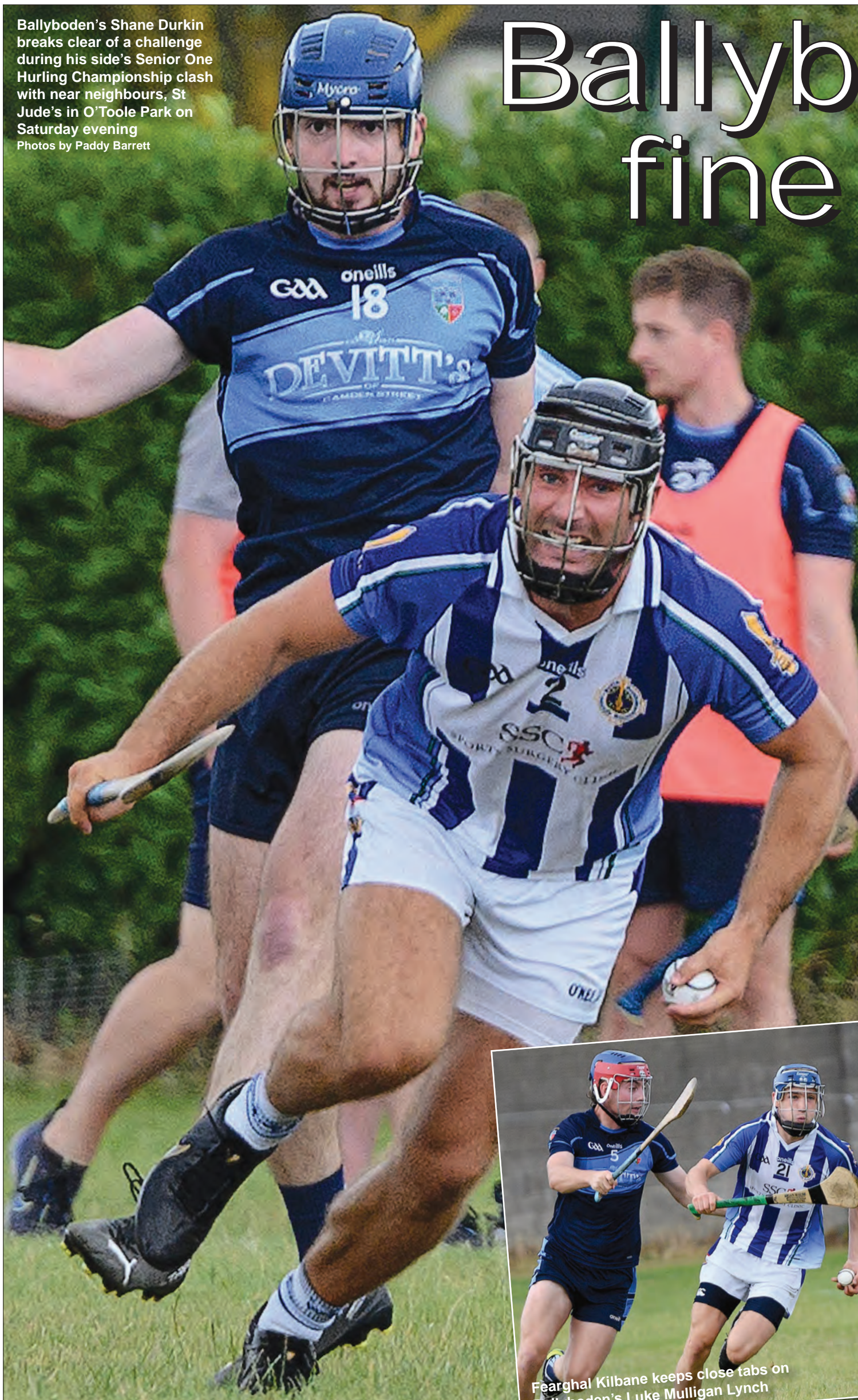
"It was a huge learning experience for what was a very young squad plus a number of rookies, so we're really happy even though we lost.

"While the loss to France was big, it was the smallest losing margin of the other teams. Plus, we started that game with just one 'import' which is unheard of" he added.

GAA

Ballyboden's Shane Durkin breaks clear of a challenge during his side's Senior One Hurling Championship clash with near neighbours, St Jude's in O'Toole Park on Saturday evening

Photos by Paddy Barrett



Ballyb fine

Fearghal Kilbane keeps close tabs on Ballyboden's Luke Mulligan Lynch

Ballyboden maintain start with win over St Jude's

BALLYBODEN St Enda's have put their agonising league play-off loss behind them and started the Senior One Hurling Championship with maximum points after two well-earned wins.

Coming off the back of an emphatic 8-18 to 1-17 victory over St Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh, the Firhouse Road men faced a tricky proposition against local rivals, St Jude's just three days later.

And despite the lack of time to fully recover, the Group One table toppers still managed to prevail against the Templeogue side, eventually winning 1-12 to 1-18.

ST JUDE'S 1-12
BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S ... 1-18

By Hayden Moore
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Speaking after the match-up, Ballyboden St Enda's manager David Curtin was content with how his side has started their Dublin Championship campaign.

"It's a good start. It was a decent performance last Wednesday against St Oliver Plunkett's, and we knew coming to O'Toole Park, it's a tight pitch, that we'd have a tight battle especially with that local rivalry with St Jude's," Curtin told *The Echo*.

"Some aspects of our performance we weren't necessarily happy with, certain things weren't happening for us and Jude's are always a difficult side.

"The game went right down to the wire,

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it was a good battle, we just finished strong.

"It was a tricky game, especially with the three-day turnaround between games.

"Bodies are still sore, so it was really about trying to get the body right and prepare the mind for the Saturday. "We're delighted we could get over the line because, as I said, it was a cagey-enough game, but no doubt Jude's will be back."

Winger Joe McManus propelled Jude's into an early lead, with his efficiency over the dead ball proving to be an issue for St Enda's.

Trailing 0-2 to 0-6, Boden had an uphill battle from the off but when the ball broke to Pearce Christie, he did not hesitate to stick it beyond Jude's netminder, Alan O'Beirne.

Former Dublin hurler Paul Ryan got his eye on over the frees and edged Boden into a slender 1-6 to 0-8 lead by the half-time interval.

Boasting talent such as Danny Sutcliffe in the starting line-up, Jude's also saw a cohort of young stars such as Jack Crennan, Fearghal Kilbane, Mick Foley and Paddy Fitzgerald shine.

McManus kept the scoreboard ticking and even raised a green flag midway through the second half when he buried a 21-metre free past goalkeeper, Finn McGarry.

However, Ballyboden rallied as their former inter-county talent came to the



Paddy Fitzgerald tries to chase down Pearce Christie of Ballyboden

fore. Conal Keaney and Conor Dooley split the posts alongside former Tipperary hurler, Timmy Hammersley, who joined the club this year.

St Jude's now sit joint-bottom of the group alongside St Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh, whom they face next on August 13.

"Group matches are very exciting. Playing two games in a few days, and two games which are of such importance, runs the risk of injury and it was tough," St Jude's manager John McCarthy told *The Echo*.

"As we prepare for St Oliver Plunkett's and Cuala, we will continue to look for our players to work hard as they have been.

"We need to keep focusing on ourselves because we can only control what we can control and then we can build from that."

Boden have a bye in the next round and will next take on last year's finalists Na Fianna, who are joint-top of the group.

"Na Fianna were seriously unlucky not to win a county championship last year and they've showed in recent years that they're a serious, serious team" said Curtin.

"They have talent all over the field and we know we have a massive challenge ahead, but we're looking forward to it."

BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S: F McGarry, S Durkin, D Curran, P Dunleavy, J Maguire, S Lambert, L Corcoran, P Christie, N Ryan, L McDwyer, T Hammersley, C Dooley, A Mellett, C Keaney, P Ryan, C O'Donoghue, C McKeon, L Mulligan Lynch, D O'Connor, F Ryan, B Maguire, S Kennedy, D Keogh, N McMorrow
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St Jude's Jack Crennan finds his route blocked by Ballyboden pair Paddy Dunleavy and Luke McDwyer during Saturday's Senior Championship match



Lucan and Dublin inter-county hurler, Chris Crummey played a key role in Sarsfields' win

Sarsfields keep knock-out phase aspirations alive

LUCAN Sarsfields have kept their knockout aspirations alive after beating Craobh Chiarain in the Senior One Hurling Championship, while other local clubs remain in the hunt in Senior Two and Three grades.

Having fallen flat against St Vincent's in the opening round, Division One League winners, Lucan recorded a dominant 1-22 to 1-14 victory over their Donnyrneey counterparts to get back on track.

Played at Parnell Park on Saturday evening, the top tier match-up saw the 12th Lock men rattle the Craobh Chiarain net inside two minutes after Barry Kelly was dispossessed on the short puck-out.

Corner-forward Charlie Keher put a tremendous amount of pressure on Kelly just inside the 21-metre-line and blasted the sliotar into the corner from a tight angle.

Ciarán Dowling and Chris Crummey were as influential as ever while Chris O'Leary guided several frees between the posts for Cathal Fenton's side.

Centre-forward Francis Usanga did register a fine goal for the host side, but by the break, they trailed 1-8 to 1-15.

Cian Derwin was prolific from frees to keep Chiarain's in the clash and did aide in stopping Lucan's charges somewhat after the break.

However, with Paul Crummey, Kevin Fitzgerald, and O'Leary all on song, Lucan took the win to get their group campaign up and running ahead of their Kilmacud Crokes match-up in August.

"We did finish strong, hoping to finish a bit stronger, but it was there for us," Lucan Sarsfields manager Cathal Fenton told

DubsTV after the game.

"The space opened up, we should have probably have taken more advantage of the scores that were on, but there's loads to work on there with the group.

"Thankfully, we came into Parnell Park, you're playing Craobh Chiarain, it's going to be a tough battle and we're just happy to get the win.

"We've a lot to work on based on the second half. We've had a good league, we won the league, got the win today and it sets us up for Kilmacud in four/five-weeks' time."

There are 10 teams in each of the Senior One, Two and Three Championships in this year's newly-formatted competition.

With two groups per competition, the top three teams per group automatically qualify, with the first placed team going into the semi-final and second/third placed teams heading into the quarters.

Fourth and fifth placed teams play the equally placed sides in the opposing group, with the two losers being automatically relegated and top two being promoted.

Faugh's, Thomas Davis, Ballyboden St Enda's second team and Ballinteer St John's are all well in contention in the second tier.

Faugh's sit atop of Senior Two after solid wins over Ballyboden and Na Fianna and are scheduled to face Kilmacud Crokes' second team on August 13.

Crumlin are at risk of a relegation play-off after losing two games on the bounce in the third tier.

Relegation from the Senior Three competition will place teams into the Intermediate Championship in 2023.

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