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A-LIST actor Liam Neeson was 'taken' by surprise after receiving a portrait from former local student Lauren White Murphy in New York, reports Maurice Garvey. See page 30

Shock at €4m cost of contentious cycle track

'The fee alone...I can't make head nor tail of it' says councillor
THE €4m cost of the first phase of a contentious cycling network in Tallaght has left a councillor "flabbergasted" as he "can't make head nor tail" of the expense, which runs from Firhouse Road West up through Killinarden Way, reports Aideen O'Flaherty. See page 6

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Cannabis herb with estimated street value of €400,000 seized by gardai

CANNABIS herb with an estimated street value of €400,000 was seized through an intelligence-led operation on Tuesday.

Approximately 20kgs of suspected cannabis herb was seized in an operation conducted by Revenue's Customs Service, the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau and the Clondalkin District Drugs Unit.

According to a Garda statement issued: "[On Tuesday] 17th October

2023, as part of an intelligence-led operation, Revenue officers seized approximately 20kgs of suspected cannabis herb with an estimated value of €400,000 in Dublin.

"Two men (aged in their 30s) were arrested by An Garda Síochána and are currently detained under Section 2 of the Criminal Justice (Drug Trafficking) Act 1996 at Garda Stations in Dublin."

Investigations are ongoing, gardai said.



SEIZURE: The drugs seized by gardai on Tuesday. Photo An Garda Síochána

Plans to lease recycling facility for six more years

Facility owned by councils will generate rent of €10,000 per year



LEASE: The recycling facility in Ballymount

By Maurice Garvey
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A PROPOSAL to grant a further lease to the recycling facility in Ballymount – jointly owned by the four Dublin local authorities – was on Wednesday's South Central area agenda at Dublin City Council.

The four Dublin local authorities purchased the Regional Materials Recovery Facility at Ballymount Road Lower, to process the dry recyclables collected in green bins in the Dublin region.

The facility is licenced by the EPA to carry

out repacking, storage, recycling or reclamation of organic substances, metals / metal compounds and other inorganic materials.

In 2020, Dublin City councillors voted to defer a proposed sale of the recycling facility, until a study looking at bringing the capital's refuse and waste services back into public control, was completed.

According to a report at the South Central area meeting this week, the 10-year lease for the facility expired at the end of September.

"Due to a group re-structuring in 2017, Ballymount Material Recycling Facility have requested that the proposed new lease be

granted to Irish Packaging Recycling Unlimited Company and with the guarantor being Beauparc Utilities Holdings Limited, as it has sufficient net worth to provide surety to the council," said the report.

"It is proposed to grant a further lease subject to the following terms and conditions which the Chief Valuer considers to be fair and reasonable."

Among the conditions are that the lease shall be for a term of six years commencing on October 1, 2023.

Rent for the term is €410,000 per annum, payable monthly in advance by standing order or electronic funds transfer.

VAT is not applicable in this case.

Rent is subject to annual reviews by reference to variations in the Consumer Price Index, subject to a maximum annual increase of 2 per cent.

The tenant will also pay a plant and machinery rent of €75,000 per annum for six years (i.e. plant value agreed at €450,000). VAT is not applicable in this case.

“ Due to a group re-structuring in 2017, Ballymount Material Recycling Facility have granted to Irish Packaging Recycling Unlimited Company and with the guarantor ...

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By Maurice Garvey
"Everything is going great for us, the empanadas are a hit in the city and we are so happy to be able to offer them to our customers. We have received fantastic feedback and we are looking forward to expanding our range of Latin Street products in the future."



McVerry Trust gets new interim chief executive

By Maurice Garvey
The board of the McVerry Trust has elected Dr. David McVerry as its interim chief executive. Dr. McVerry has been a member of the board since 2017 and has extensive experience in the financial services industry. He will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the trust and will report to the board. Dr. McVerry is a qualified accountant and has worked for several years in senior positions in the financial services industry. He has a proven track record of leadership and is committed to the success of the trust. The board of directors has expressed its confidence in Dr. McVerry's ability to lead the trust through these challenging times. Dr. McVerry will be based in Dublin and will be available for contact on 01 468 5350. He can also be reached via email at dmcverry@mcverrytrust.com.



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Pure Mile Awards

THE 2023 Pure Mile Awards Night will return to the The Brooklodge Hotel in Macreddin, Aughrim, on Thursday, October 26.

The Pure Mile is an environmental, community, heritage initiative, established by Pure, which encourages communities and groups living in rural areas to adopt a mile, or miles, of road, and keep this area litter/rubbish free, research information about their local wildflowers, plants, trees, animals, and the built, cultural, and social heritage of an area.

A number of walking groups, hiking groups, and businesses were involved in 'Cleaning-Up The South Dublin Uplands' with South Dublin Upland Roads, Car Parks, Amenity Areas, Mountain Trails, Woodlands and Forest Entrances, being adopted this year. Litter picks / clean-ups were organised throughout the year and areas covered included, Glensmole Road, Cunard Road, Piperstown Road, Glassamucky Road, Castle Kelly Road, Ballymorefinn, Bohernabreena, Kilakee Car Park, Cruagh Road, The White Road, Seehan Road, Stone Cross, and all sections of the R115 Military Road.

Over €8 million in rent arrears owed to council

Tallaght South has highest rate of rent arrears at €4.3 million in county

By Aideen O'Flaherty
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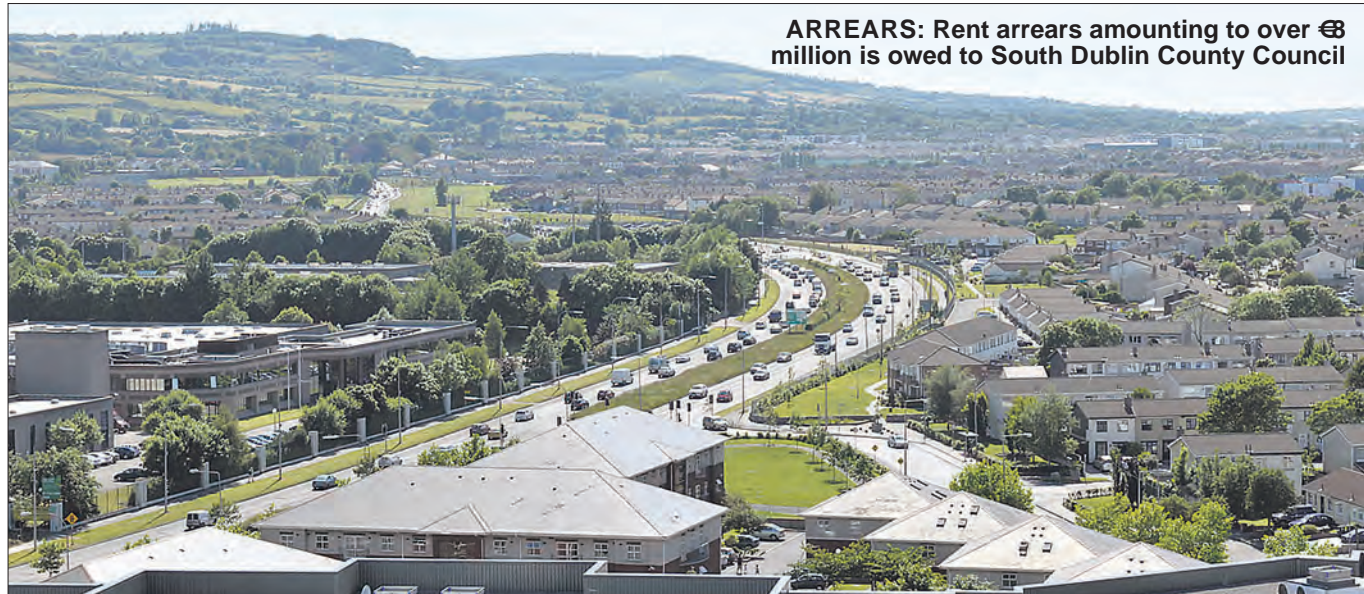
TALLAGHT South has the highest rate of rent arrears in South Dublin County, totalling €4.3m, followed by Palmerstown-Fonthill with arrears of €2m.

The figures were released by South Dublin County Council at a council meeting last week, after Cllr Francis Timmons (Ind) requested the information.

Rents arrears in Clondalkin are €65,772.91, followed by €39,716.09 in Tallaght Central, €35,325.03 in Firhouse-Bohernabreena, and €251,879.62 in Lucan.

The lowest sum of arrears in the county is €23,492.95, which pertains to council properties in Rathfarnham-Templeogue.

The Echo asked independent



ARREARS: Rent arrears amounting to over €8 million is owed to South Dublin County Council

“ I think we need to look at how many houses are here are social houses, what the make-up of unemployment is there are a of numbers that go into....”

councillor for Tallaght South, Paddy Holohan, about the high rate of rent arrears in his constituency and for his opinion on what should be done.

“I think we need to look at how many houses here are social houses, what the make-up of unemployment is...there are a lot of numbers that go into it,” said

Cllr Holohan.

“Both Tallaght and Clondalkin have taken in massive amounts of social housing in the last while.”

He added: “We are at a stage where I think I'd just be trying to get people on dry land, I wouldn't be going after people for debt when the council is in a good financial position.

“I don't like the idea of going after people who aren't in a great position financially, when their bills are already going up.”

The total amount of arrears owed to South Dublin County Council is €8,175,507.57, and the breakdown of the arrears is up to and including September 22 last.

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By **Mary Dennehy**

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TALLAGHT Health Awareness Month is entering its fourth week of free community-based events, with a range of relevant, accessible and engaging activities ahead.

Next week, October 24 to 28, there's something for everyone – from yoga in Fettercairn to a brain health workshop in Firhouse; from a COPD exercise class in Rua Red, to a dementia talk in Belgard, and holistic therapies in St Aonghusa.

Tallaght Library is also the venue for two talks, the first on endometriosis and how it can be treated and the second on the signs of substance abuse in teenagers.

The Marie Keating Foundation is continuing to visit local communities and next week will be dropping by the Fettercairn Community Centre and Pharmacy Hub in Killinarden.

The team will provide information and answer any cancer concerns both men and women may

have.

Health month is run by the Fettercairn Health Project, which is part of the South Dublin County Partnership.

Samantha Griffin, Fettercairn Health Project co-ordinator, told *The Echo* that to date there's been a good response and positive feedback.

Stressing that health awareness month is the community's event, Samantha said: "I continue to encourage everyone to get involved and to take part in at least one activity or workshop."

"This one activity could save a life even if it is a blood pressure or pulse check."

"Alongside connecting with the community and learning about local supports and services, locals in the community will receive information that can have a positive impact on their health or a family member's physical or mental health."

For a full list of events and dates turn to page 22 for the full schedule.

For further information follow the Fettercairn Health Project or South Dublin County Partnership on Facebook.



PULSE CHECK: Fiona Cooper (SDCP), Samantha Griffin (DCP), Catherine Dunne (FSS Kildare/Wicklow), Marie Clancy (FSS Kildare/Wicklow), Peter Mulcahy (IHF) standing at the Irish Heart Foundation mobile unit at Fettercairn Community Centre on Tuesday

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McGregor expands property portfolio

CONOR McGregor's property portfolio is set to grow with the recent purchase of a premises in Marlfield Mall in Kiltipper, Tallaght.

It's understood that the premises was originally intended to be developed into six apartments, but it might now be used as a restaurant instead.

This will add to the MMA fighter's already impressive list of properties under his ownership, which include the Black Forge and Marble Arch pubs in Drimnagh.

He has also dabbled in the residential property market, having developed eight social houses in Santry which were sold to approved housing body Tuath for €3.5m in 2020.

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Ted was first person to receive kidney transplant

Talented musician is remembered at annual thanksgiving service

By **Hayden Moore**

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THE FIRST person to undergo a transplant in Ireland, back in 1963, has been remembered as part of the Irish Kidney Association Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

In December of 1963, Ted Tobin became the first person to undergo a transplant in Ireland, making medical history in the process.

Aged just 21-years-old at the time, Ted bin underwent the first ever kidney transplant at the old St Vincent's Hospital, located on St Stephen's Green.

Before that time, the survivability of people with chronic kidney failure was slim as there was no treatment available.

Today, it is considered to be a routine operation with currently over 5,000 people in Ireland enjoying extended life because of organ donation and transplantation.

Ted, who was a talented musician, broke new ground by giving medical professionals an opportunity to advance medical knowledge and practice.

His groundbreaking transplant was widely documented nationwide but, despite some early optimism, Ted died from a setback resulting in the rejection of the donated kidney.

Ted died on February 16, 1964, just two months before getting to attend his sisters wedding.

Over 1,200 people converged in Mullingar for the 38th annual service of remembrance and thanksgiving on October 14, with Ted's sisters honouring him.

Jean Keogh and Sylvia O'Donovan held a picture of their late brother Ted as they partook in the Service of Light candle ceremony.

One of Ted's prized music books was also brought to the altar by Jean during the ceremony, which took place at the Cathedral of Christ the King.

For many donor families, the unique service has become an anniversary to both remember their loved ones, and for transplant recipients, the opportunity to honour and give thanks for the gift of life they have received.

For the first time since its inception, the service was held in the Midlands, and it was the second time only for it to be held outside of Dublin.

This year's service saw the return to an in-person gathering, following three consecutive years of a televised virtual event due to Covid.

A recording of the Irish Kidney Association 38th Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will be broadcast on RTE One and RTE Radio One Extra on November 5, at 11am.



REMEMBRANCE: Pictured taking part in the Service of Light candle ceremony were sisters Jean Keogh and Sylvia O'Donovan holding a picture of their late brother Ted Tobin, a young man from Crumlin.
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Concerns raised over cycling lane network's €4million cost

The reduced road width has caused widespread concern with the placement of bollards

By Aideen O'Flaherty
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THE €4m cost of the first phase of a contentious cycling network in Tallaght has left a councillor "flabbergasted" as he "can't make head nor tail" of the expense.

Clr Dermot Richardson (SF) received confirmation from South Dublin County Council this week that the first phase of the D24 Neighbourhood Cycle Network was built at a cost of €4m.

The first phase is almost complete, consisting of the implementation of cycle lanes and bus stop improvements leading from Firhouse Road West up through Killinarden Way.

Clr Richardson said residents in Killinarden have expressed concerns about the reduced road width as a result of the new cycle lane on Killinarden Way, and he expressed disbelief at the €4m cost of the project.

"The fee alone...I can't make head nor tail of it," he told *The Echo*. "I can't get over the cost of it, I'm flabbergasted."

"I think people are going to be even more annoyed now when they see the cost of this, and I can't blame them."

A spokesperson for South Dublin County Council told *The Echo* that the project will be "fully funded by the NTA" and noted that the contractor



PROBLEMS: The contentious first phase of the cycle network on Killinarden Way and (inset) the cycle network on Firhouse Road West

was appointed following a "competitive" tender process.

"The scheme includes works to reallocate road space to provide a cycle network and additionally it includes significant improvements to footpaths, paved areas, pedestrian crossings and traffic signals," they said.

"The costs for those additional works make up approximately 20 per cent of the overall costs.

"The resurfacing of some of the roads (such as Killinarden Way) make up approximately 13 per cent of the costs. A budget provision of 1.5 per cent has been made for landscaping.

"The tender price for Phase 1 represents very good value in the context of the tender costs gathered and complied nationally by the NTA in February 2023.

"Their figures indicate that tenders from private contractors for similar type works around the county can cost

up to €1m per km and have a median cost of €0.6m per km."

The scheme has not been without its detractors, as Aylesbury and Old Bawn residents in particular voiced their annoyance with the placement of bollards to delineate the new cycle lane.

An unknown party vandalised the plastic bollards within hours of them initially being placed, with many residents expressing concerns about the reduction in the road width impacting emergency vehicles and motorists dropping their kids off at a nearby primary school.

However, the council said emergency vehicles would be able to use the three-metre-wide, two-way cycle lane thereby avoiding all traffic.

Alternatively, traffic will be able to mount the newly installed kerb to provide a clear path, as the new kerbs which are being installed are 125mm high by 235mm wide, according to the council.

In relation to parking for parents dropping their children off at school, the council said last month that it was liaising with St Martin de Porres' Church to see if its car park could be used as a 'park and stride' location.

It stated there would also be formalised on-street parking on the east side of Dalepark Road for approximately 15 cars.

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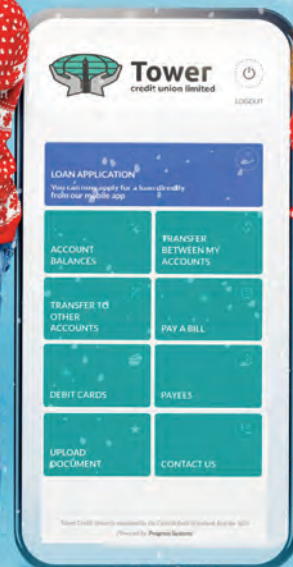
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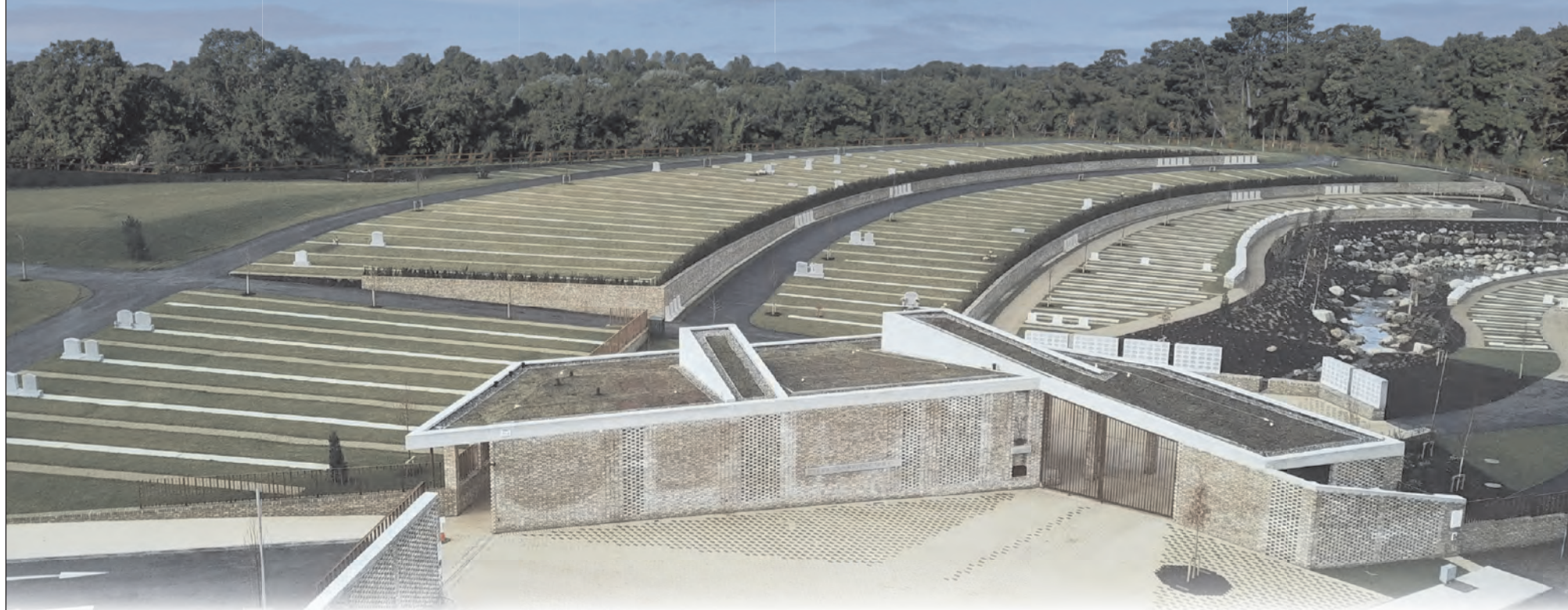
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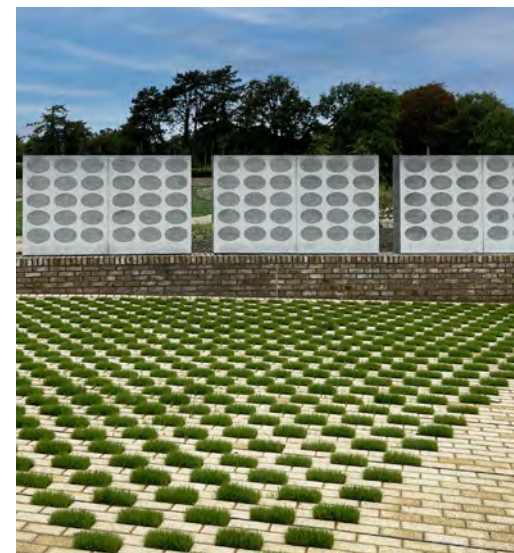
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Man shot dead was part of ongoing drug-gang dispute

A MAN killed outside his home in west Dublin last year as part of a suspected gangland feud died from multiple gunshot wounds, an inquest has heard, reports *Seán McCárthaigh*.

Cormac Berkeley (36) was fatally wounded while he was sitting in a car outside his house at Harelawn Park, Neilstown on December 5, 2022.

The father of one, who came originally from Tallaght, suffered the gunshot injuries when a gunman opened fire on the victim's black Toyota Land Cruiser at around 10pm.

Local residents claimed at the time that they heard about six or seven gunshots.

It is believed the gunman may have made his escape on a bicycle or e-bike.

Gardaí and emergency services rushed to the house at Harelawn Park but Mr

Berkeley was pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting.

His half-brother, David Baxter, gave evidence at a brief sitting of Dublin District Coroner's Court on Monday of formally identifying the deceased's body at the Dublin City Mortuary in Whitehall.

Mr Baxter said his half-brother had been living in the house in Neilstown with his partner, Helen Byrne, and their child, as well as another child whom Ms Byrne had from a previous relationship.

The coroner, Clare Keane, said post-mortem results confirmed the cause of the victim's death as "multiple gunshot wounds."

It is believed that Mr Berkeley, who was known to gardaí, was targeted as part of an ongoing dispute between drug gangs in

west Dublin.

It is understood that he had previously been warned by gardaí that his life was in danger.

Mr Berkeley's home had also been the target of an attack prior to the fatal shooting.

The victim had been imprisoned for three years in 2013 after being convicted for dealing heroin.

The senior investigating officer in charge of the murder case, Detective Inspector Brian Hanley, sought an adjournment of the inquest under Section 25.1 of the Coroners Act on the basis that criminal proceedings are being considered.

The coroner granted the application and adjourned the case for mention to a date in April next year.



WARNED: Cormac Berkeley, in gang feud

Suspended sentence for man who punched stag party-goer

Incident happened 15 years ago and left victim hospitalised with fractured skull

By Isabel Hayes

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A MAN who punched a stag party-goer in a Dublin nightclub 15 years ago, leaving him with a fractured skull, has been given a suspended 18-month sentence.

Sebastian Betlejewski (37) was extradited from his native Poland earlier this year in relation to the assault, which occurred in the then-named Zanzibar nightclub at Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, on April 27, 2008.

Gardaí arrived shortly after the assault, which was captured on CCTV, but it was initially unclear what had occurred, and Betlejewski was allowed to leave.

He was interviewed by gardaí at a later date but left the country while a file was being prepared for the Director of Public Prosecutions and before he had been charged.

He was arrested in February this year after an initial Interpol error had him as being in the UK, Detective Garda Niall McCormack told Lisa Dempsey BL, prosecuting.

Betlejewski, with an address at Fernwood Lawn, Springfield, Tallaght, pleaded guilty to one count of assault causing harm at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court. He has no previous convictions in either jurisdiction.

The court heard the victim, who is from Northern Ireland, had come to Dublin that weekend for a stag party and was on the dancefloor of the nightclub at around 3am when Betlejewski approached him and punched him. The victim fell straight to the floor, hitting his head on the ground.

The victim initially refused an ambulance and returned to Northern Ireland, where he was then hospitalised for a period of time.

The court heard he suffered a



fractured skull and a fractured cheekbone, among other injuries.

A victim-impact statement was handed into court but not read aloud; with the court hearing, the victim has moved on with his life since the incident occurred. Betlejewski told gardaí another man in the nightclub had assaulted him and that he punched the victim in a case of mistaken identity.

Sentencing Betlejewski on Friday, Judge Elma Sheahan said he is now a

productive member of society who has not come to any garda attention either prior to the incident or in the 15 years since. She noted he has been separated from his family since he was extradited this year, and his business has suffered.

She handed down a sentence of 18 months, which she suspended on a number of conditions.

Joe Mulrean BL, defending, told the court that Betlejewski came to Ireland in 2006 in search of a better

life. He returned to Poland some months after the assault to undergo knee surgery and to care for his mother, who was ill.

The court heard he was entitled to leave Ireland at that time as he was not facing any charges. He was "shocked" to hear of the extent of the victim's injuries, defence counsel said.

He set up a real estate business in his home country, which has now had to close since he was extradited to

Ireland. He is now married with a child.

Betlejewski spent six weeks in custody in Poland and a week in custody in Ireland before being released on bail. There have been no issues with his bail conditions, the court heard.

He is "extremely remorseful" for his actions and had €5,000 in court for his victim. Mr Mulrean urged the judge not to impose a custodial sentence on his client.

Kestrel pub plan for 52 apartments turned down again

Resident's association cited the 'scale, and density of development' as detrimental

By **Maurice Garvey**
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PLANS for 52 apartments at the site of the Kestrel Pub in Walkinstown have been refused permission by Dublin City Council.

In 2021, Double E Investments, were refused planning permission by DCC, for a development of 52 apartments at the site and no car-parking spaces.

Last year they received planning permission for 42 apartments at the site and 16 car parking spaces.

The latest application lodged by Double E in August, for 52 apartments and no car-parking spaces, saw a number of objections by local resident associations.

Cherryfield Residents Association, cited the "scale, height and density of the development" as detrimental to the existing community and does not achieve the zoning objective "to provide for and improve neighbourhood facilities."

"The provision of an eight-storey development has already been refused by the local authority and the association considers this application to be intended to grind down opposition and to maximise developer profits," said the submission.

They said the development with three retail units and pub on ground level, 6 antennas and 6 discs on the roof, represents "massive intensification of the existing site" and the lack of car-parking in the proposed development will have "serious consequences for traffic in the area."

The National Transport Authority (NTA) made a submission, stating it has "not been fully demonstrated" in the planning application how residents of the proposed development will have "sufficient access to a private car via a car-sharing system."

In refusing permission for the application, the city council said the proposed development "fails to successfully integrate into the existing character of the area, given the height strategy pursued and the visual prominence of the site, resulting in a visually dominant and overbearing form of development."

The council also said the non-provision of car parking would give rise to "unacceptable levels of overspill and haphazard parking on adjacent heavily trafficked roads and bus corridor, and would seriously injure the amenities of the area and would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard."

The council also noted that the development is located on a heavily trafficked road junction which is a planned Bus Connects and active travel route.

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REFUSAL: The Kestrel Pub on the Walkinstown roundabout

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Garda station in Tallaght has new life-saving device installed

The equipment is the sixth defibrillator launched by the Community First Responders

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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A NEW publicly-accessible defibrillator was launched outside Tallaght Garda Station on Tuesday morning, adding to the growing number of the life-saving devices in the area.

It is the sixth defibrillator that has been launched by the Tallaght Community First Responders, and it was done in conjunction with An Garda Síochána.

Community garda sergeant at Tallaght Garda Station, Emer Lamon, said the piece of equipment was a welcome addition to the station and several gardaí are already trained in how to use it.

"The garda station is the first place people will come to if they're nearby and there's an emergency," she told *The Echo*.

"It's important to know that there's a defibrillator nearby because sometimes when we're dispatched to an emergency we're the first people there, so it's important to know there's one near.

"There's been a very positive response in the station to having the defibrillator there and the knowledge that it's there if we need to use it."

The defibrillator is publicly accessible by inputting a code, which can be provided by staff in the station or by the emergency services.



IMPORTANT: Sergeant Emer Lamon is presented with a defibrillator outside Tallaght Garda Station with her work colleagues and Tallaght Community First Responders

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Kingswood teenspace opens



NEEDS MET: At the opening of the Teenspace in Kingswood were Mayor Alan Edge and Cllr Charlie O'Connor with staff and students from Kingswood Community College

THE NEW Teenspace beside St Kilian's National School in Kingswood was officially opened last week.

Speaking at the event Mayor Alan Edge said: "This new facility is a welcome part of the SDCC innovative Teenspace programme which is being delivered across the county.

"The Council engaged with teenagers who told us what their needs are and how those needs can be best met in South Dublin.

We know that our physical and emotional

wellbeing is improved by spending time in the outdoors and with the Teenspace programme we are providing areas for teenagers to relax and simply hang out and make friends.

"At every location we talk to teenagers from that area and ask what type of space they would like and what activities they like to see included.

This has resulted in the teenspace you see before you today, located in a safe, high-profile location with plenty of seating and with access to large informal activity areas nearby".

St Aengus Scout Group celebrates 40 great years

THE 168th St Aengus Scout Group are holding a celebratory Mass in St Aengus's Church this Sunday, October 22, at 3pm to mark 40 years since the group was founded.

An awards ceremony will also be held and will be followed by refreshments afterwards in the Scout Hall.

ICA guilds to plan future of association

ALL guilds of the Irish Countrywomen's Association (ICA) are asked to hold meetings this month to discuss the structures and planning for the future of the organisation.

The Lucan ICA held their meeting this week on Monday, October 16, at Lucan parish centre.

Following a committee meeting at 10am, a meeting was held with all members and a vote of their decisions to be sent in to the Dublin Federation.

Lucan ICA meet every Monday at the parish centre from 10am till 12.30pm, to continue working on different projects such as card-making, jewellery making, crochet, knitting and embroidery.

Firefighter Wayne steps out to a well-earned break

'I loved it . . . it is a smashing job and there is a great brotherhood with the lads'

By Maurice Garvey

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FIREFIGHTER Wayne Quirke retired this week and is looking forward to a well-earned break.

Greenhills resident Wayne retired from Tallaght Fire Station this week after 28 years service in the busy fire station.

Prior to joining Dublin Fire Brigade, Wayne was a mechanic, working in the garage depot for Dublin Bus.

He worked for CIE as a mechanic and then progressed to the fire service in Tallaght, where he remained throughout his career.

"I loved it. It is a smashing job and there is a great brotherhood with the lads. I probably will miss it, and it will take some adjustment, but I will get there," acknowledged Wayne.

Among those delighted to see Wayne out of harm's way are his wife Adel and two children.

The danger days on the job are not something Wayne wanted to dwell on, as he recalled a job that is a crucial part of society.

"We could be called out as far as Naas, Celbridge, Clane – 15-hour shifts at night and nine-hour shifts during the day," he said.

He may have spent many a year moving at speed towards danger, but the only travelling Wayne is looking forward to now are trips with his family and wife Adel.

"I'll take it easy and do a bit of travelling later in the year."



ON THE MOVE: Wayne Quirke and his work colleagues on D Watch; Wayne with family members outside Tallaght Fire Station





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Masterplan at final stages for park at GAA Club site

Steering group established to help the Sarsfield Road Club

By **Maurice Garvey**
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A MASTERPLAN for Liffey Gaels GAA Club East Timor Park is at a "final stage", according to Dublin City Council.

Work started over two years ago between the city council and the Ballyfermot club, who were experiencing difficulties at the time.

However, Liffey Gaels subsequently merged with Good Counsel GAA in November 2021, and this changed the original plans.

A steering group established by the city council to help the Sarsfield Road club was wound up earlier this year, but work has continued for the East Timor Park site.

According to a report at the South Central area meeting this week, the city council commissioned CSR Consulting to undertake development of a "masterplan for Liffey Gael/East Timor Park."

"This masterplan is at a final stage and soon will be publicly

FINAL STAGE: Liffey Gaels GAA Club on Sarsfield Road



available to view. During the design process public consultation meetings took place including discussions with Liffey Gaels Park Steering Group and Liffey Gaels Good Counsel GAA," said the report.

The report notes that NTA Bus Connects proposed routes 6 and 7

run adjacent to the park.

"During construction phase of the bus connects projects a NTA building depot will be located at the north east section of the park. Part of the masterplan design includes pedestrian access from the north east corner of the park." In order to align with a

pedestrian crossing of the N4 N6 dual carriage way, the masterplan site boundary was extended to include council lands between the N4 N6 road and the River Liffey.

Presentation of the masterplan to the South Central area committee will occur in the coming months.

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Increasing public safety with more new defibrillators

THE CHANCES of surviving a cardiac arrest are slim to none but early intervention during an incident can increase the survivability significantly.

This week, public access Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) were unveiled across all 14 of Dublin Fire Brigade Stations along with in Tallaght Garda Station.

Undoubtedly, the increased accessibility and awareness of these devices across all our communities is a major step in the direction of increasing public safety.

Cardiac arrests are often fatal, with it reported that only one in ten people survive a cardiac arrest.

In its simplest description, a cardiac arrest is a sudden loss of heart function which will cause a person to collapse, often being unresponsive and not breathing regularly.

The electrical system in the heart has gone askew and without medical intervention, this person will die.

This is where the public come in. In 2022, 84 percent of out of hospital cardiac arrests had bystander CPR attempted, while 10 percent had defibrillation attempted prior to the arrival of emergency services.

According to the British Heart Foundation, surviving a cardiac arrest jumps from just six percent to 74 percent if a defibrillator is deployed within three minutes.

An AED is a portable, computerised device which delivers a shock to the heart, if it recognises a life-threatening rhythm, to allow it to resume to its normal rhythm.

They are easy to use, with a lot of AEDs taking the user through the process of helping a victim of a cardiac arrest.

Started CPR before medical services arrive can make a monumental impact on whether that person lives or dies.

A location driven database showing the nearest AED is available at www.rescue.ie, it is worth a look to know where to run to should something go awry.

The Irish Heart Foundation has a list of available CPR and AED courses on it's website, with members of community urged to participate in one.

AEDs located outside the fourteen fire stations can be accessed by the public by calling 999 or 112, with medical help dispatched and guidance given over the phone.

Four million meals are donated to community

Tallaght-based company works with retailers to reduce food waste

By **Maurice Garvey**
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TALLAGHT-based FoodCloud secured Tesco as its first national retail partner in 2013, and since then, four million meals have been donated to community groups in Dublin over the past decade.

Donations, which come from Tesco's Dublin stores have helped Quarryvale Family Resource Centre in Clondalkin and other organisations like them to feed people living in food poverty.

Working with FoodCloud and Olio, and over 350 local charitable and voluntary groups nationwide, Tesco redistributes surplus food at the end of each day to those who need it most in communities.

The FoodCloud and Tesco partnership has delivered almost 20 million meals in 10 years. The programme, which is in operation across Ireland, has expanded into the UK, Czechia, and Slovakia.

Research conducted by



PROGRAMME:
FoodCloud is based on Broomhill Road in Tallaght

FoodCloud in July of this year shows that families with children make up almost half of all those benefitting from food donations, while three quarters of community groups had experienced an increased demand for food in the last six months.

On average, Tesco

Ireland redistributes up to 40,000 meals every week to over 350 charitable groups across the country.

Tesco Ireland estimate that the Surplus Food Donations Programme powered by FoodCloud, has enabled the charitable and voluntary sector in Ireland to save over €23

million off their food bills.

Co-founder of FoodCloud, Aoibheann O'Brien said: "Tesco's commitment to eliminating edible food waste from their stores has been a driving force in our work to tackle food waste at a national and international level.

Through our strong partnership with Tesco, we have continued to grow our impact, innovate, and push boundaries around what is possible around food redistribution. We have worked together to reduce food waste for 10 years, expanding across four countries."

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Newly ordained former Garda returns to lead Harvest service

Rev Mike Buchanan from Seskin View served as a garda in Ronanstown and Ballyfermot

By Aideen O'Flaherty
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A RECENTLY ordained reverend in the Church of Ireland will be returning to his hometown of Tallaght this weekend to lead a service as part of the Harvest Festival in St Maelruain's Church.

Rev Mike Buchanan has had an interesting path to the priesthood, having worked as a garda in stations including Ballyfermot and Ronanstown for 21 years, before retiring in 2021.

He was raised in Seskin View and attended a Christian Brothers' school in Dolphin's Barn before deciding to become a guard, but he was encouraged to pursue a theological life from a young age.

"When I was in secondary school, they asked me to join the Christian Brothers, but I wasn't interested," he told *The Echo*.

"Theologically, it didn't fit with me, and the non-ordination of women was an alien concept to me."

Rev Buchanan later became an Anglican and his extensive work as a community guard, which he was repeatedly drawn to, influenced his decision to pursue

“I joined the guards with the expectations that I'd be running around and arresting people, but for some reason I was more drawn to working with people, such as people ...



ORDAINED: Rev Mike Buchanan (second from left) with his wife Marti, his mother Marie Buchanan, and the Most Reverend Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare)

a life of ministry.

"I joined the guards with the expectation that I'd be running around and arresting people, but for some reason I was more drawn to working with people, such as people who were elderly or socially challenged," he said.

When he was serving in the guards, Rev Buchanan, who lives in Louth, regularly attended his local Anglican church in Dunleer and his desire to be a part of the clergy grew.

"I had been exploring the idea of ordination, and in 2021 I was put forward for selection in ministry," he recalled.

"So, in 2021, I retired from the guards on the Tuesday and started studying on the Friday."

Last September, Rev Buchanan was ordained in St Mary's Church in Navan marking a seminal highpoint in his path to the priesthood.

"It was slightly surreal to be called reverend afterwards," he said, "but it was a huge privilege and a very emotional day."

Rev Buchanan has been invited by Canon William Deverill to preach at a service in St Maelruain's this Sunday at 11am for the Harvest Festival, and the new reverend is looking forward to it.

"It's lovely privilege to be asked to come and preach at the harvest," Rev Buchanan said. "I'll be talking about the spiritual harvest, rather than an agricultural one!"

"It's slightly surreal to be going back to Tallaght. I went to join the guards back when the old garda station was beside St Maelruain's."

"I never would've imagined, back in the day, that I would've ended up preaching up the road from it."

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Irish Girl Guides open new training centre in Tallaght

With 10,000 members nationwide, the organisation will now have a new national training centre

By **Mary Dennehy**

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IRISH Girl Guides from across the country visited Tallaght last weekend to mark the official opening of the organisation's new national training centre in Belgard Square.

A vacant building has been refurbished into a multi-purpose facility that is not only a vibrant hub for Irish Girl Guides but also available for other community and voluntary groups to use.

According to Irish Girl Guides, the building includes meeting and conference rooms, training areas, a STEM hub, the Guide Shop and a canteen area – with plans to add additional spaces in the future.

Mayor of South Dublin County, Alan Edge last Saturday welcomed Irish Girl Guides to its new home and spoke of the importance in refurbishing older buildings and embracing sustainability.

He also stressed the importance that volunteerism has in community building in South Dublin County and how beneficial it is to take an existing building and refurbish and restore it to active use.

Speaking on the day, Mayor Edge said: "Your organisation has a long, proud and rich history of volunteering. "We are delighted to have you here [in the county]."



INVALUABLE ASSET: (from left) Rachael Woods, Ruth Gavin, Lauren Lalor, Mayor Alan Edge, Lorraine Mackey McHugh (CEO, Irish Girl Guides), Sophie Lalor (Lily Guides, Newbridge), Sinead Sweeney and Amanda O'Sullivan (Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Board, Irish Girl Guides) participate in a ribbon-cutting using IGG neckerchiefs at the National Training Centre in Tallaght. Photo Robbie Reynolds Photography.

The building in Belgard Square was bought by the Irish Girl Guides in 2019.

However, due to the impact of Covid and increased construction costs, staff

and volunteers only moved into the refurbished building during the summer.

According to Helen Concannon, the Chair of the National Training Centre

Committee, a three-year fundraising campaign enabled the project to proceed.

"Thank you to all who took part in making this dream a reality," she said.

"Through your generosity, we can empower this generation of girls and young women, as well as the next.

"We hope the facility will be of use also to other groups in the community."

Ms Concannon thanked the many volunteers and donors for their fundraisers and donations.

She also noted grants from the Dep of Transport, Tourism and Sport; the Dep of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; the Albert Gubbay Foundation; the Katharine Howard Foundation; Dublin Bus Community Spirit Initiative; and South Dublin County Council.

Established in Ireland in 1911, the Irish Girl Guides has around 10,000 members nationwide.

Some 1,600 volunteer leaders provide an 'informal educational programme of fun and challenging activities that foster confidence and leadership skills in girls and young women'.

Girls from age five can choose to earn a range of badges including Climate Action, Cultural Diversity, Cybersecurity, Disability Awareness, Engineering, Global Traveller, Healthy Mind, Robotics and STEM.

To learn more about the Irish Girl Guides visit irishgirlguides.ie or call 01 6683898.

Any community groups interested in renting the space is invited to email info@irishgirlguides.ie.

Over €1,500 raised by trail runners for HOPE, mental health service

THE IRISH Mountain Trail Runners raised over €1,500 for Tallaght-based mental health service HOPE [Hold On Pain Eases] after recently undertaking lengthy runs along the Wicklow Way, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

Members of the group ran 10k, 22k and 42k distances along the Wicklow Way for their annual club charity event on Saturday, October 7.

Lar Heffernan from the Irish Mountain Trail Runners told *The Echo*: "We held our annual club event this year in aid of HOPE, a suicide prevention drop-in centre based in Tallaght, to try raise awareness and some much-needed funds to help with the amazing work they do.

"Our members took on trail runs with distances of 10k, 22k and 42k along the Wicklow Way, with a lot of our crew taking on these distances for the first time.

"A lot of these guys had started with us originally on our 4k beginners route in Cruagh Woods, some amazing goals were achieved on the day, and the support and encouragement on the route from family, friends and members was unbelievable.



ACTIVE: Irish Mountain Trail Runners do amazing work in raising awareness of mental health services

"Some of the guys who could not run on the day helped out at aid stations or gave lifts where needed and we had Margaret and Ray from HOPE up at the finish line to cheer home our runners."

The group wanted to thank Glencullen Christmas Tree Farm for the base and parking on the day, Serfac for helping out with teeshirts and Johnnie Foxes for the hospitality after.

Donations are still being accepted at the link on the Irish Mountain Trail Runners Facebook or Instagram pages, and a total of €1,600 had been raised at the time of print.

Three-day Harvest Festival



HARVEST: Some members of the Vine Group with Canon Rev William Deverell

THE VINE GROUP will be holding their annual Euchariston Harvest Festival in St Aidan's Church and community school in Brookfield, Tallaght, this weekend, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

The three-day event will feature a series of festivities, such as the ever-popular Blessing of Animals service which will take place in St Aidan's Church at 11am this Saturday, October 21.

The Euchariston Harvest Festival will take place from October 20 to 22 and will kick off with an opening ceremony in St Aidan's Church on Friday at 7.30pm.

On Saturday at 2.30pm the Harvest Festival International Concert will take place in St Aidan's Community School, followed by an International Food Fair at 4.30pm.

The Euchariston Harvest Festival will close on Sunday with 11.30am Mass in St Aidan's Church followed by refreshments and entertainment.

Joe Geoghegan from the Vine Group told *The Echo*: "As always, the Euchariston Harvest Festival is free to all and is designed to be a celebration of community.

"It shines a light on all the positive things that the area, which this year is Brookfield, has to offer and it also includes participants from all different nationalities and groups.

"Highlights of the festival are the open ceremony, the blessing of the animals, the free international concert and the free international food fair."

Further information on the festivities is available on the Vine Group Facebook page.



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CONTROVERSY: An artist's impression of the Knocklyon pitch

Bully-boy tactics and flaring tempers over 3G Astro pitch proposals

Controversial proposals on Knocklyon Park 3G Astro pitch led to accusations

TEMPERS flared at a council meeting last week, with the chairwoman of a local area committee accusing a councillor of using "bully-boy tactics" as he raised his voice at her.

Councillors on the Templeogue, Rathfarnham, Bohernabreena and Firhouse Area Committee were discussing a motion about a contentious 3G pitch in Knocklyon when tensions rose.

The motion was tabled by Cllrs Emma Murphy (FF) and Alan Edge (Ind), where they asked the council to "reconsider" the decision to bring forward the proposed 3G Astro pitch in Knocklyon Park.

The proposal has been a point of contention in the community, with a record number of submissions being received from residents opposed to the project during the public consultation process.

The proposed enclosed 3G pitch is to be developed in place of an existing grass pitch

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which is currently used by Ballyboden St Enda's GAA Club.

Objections were received on a number of grounds, including the potential environmental impact and how it will affect St Enda's as it could reduce the capacity of the club.

Cllr Murphy and Cllr Edge suggested that alternative sites within the locality should be explored, which Cllr Ronan McMahon (Ind) agreed with.

Cllr McMahon stated that, when the proposal was brought to the council several years ago, three locations were suggested before Knocklyon Park was selected.

He said his preference was for the pitch to be located in Cherryfield and suggested that the

motion be amended to include that alternative locations locally should be explored.

Cllr McMahon said he "changed the wording [of the original motion] to reconsider the location of Knocklyon Park and look at other locations in the area".

Cllr Murphy and Cllr Edge expressed reservations about the amendment, and when it went to a vote seven councillors voted in favour, three voted against.

After the vote, the exact wording of the amendment became apparent, which caused frustration in the council chamber.

Cllr McMahon's amendment read: 'In view of the level of opposition expressed by the local community, this area committee requests the chief executive to reconsider the location of Knocklyon Park and to 'relook' at other locations in the area.'

Cllr Murphy expressed her annoyance at the amendment, saying: "It's completely out of order, it changes fundamentally the motion . . . it's absolute madness."

Cllr Edge added: "The motion doesn't make any sense. To reconsider the location of Knocklyon Park? There's no reference to the Astro pitch."

"This is the least helpful amendment in the history of local authority. This doesn't do anything – this is an absolutely worthless motion now."

Cllr Murphy further stated that Cllr McMahon hadn't typed out the whole motion in his amendment, and it "shouldn't have been accepted" through the chairperson or officials in that form.

A manager from South Dublin County Council said that amended motions are considered along with the original motion, so the reference to the Astro pitch would still be present in the original motion.

Defending how the amendment was worded, Cllr McMahon said: "When I sent in the amendment, it had 'dot, dot, dot' at the start and 'dot, dot, dot' at the end to be inserted into the

middle of the original motion.

"So I assumed 'Astro pitch' was coming after 'dot, dot, dot'."

The chairwoman of the area committee, Cllr Pamela Kearns (Lab), said: "Unfortunately, your assumption was incorrect. It was, I'm sure, an error on your part, councillor."

A council manager said another amendment could be made, which drew the ire of Cllr Brian Lawlor (FG).

"You can't vote on another amendment, they have to come in at the same time: motion, amendment, amendment," he said while raising his voice and addressing Cllr Kearns.

"We took a vote – you can't take another vote on another amendment."

Unimpressed with Cllr Lawlor's raised voice, Cllr Kearns retorted: "Cllr Lawlor, your bully-boy tactics will not work on me. You are making your point, but the manager has okayed this."

Getting increasingly agitated, Cllr Lawlor said: "You can't put another amendment after we've held a vote. That amendment had to come in at the same time."

Cllr Kearns said: "Councillor, don't raise your voice at me. You are a bully – you're trying to bully me in the chair and it's not going to work . . . you're not having a reasoned debate."

Cllr Lawlor later apologised to Cllr Kearns for raising his voice but reiterated that amendments should be voted on at the same time.

Cllr Mark Lynch (GP) wrote the second amendment to the motion, which was then agreed by councillors in the area committee.

Cllr Lynch's motion reads: 'In view of the level of opposition expressed by the local community, this area committee requests the chief executive to reconsider the decision to bring forward the proposed 3G Astro pitch at the location of Knocklyon Park while committing to keeping the investment in the local electoral area.'

A decision on whether the 3G pitch project can progress will be made by councillors in a vote later this year.

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Six months for 16-year-old boy in Cherry Orchard car ramming

Teenager 'goaded' gardai and was part of a crowd verbally abusing gardai

By Tom Tuite

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A DUBLIN youth has received a six-month custodial sentence for endangering two female gardai in a patrol vehicle which was rammed by stolen cars in Ballyfermot last year.

The 16-year-old boy, who later used a high-powered electric motorbike on bail while "goaded" gardai, had his case finalised at the Dublin Children's Court on Tuesday.

District Court president Judge Paul Kelly also placed the teen, who is to be detained at the Oberstown Children Detention Campus, on supervised probation for 12 months. He cannot be identified because he is a minor.

At earlier stages in the proceedings, probation reports were sought on the boy who had already spent a 10-day stint in custody on remand for breach of bail.

The court had heard that in August that the teen recently followed detectives to get a chase and nearly ran over a child doing a "wheelie".

However, after spending a week-and-a-half in custody, he was released back on bail with a warning to obey the reinstated conditions, including a ban on using any motor vehicle.

The schoolboy accompanied to



INCIDENT: The garda car rammed last year

court by family had pleaded guilty to endangerment of the two officers' lives, a motor theft offence, criminal damage and dangerous driving in connection with the incident at Cherry Orchard Avenue in Ballyfermot, Dublin, on the evening of September 19, 2022. Clips of the scenes went viral on social media last year.

A stolen silver Toyota Aqua collided head-on twice with the patrol car, which was also "side-swiped" once by another Toyota Aqua, driven by the boy who maintained he had not intentionally connected with the garda vehicle.

The defence had organised psychological assessments. However,

the court had heard that he had broken a 10pm to 8am court-imposed curfew and an order not to use any motor vehicle.

The court heard that on a date in July, the teenager was on an electric motorbike capable of up to 80km/h, which followed a garda vehicle for 10 to 15 minutes in south Dublin. A

garda detective took a photo of the boy to "detract him from goading us to chase him".

On another date in August, the teenager was found in a house of extended family members several hours beyond his curfew.

Another curfew breach happened when the teen was part of a crowd verbally abusing gardai, but he complied with a caution to leave the vicinity.

The court heard that in August, the teenager was spotted doing an estimated 60 – 70km/h on the same electric motorbike in a crowded area.

Detective Chris Jones had said the teen went on footpaths and almost collided with a young child while performing a wheelie.

Defence solicitor Lorraine Stephens had said her client, who has no prior convictions and had never been in custody before this case, accepted he broke the bail terms.

Another 16-year-old boy, accused of twice ramming the garda car during the incident, remains on bail and is due back in court this month. His case was sent to a higher court on a not-guilty plea.

A 15-year-old boy who admitted to being a passenger in one of the stolen cars is awaiting sentence at the Children's Court. His case resumes later.



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Zombies, spooks, ghosts and goblins are all in the mix, but watch out for the bonfires

IN THE lead-up to Halloween, Dublin City Council have an online portal where residents can report the location of bonfire material in their community, even if it is on private property, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

Anyone can log in and report bonfire material via <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/WasteManagement>.

Reports can be made anonymously by following the on-screen instructions, which require a location and a brief description of the amount and type of material, plus any additional relevant information.

Meanwhile, Ballyfermot Halloween Committee is planning a great day of activity on Tuesday, October 31.

Familibase and Cherry Orchard running club are planning a zombie run in Le Fanu Park and a Halloween party at Familibase and the leisure centre.

Ballyfermot Youth Service and Candle will host a Halloween disco party in Markievicz Park and the Equine Centre will host the haunted house.

DCC will host an accessible and

inclusive Halloween-themed space in Ballyfermot Civic Centre. This will involve collaboration with local support groups for children with specific needs, local schools and DCC internal resources (mobile sensory play unit).

The 'Spooky Sensory Space' will provide an additional and alternative element to the overall Halloween Festival to ensure that

the programme content caters for children and young people of all ages and abilities.

The council is liaising with Dublin Fire Brigade and local gardai to visit local schools in the run up to Halloween. The council will also support events in Bluebell, Ring Street and Drimnagh over the Halloween period.



FUTURE: The cottages on Old Bawn Road

'Sadness' from residents over loss of Old Bawn green space

Plot of land now being fenced off has been used by residents for almost 20 years

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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THE future of the cottages on the Old Bawn Road has become clearer in recent days, with work being carried out on the site – however some residents have taken issue with the loss of a green as a result.

The plot of land to the rear of 11 Old Bawn Road is owned by developer Sean McCann, who purchased the cottages in 2021, and forms part of the overall site of the cottages.

The land has been used as a de facto garden by residents of an adjacent apartment block for 19 years, who recently learned that fencing will be erected around it and they will no

longer have access.

"There is a great sense of sadness amongst the residents, as many of them have lived here for a very long time," said a local resident, who asked to remain anonymous.

"Some [of them have been] here since the building of the apartments and have used the green as a source of sanctuary, as they don't have a garden of their own.

"Many residents are angry, as they bought their apartments thinking that the green area was a part of the complex as it is within the boundary walls, and they were never advised that it was not a part of the property."

The boundaries became apparent in recent weeks after Mr McCann began to carry out work on the site, on foot of a notice from South Dublin County Council to secure it to prevent the

properties from being entered onto the derelict sites register.

His plans include erecting temporary fencing around the green, however he told *The Echo* he will leave a portion of his land next to the green for residents to continue to use for car-parking.

"The loss of the green space means taking away a safe space for the children living in the apartment complex," said the anonymous resident.

"A safe space that has been used for many years for sports activities, birthday parties, pool parties in the summertime and many more activities that support social interactions of the children of the community here at Maelruans.

"It means taking away a space used by the children of the complex with additional needs such as autism, who use the sensory swing that hangs from a tree in the middle of the green for daily recreation.

"It means the loss of a garden for many of our residents who do not have a garden or balcony of their own. This will have a huge impact on our elderly residents in particular, who for some it is their only opportunity to get some fresh air throughout the day.

"The green has been within the boundaries of the apartment complex since the complex was built over 19 years ago.

"It is within the boundary walls of the complex. It has been openly used by the residents for the past 19 years without ever being questioned by the various owners during these years."

When speaking to *The Echo* on Tuesday morning, Mr McCann stated that the land is part of the folio of the cottages and that he has been "exceptionally reasonable" with the residents.

"The green space doesn't belong to them, it belongs to the cottages," he said.

"I met with residents earlier this week and told them we were putting up a temporary fence and that we've been told to put it up by the council.

"What's happening is that there are one or two people agitating to get something that doesn't belong to them.

"I've been exceptionally reasonable – they're parking on my land at the minute, and I said we'll leave that space so they can continue to do that and won't lose any parking whatsoever."

Mr McCann also said that he had

suggested placing a gate in the fencing with a key for residents to continue accessing the green, but there didn't appear to be any interest in it.

The two derelict cottages have been a point of contention for many years, as they are prominently located in Tallaght but have fallen into disrepair.

Mr McCann said that, when he purchased the cottages, his intention was to build apartments in place of the cottages but was prevented from doing so after they were designated as a site for architectural conservation.

His current plans for the site include reinstating the cottages, and then developing a small number of dwellings on the green space, pending planning permission.

"The plan is to restore the two cottages, and hopefully put a plan in for the piece of land to put in additional housing of about four units," said Mr McCann.

In the meantime, Mr McCann said the primary aim is to secure the site as instructed by the council and to clear out the cottages, which are in poor condition.

"They're completely and utterly derelict," he said. "They've been vandalised, there's nothing left inside."

"I've been exceptionally reasonable – they're parking on my land at the minute, and I said we'll leave that space so they can continue to do that and won't lose any parking whatsoever."

Residents' appeal against 400 new apartments is rejected

An Bord Pleanála says scheme 'constitutes an acceptable quantum of development'

By Seán McCárthaigh

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AN BORD Pleanála has approved the development of over 400 new apartments in Ballyboden in south Dublin, despite strong opposition to the plans from local residents.

The board has rejected an appeal by the Ballyboden Tidy Towns group and the Moyville Residents' Association against the decision by South Dublin County Council to sanction the development of 402 apartments on the site of former institutional lands at Taylor's Lane in Ballyboden.

The residential scheme will consist of three apartment blocks ranging up to five storeys in height together with a crèche, two retail units, a communal space and new public park.

The site, which is known as the "Good Counsel lands," contains a number of institutional buildings earmarked for demolition as well as a former pitch-and-putt course.

The developer, Shannon Homes Dublin, had sought planning permission for the project under the large-scale residential development planning process.

It followed a ruling by the High Court in January 2022 which quashed an earlier decision by An Bord Pleanála to approve a strategic housing development of 486 apartments on the same site as a result of a successful judicial review brought by the Ballyboden Tidy Towns group.

In their appeal on the latest proposal, both the Tidy Towns group and residents from the nearby Moyville estate claimed the development was a missed opportunity to contribute to the creation of a village centre for Ballyboden as well as being



APPROVED: An artist's impression of the development at the Good Counsel lands at Taylor's Lane

premature pending the preparation of a Local Area Plan.

They also claimed there had been no material changes to the plans which address the reasons for the judgement by the High Court to quash the previous planning permission for the site.

The opponents pointed out that there had also been no improvement in public transport, while traffic congestion in the area has become worse due to the addition of several other new developments in the locality.

They also criticised the height of the apartment blocks which they said did not balance with the low-rise character of the area, while the density of the project represented "serious overdevelopment" of the site.

However, in its latest ruling, An Bord Pleanála said that the proposed development would be consistent with the zoning objectives and other policies of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 subject to compliance with a number of planning conditions.

The board said the residential scheme would "constitute an acceptable quantum of development at this location which would be served by an appropriate level of public transport, social and community infrastructure."

It said the plans would also constitute an acceptable level of density for the location and would provide open spaces in excess of the minimum requirements, while not seriously injuring the residential and visual amenities of the

area as well as other properties in the vicinity.

Consultants for Shannon Homes said the building design for the latest application had been altered to take into account comments by council planners, while the building height, density and number of car spaces had also been reduced.

They claimed the reason for quashing the previous planning permission was related to procedural matters and was not a judgement on the merits of the scheme.

The developer also highlighted that South Dublin County Council had confirmed that the latest scheme did not materially contravene height or density policies as well as being satisfied with public transport capacity for the area and revised traffic figures.

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Local history with Monica McGill

Scoundrels, skulduggery and surrendering of sacred lands

Clondalkin's relative peace was disrupted during the reign of King Henry VIII

RESEARCHING one topic uncovers another. So arose this brief account of Deansrath and some other lands once known as Bay Farm in and around Clondalkin.

Pre-Reformation Clondalkin

Padraig A. Murphy's book, *A History of Clondalkin's Catholic Parish 630-2000AD*, contains much information.

Deansrath and other Clondalkin lands – and the buildings on them – were significant, mentioned in official reports as early as AD 1219 when St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin was established.

It's possible the local area still known as Deansrath may have been so named in or about this time. St Patrick's became the main "mother church" of Clondalkin, and much of Clondalkin's productive land was a prebend (source of revenue) for the Cathedral. The Dean was rector of the local churches.

Around Clondalkin village there were lands called "Bay Farm". Mason's *History and Antiquities of the Collegiate and Cathedral Church of St Patrick* (published 1820) shows that Bay Farm and Jesus Farm were inter-changeable placenames.

The revenue from Bay Farm went annually to St Patrick's Cathedral, so that Masses honouring the Name of Jesus could be said there. The placename continued into the late 1700s, appearing on a map of the area.

Some Clondalkin properties supported particularly the Archbishop of Dublin; others the Dean of St Patrick's. They included houses for those office holders.

Murphy states the Clondalkin prebend "was worth 120 marks in 1227, making it one of the richest in the archdiocese."

The greater Clondalkin Manor amounted to 4,055 acres. It included churches, chapels and castles, and the impressive (and richly endowed) church of St Cronan Mochua, where St John's church on Tower Road now stands.

Until the Henrician Reformation, none of the ecclesiastical lands were

controlled by Henry, whose titles included Lord of Ireland (later, King of Ireland).

Clondalkin was part of the Pale, that militarily protected zone in the east of the country, with Dublin City the seat of English power.

According to Elrington Ball: *History of the County Dublin*, Deansrath Castle was one of the Pale fortifications.

Murphy states that Clondalkin's location within the Pale helped it to avoid "much of the political turmoil of medieval Ireland".

Unfortunately, Clondalkin's relative peace was disrupted during the reign of King Henry VIII of England.

When he became King in 1509, he was a devout Catholic. He rebutted the accusations of Martin Luther against the Catholic Church, for which the Pope conferred on him the title "Fidei Defensor" (Defender of the Faith), a title still included on British coinage.

The English Reformation

Two circumstances changed Henry's attitude. Firstly, his increasing and desperate need to have a legitimate male heir resulted in his split from Papal supremacy, declaring that he (and not the Pope) was head of the Church wherever Henry ruled.

Henry's subjects were forced to acknowledge his religious supremacy or suffer the consequences.

Refusal could mean capital punishment, as in the case of St Thomas More, once a close confidant of Henry and one of his leading advisors.

Secondly, Henry's lavish lifestyle left insufficient funding for his military campaigns so he could remain (and/or regain) his status as a political and military force. The Catholic Church owned various local reserves in land, tithes and valuable moveable goods.

As self-declared head of the Church, Henry sold as many properties as possible, thereby gathering quickly the funds he needed.

The English Reformation led to enormous changes in property ownership, and in who received the annual revenues the workers of the land produced.

Clondalkin was included, precisely because it was part of the Pale, the area in Ireland most easily controlled from the English Parliament.

Who owned what?

Official Commissioners (Inspectors loyal to the Crown) compiled the inventories of all church properties which the Crown could commandeer, and their annual worth. Religious services continued in churches provided they acknowledged Henry as religious leader.

Church revenues became dependent on the English Crown. Church sacred vessels, costly



INTERCHANGEABLE: Two of the areas in Clondalkin village marked Bay farm, c. 1782.

(Courtesy, National Library of Ireland)

raiments, and silver plate were transferred to other, more favoured churches.

Even the roofing lead of buildings was included on the inventories. People who had donated costly sacred vessels to their local churches were dismayed that their donations disappeared, but there was little they could do. The Commissioners decided the fate of all Church moveable possessions.

Dissolution

Churches, monasteries and convents refusing Henry's diktat were dissolved completely.

Their priests, monks and nuns faced homelessness and deprivation. Many churches fell into disrepair, especially those which had been stripped. Some which obeyed were nonetheless reduced to the status of parish churches. Mason states that on the day before Henry's death in 1547, St Patrick's Cathedral was officially dissolved in this way, and that Dublin's Christchurch Cathedral received the moveable goods from this and other church-owned buildings either for its own use, or for storage pending further Royal instructions.

Mason also reveals that outrageous skulduggery overcame some, including Edward Bassenet, Dean of St Patrick's when that Cathedral was dissolved. Apparently, he forced his Cathedral colleagues to agree to the dissolution, and permanently transferred Deansrath into his own personal property and lived there afterwards. It was eventually sold by his relative residing in nearby Nangor.

Mason and Ball state that much later, Dean Jonathan Swift wrote on the back of the relevant Deed, describing Edward Bassenet as "the scoundrel who surrendered the

Deanery to that beast, Henry VIII." Ball says that Bassenet also "planted various members of his family on lands in the parishes of Clondalkin and Kilmactalway."

Henry's Tudor heirs, (Edward VI, Mary, and Elizabeth I) in turn continued his Reformation, tried to reverse it, and attempted a compromise, according to their religio-political stances.

Today's National Inventory of Architectural Heritage includes Deansrath castle (ref DU017-039).

It's situated on Westbourne Drive, surrounded by modern housing. By 2011, all that remained of this important ecclesiastical property was part of a two-storey stair tower, seemingly a piece of a "gatehouse built of mortared ashlar blocks of limestone . . . The Dean of St Patrick's was proprietor in 1641."

Ball explains that in the early 1600s, the Bassenets quit Ireland and "finally parted with the interest in Deansrath, which then reverted to St Patrick's deanery."



CHANGE: Obverse, 50 pence coin of Charles III, showing F.D. (Fidei Defensor). (© The Royal Mint). After the Pope excommunicated Henry VIII and removed the title from him, the Westminster Parliament re-conferred it on the English king (and his successors).



Henry VIII, from a Holbein original. (Image: National Museums Liverpool)

International campaign raises awareness of language disorder

People with DLD are at significant risk of struggling with reading, spelling and maths

ROBERT Mockler, who was diagnosed with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) at the age of six, will feature, alongside his family, in the international DLD Day campaign taking place this Friday, October 20.

A hidden but common disability that affects 1-in-14 people, DLD causes difficulties understanding and using language for no known reason.

Robert, now 15-years-old, and his family wants everyone in the community to learn about DLD so they can help the two students of every class of 30 who have DLD, a neuro-developmental condition.

When the family from Citywest discovered that they had been chosen as part of the international campaign they felt very proud to be spreading awareness not only in their community

but worldwide.

Robert's mother Brenda said: "I'm so proud of Robert and all he has done to raise awareness of DLD. We have been part of the RADLD Ireland group since 2020 and Robert has always put himself out there in the media so kids his age might relate and realise they are not alone.

"When we saw that our photo from a previous campaign had been chosen in some of the promotional material for the international campaign for 2023 we were very proud.

"It's important for us as a family to raise awareness of DLD to help bring about change in the system too.

The 2023 theme is DLD Around the World, highlighting that DLD affects people around the world regardless of age, gender, language spoken or ethnicity.

DLD is a neurodevelopmental condition affecting how the brain processes language, so it makes sense that it's found in every country and every language.

Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (RADLD), the body who coordinates the international event is advocating for increased recognition and support for people with DLD around the world.

"People with DLD are six times more likely to suffer from anxiety and three times more likely to have clinical depression. They are also at significant risk of struggling with reading, spelling and mathematics. Although DLD is a common condition affecting many areas of life, people with DLD are unlikely to receive access to services," said Stephen Parsons, Chairperson of RADLD.

#DLDday, now in its seventh year, is celebrated annually around the world with more than 40 countries involved.

This year Ireland has received amazing support with almost 30 landmarks around the country shining a light on DLD by lighting up in Purple or Purple and yellow this DLD Day on Friday, October, 20 as well as many local events in schools and community centres. See page 52.



PROUD: Robert Mockler with his family (right) featuring on one of the social media memes for the international DLD Day campaign



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Time to nominate your unsung hero for Tallaght Person of The Year 2023

Tallaght Community Council Encourage you to make nominations – Only 3 days left

THE countdown for the 2023 nominations for the 40th Tallaght Person of The Year awards is in earnest this week, nominations close at midnight Saturday, 21st of October, 2023.

Tallaght Community Council (TCC) are urging people who are considering making a nomination, to do it as soon as possible! There are 3 days left in which to do it online - www.tallaghtcommunitycouncil.ie

There are 9 categories in the awards for people to consider nominees for - arts, business, community, environment, learning and innovation, special needs and carers, heart of gold, sports and youth. This gives people lots of scope within which to nominate their unsung

hero for the awards before the closing date.

Last year's winner, Zak Moradi had been nominated in the Maurice McConnell Youth category for many years as a coach and mentor in Thomas Davis GAA club, as well as his anti racism work in sports.

Zak heaps praise on the GAA for helping him as a refugee to Ireland to find friends and become part of the local community. Zak thrived in the culture and ethos of the GAA, and became a great advocate of the sport and a pretty good hurler in the process.

"The GAA helped me as a young chap coming to Ireland to live, clubs are open and inclusive to anyone with an interest in playing the sport. It

also teaches great life skills such as team work, respect, loyalty and friendship. I am delighted to be part of the GAA movement and Thomas Davis club. Being awarded Tallaght Person of the Year last year was a huge shock! But one that has made me extra proud of being a lad from Tallaght and being part of the GAA," said Zak.

A recent addition to the categories of the awards is the Learning and Innovation

category. Tallaght has always been a centre of studying and learning, since the times of early christianity. Last year, Kevin Shortall, a Kilnamanagh native, who is now the principal of St Aidan's school was awarded the winner of the Learning and Innovation category for his passion for learning and the innovative culture he creates everyday in the school for his pupils and teachers.

"Sometimes, when you're working away, doing a job that you believe is very important, the last thing you hear is "well done" or "Thank you". We all have self-doubt and fears and constantly worry about how well we are doing. That's natural. It keeps us trying. What's important, though, is for everyone to feel appreciated and valued. Being given a Tallaght Person of the Year Award meant so much to me. "It made me stop and think, and feel huge gratitude. I realised the immense privilege I have to be doing the job I do, but it also taught us that others not connected with our school community were noticing how fantastic a community it is. It wasn't just about me, it was so much more about our wonderful school. Thank you," said Kevin. Preparations are well underway

for this year's event and nominations are coming in at a steady pace.

"This year we have seen over 100 unique nominees submitted so far, and we expect this to take an upward swing in the last few days as the closing deadline approaches.

"The core element of the community awards are the nominees. Each and every nominee deserves to be proud of being recognised by someone in the community for the positive impact they have in Tallaght.

"We urge anyone on the fence about nominating a neighbour or friend - do it! Recognising others and showing gratitude is an important and powerful thing we can all do in the awards," said Tara De Buitlear, PRO and Awards Marketing Manager.



Kevin Shortall, winner of the Learning and Innovation Award at the Tallaght Person of The Year Awards 2022

"I realised the immense privilege I have to be doing the job I do, but it also taught us that others not connected with our school community were noticing how fantastic a community it is. It wasn't just about me, it was so much more about our wonderful school. Thank you



Bridie Sweeney, Tallaght Person of The Year 1984



Zak Moradi, Tallaght Person of The Year 2022



Mary and Willie Young, joint winners of Tallaght Person of The Year 2002



Sinead Tighe, Tallaght Person of The Year 2017



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One-on-one model programme focuses on family bond strength

OVER 35 families have benefited from an education programme that was introduced to Ballyfermot in 2018, reports Maurice Garvey.

Parentchild+ programme is a 'one-on-one model' that has been very successful on St Ultans school campus.

"We have an amazing, dedicated team that consist of three home visitors also known as Early Learning Specialists," said St Ultans.

ELS's visit parents and children from the age of 18 months to 3 years in their home twice a week.

The programme supports

parents in preparing their children for academic success and focuses on strengthening the family bond.

It supports communities through intensive, consistent long-term home visiting. The two-year programme consists of 92 visits in total. Over these visits, the ELS brings a book the first week and a toy the second week. The programme recognises that parents are their children's primary educator.

Families get to keep the toys and books to promote the learning process at home. After 92 visits, the child and their family have graduated from the

programme.

The PC+ programme originated in America and was first introduced to Ireland 10 years ago.

There are 12 active sites across Ireland including two in Ballyfermot, one in the Ballyfermot Partnership and in Saint Ultans.

Since PC+ began in Saint Ultans in November 2018, it has worked with over 35 families and graduated 26 children from the programme.

The programme is completely free and available to all families who attend St Ultans and live in the Cherry Orchard area.



FAMILY BOND: Denise Delaney, Rebecca Hill, Harrison and Elsie

Outdated school prefabs deemed 'unsafe' but upgrade promised

Buildings lack adequate alarm detection and each classroom poses a fire risk

By Maurice Garvey

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OUTDATED prefabs at a school branded "unsafe" by local representatives, finally received some good news earlier this month with the promise of an upgrade by the Department of Education.

St Ronan's National School in Clondalkin has 13 prefab classrooms, most of which were built before 1993, are lacking insulation, which means "huge issues with heat loss" leading to freezing classrooms and increasing energy bills.

The buildings also lack adequate alarm detection, and each classroom poses a fire risk.

Two of the prefabs were destroyed in an electrical fire two years ago, but have not been repaired due to lack of funds.

"We don't get funding because they are temporary buildings," explained St Ronan's NS Principal Mary Fitzgerald.

"We have had to bring two classes over to the main building because it is frozen, and that is not ideal."

According to a report carried out last year by O'Dwyer & Associate



Entrance hall to the unit, now gutted from Electrical Fire damage.

Ceiling panels to be examined for ACM's.



DISGRACE: Erosion of the felt membrane



Architects, on behalf of the school, the prefabs also lack "any sort of adequate fire detection and alarm system, emergency lighting and signage" and that constant repairs that are required, act essentially as a sticking plaster and

drain scant finances at the Deis school.

"In our opinion these temporary building have reached their end-of-life cycle and now require replacement," said the report which says the buildings "cannot fully comply" with current standards for energy efficiency and education, among other things.

Prinipal Fitzgerald says the school has "state-of-the-art whiteboards" but always have to worry about plugging them in due to issues with electrical installation, and often the WiFi cannot be accessed because the wires are frozen.

There has also been political pressure with Cllr Francis Timmons raising the issue at area committees, and TD Gino Kenny labelling the prefabs a "disgrace and a danger" to children's health and safety.

Ms Fitzgerald said TD Emer Higgins (FG) also raised the issue in the Dáil shortly before the school received confirmation of an upgrade from the Dept's Additional Accommodation Scheme.

Cllr Francis Timmons (Ind), who raised the issue previously at area

committees, forwarded a Motion this week requesting urgent action by the Department.

"Despite the wonderful 377 pupils, 34 teachers, 7 SNAs and 7 ancillary staff and cleaners, St Ronan's school in Deansrath has been left for decades with prefabs that are falling apart. Some cannot be used due to a fault that caused a fire, others are damp, have mould and meet no safety and health standard acceptable in this day and age." Said Cllr Timmons.

TD Gino Kenny (PBP) said each of the 13 classrooms are at risk of fire.

"The school have also said that in the winter the classrooms are extremely cold, with temperatures reaching four degrees with the heating on during a cold spell," said Deputy Kenny.

"The school is DEIS Band 1. Most of the pupils come from disadvantaged backgrounds from the local area which has a lot of social problems. For around 60 per cent of the students English is not their first language, and over 50 of the children are members of the Traveller community," said Deputy Kenny.

Cllr Timmons spoke to staff and some parents and "with local elections next year followed by a general election at some stage they need to lobby all politicians."

Principal Fitzgerald echoes this sentiment and has "asked all parents to register to vote" while expressing her doubts if the prefabs can "last another winter."

"Historically, voter turnout has not been high in the area. Over 50 per cent of our students are non-national, 12 to 15 per cent of our students are Travellers, we have every type of yellow flag and equality flag, but are not treated the same," said Ms Fitzgerald.

St Ronan's received the good news two weeks ago for a two-storey build containing six classrooms, nine special education teacher rooms and four ASD units, but when this will be delivered, is another story.

"That is the first step, but we do not have a timeline, and there is no idea when the next phase of these modular builds will be delivered, but we have to keep the pressure on," said Principal Fitzgerald.

Fireworks in park are ‘concerning’

INCREASED activity of fireworks in parks in recent weeks is “extremely concerning”, according to Cllr Shane Moynihan (FF).

Cllr Moynihan has noticed an increase in fireworks being discharged in parks “having observed it myself in Hermitage Park last week.”

“This is highly irresponsible and dangerous behaviour, especially when residents and families are enjoying our public spaces. I have raised it directly with the Superintendent in Lucan Garda Station, to request further garda visibility in our parks.”

He encourages residents to contact their local garda station if they are aware of it at local parks.

Thanks from Liffey Sound

LIFFEY Sound 96.4fm thanked Lucan parishioners for their “generous contributions to our bucket collection at all Masses last weekend.”

“We wish to thank all the parishioners of St Mary’s Parish. We collected €792.78 which will help with the cost of running the station.”

The local radio station had another collection over the latest weekend at Divine Mercy Parish, Lucan South on Sunday morning.

Children find JumpStart boxing project a big hit

Top marks to library’s innovative programme for boys and girls between 10 and 12

By Aideen O’Flaherty

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A GROUP of children who took part in an innovative boxing project in North Clondalkin Library attended an awards ceremony last week to mark their completion of the programme.

The event was held in the library last Wednesday, October 11, for the children aged between 10 and 12 who completed the library’s JumpStart Boxing Academy programme.

Former Irish international footballers Caroline Thorpe and Noeleen McMahon handed out certs and medals at the ceremony and spoke about the positive impact sport has had on their lives.

Rosena Hand from North Clondalkin Library, who has helped to facilitate the programme, told *The Echo*: “The atmosphere was electric at the awards ceremony, with the room filled to capacity with attendees and parents.”

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Participants of the JumpStart Boxing Programme

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organisers – it gives the attendees a sense of accomplishment that they have completed their programme, and they receive their certs and medals in front of their parents.”

The JumpStart also recently expanded their training sessions to be more inclusive, so neurodiverse children can take part.

“South Dublin Library service is committed to being an inclusive service and increasing

access to its services to all,” explained Ms Hand.

“We felt it was appropriate to expand the JumpStart Boxing Club to neurodiverse children, and the parents were delighted that we did so.”

The next round of JumpStart Boxing will commence on November 1. For all queries ring the library on 01 414 9269 or email ncl@sdblincoco.ie.

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GREAT FUN: Glenda Murphy-Smullen, Christina McGinty-Collins and Carmel Lynch at St Anne's GAA Club on Saturday



Fun-filled camogie blitz honours Orla

Event in St Anne's GAA club raised almost €4,000 for Breast Cancer Ireland and



IN THE PINK: The Barbie Team

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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A VIBRANT and craic-filled camogie blitz was held in St Anne's GAA Club in Bohernabreena on Saturday, in memory of a local woman who passed away after being diagnosed with breast cancer.

Orla Byrne, who was a past pupil of Glenasmole NS and Firhouse Community College, passed away in 2021 at age 42 after putting up a courageous battle against stage four inflammatory breast cancer.

Her friends and family were keen to hold an event in her memory, and so the inaugural Orla Byrne Cup competition, which took the form of a friendly camogie blitz, was organised.

The blitz was held as part of the club's Caman 'n' Chats which, in essence, is a camogie version of GAA for mothers and others.

It was a successful event which raised €3,800 for Breast Cancer Ireland, a charity which Orla had previously fundraised for. It saw eight teams compete in fancy dress.

One of the event organisers, Louise Magaharan, told *The Echo*: "It was absolutely fantastic, the buzz around the place was unbelievable – there were women who had never played camogie before and this was their first match.

"There was a Cup, but we didn't want it to be competitive – it was all about the spirit of it, having fun and craic and getting involved."

At the heart of the event was remembering the impact Orla had on the people in her life, and celebrating the vibrant and fun-loving attitude that she embodied.

"To be honest, if Orla was still alive, she would've been in the thick of it all," Orla's sister, Michelle McGrath, told *The Echo*.

"She was amazing at organising things, and even dressing up for things – she would've loved it and been delighted with how it went."

The plan is for the Orla Byrne Cup to become an annual event in the St Anne's calendar following the success of it last week, and Michelle said she got a sense that her sister was there.

"Before she died, Orla always said, 'Follow the sun and I'll be at the end of the rainbow', and at the blitz there was a really big rainbow over Ballycragh."

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RAINBOW: The late Orla Byrne

saw eight teams play in fancy dress



GO FOR IT: Action from the blitz on Saturday

An Cosán's CEO scoops top Charity Leadership award



EXCELLENCE: Heydi Foster (CEO of An Cosán), holding her Excellence in Charity Leadership Award along with (from left) Dee Keogh (Board member, An Cosán), Mark Kelly (An Cosán Digital Inclusion Coordinator), Dragana Soro (An Cosán Education Technologist), Adelaide Nic Chárthaigh (An Cosán Adult Community, Education Manager), Anne Genockey (Deputy CEO, An Cosán), and Anna Durkan (Chair of An Cosán Board of Directors)

AN COSÁN CEO Heydi Foster scooped the Excellence in Charity Leadership Award at Charities Institute Ireland's Charity Excellence Awards 2023, which were held in the Round Room of the Mansion House last Wednesday October 11, 2023.

The award is presented to an executive head of a charity who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and management skills in the effective operation of the organisation, whose vision permeates throughout the entire charity, and who has shown outstanding leadership in driving its success.

In his preamble before announcing the winner at last week's ceremony, MC Anton Savage said the award was going to someone whose visionary leadership had not only transformed their organisation, but also left an indelible mark on the entire sector.

"They have set the standard for governance and management excellence, fostering a culture of continuous growth and collaboration," he said.

Mr Savage said that, under Ms Foster's guidance, the judging panel felt that An Cosán had expanded significantly, ensuring financial stability and making a profound societal impact. Specifically of Ms Foster, he said: "Their influence extends beyond their organisation, shaping national policies and contributing to vital societal conversations. Their exceptional leadership has opened doors to education and life-changing opportunities for countless individuals".

On receiving the award, Ms Foster said: "I am delighted to have received this year's Excellence in Charity Leadership Award. I'm humbled and proud of this recognition from my peers, having led non-profits in my native

Guatemala, in Boston and, for the last 18 years, my home that is Dublin.

"It has been my privilege to work with – and grow – our outstanding team to build on the incredible vision of An Cosán," Ms Foster continued. "I've found a wonderful second family with them.

"Leadership is core to our work. We're committed to learning, leadership and enterprise and I learn from, and am inspired by, the leadership I see around me every day – my talented and determined management team and other colleagues throughout An Cosán who live our values and lead the way in each of their roles. But also in the learners, who lead in their own learning journeys, in their homes and families, and in their communities.

Ms Foster added: "It is this powerful everyday leadership that inspires me every single day to continue on the path to a better future that is the heart of our vision in An Cosán."

Everyone at An Cosán community education centre in Jobstown, Tallaght, was delighted to see their CEO recognised for her exceptional leadership with the awarding of the Excellence in Charity Leadership Award.

Anna Durkan, Chair of An Cosán's Board of Directors, said: "This award recognises that, since taking up the CEO role four years ago, Heydi has proven An Cosán is an organisation of national importance, influencing policy and government practice, while cementing its place within the heart of the communities it serves."

To find out about An Cosán's adult education, early years' education and care, counselling and parenting support services, see www.ancosan.ie.

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Special Olympics activists recognised for great work

Volunteers work with our athletes to change lives for the better

By **Maurice Garvey**
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VOLUNTEERS from Lucan and Drimnagh were recognised for their outstanding contributions at the Special Olympics Ireland Volunteer Awards.

Eastern Regional Volunteer of 2023 Ciara Dolan, from Drimnagh, is active in two Special Olympics Clubs – holding the role of head coach in her swimming club and safeguarding officer in her football club.

Meanwhile, Eastern Regional Youth Volunteer of 2023 Emma O’Flynn, from Lucan, has been involved with Lucan Special Olympics club for the last six years, and has been active in growing the club’s Young Athlete programme.

Overall, 18 volunteers in Ireland were recognised at an awards ceremony held at the Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport Hotel, on Saturday, September 23.

MC for the night was sports



VITAL ROLES: Ciara Dolan and (inset) Emma O’Flynn

“Congratulations to all Volunteer Awards winners and a heartfelt thanks to all Special Olympics Ireland volunteers, who are the lifeblood of our organisation and essential to our mission

broadcaster Gráinne McElwain, who emphasised the vital role of volunteers in empowering Special Olympics athletes to reach their fullest potential.

Matt English, Special Olympics Ireland CEO, said: “Congratulations to all Volunteer Awards winners and a heartfelt thanks to all Special Olympics Ireland volunteers, who are the lifeblood of our organisation and essential to our mission. Our volunteers work directly with athletes to provide opportunities, organise

training and events, spread joy, and ultimately change lives for the better.”

Special Olympics Ireland extends an invitation to all those interested in helping transform the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through sport to get involved as volunteers.

For more information on how to become a Special Olympics Ireland volunteer, visit <https://www.specialolympics.ie/volunteer/become-a-volunteer>

Active retirement group welcomes newbies

LUCAN Active Retirement Association resumed their weekly meetings last month and always welcome new members to attend.

The group meet in St Andrew’s Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.

New members are invited to join a friendly atmosphere and meet new and old friends.

There is a €4 weekly charge to cover expenses – no charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy, including bowls, Scrabble, cards, drama, choir, gentle keep-fit exercises, or just to have a chat.

The group enjoys a coffee break at 1pm, and they organise trips every year in Ireland and abroad.

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Go-ahead for change to doctor's surgery to day care

PERMISSION has been granted by South Dublin County Council for a day care centre in Greenhills.

Applicant Stewarts Care Ltd was granted permission for the change of use of a Shopping Centre Unit from Doctor's surgery use to unit for Day Care Centre Use at Unit 9, Ground Floor, Greenhills Shopping Centre, St. James Road, Dublin 12.

Insurance claims total 111 against council

A TOTAL of 111 insurance claims have been filed against South Dublin County Council so far this year.

Eighty-five were public liability claims, 17 were motor claims, seven were property claims, and two were listed as 'other'.

A total of 209 claims were made last year, 239 in 2021, 262 in 2020, and 278 in 2019, and Irish Public Bodies manage all claims on the council's behalf.

Call for CEO of Transport Authority to meet on issues

Stone-throwing, drivers being spat on, bottles thrown, are some of the incidents

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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A TALLAGHT councillor is calling for the CEO of the National Transport Authority (NTA) to meet with councillors following on from reported incidents of anti-social behaviour on local buses.

At a Tallaght Transport Forum meeting last week, details were shared about recent incidents on anti-social behaviour on local bus routes, including stone-throwing and drivers being spat at.

There were four incidents of stone-throwing from August 31 to October 6 which occurred on the 77A, 65, 27 and 56A routes.

On a 77A at Belgard Square North last month, two passengers spat into the driver's cab and threw a bottle at them, while a passenger spat at the driver's screen on a 27 in Jobstown on September 6.

Fianna Fáil councillor for Tallaght Central, Charlie O'Connor, is a member of the Tallaght Transport Forum, called for more engagement from the NTA on issues experienced by transport services in the area.

"I'm glad that the Tallaght Transport Forum meetings are still being attended by senior gardaí, bus companies, Luas, unions and the community," he told *The Echo*.

"It's important that we continue to stress the importance of maintaining



transport services – there have been well documented issues with the Luas and buses in Tallaght in recent times."

He added: "The NTA attended a council meeting last week, and I'm still critical of the fact they haven't reached out to the transport forum."

Representatives from the NTA attended this month's full council meeting, but Cllr O'Connor said their presence at the meeting was "unsatisfactory".

"We nearly all contributed, but we were only given a minute each to ask our questions – that's just not good enough,"

said Cllr O'Connor, who said the NTA should attend the transport forum.

As reported in *The Echo* last week, the CEO of the NTA, Anne Graham, said the NTA had been invited to numerous area meetings "but we would find it very difficult to serve every area meeting".

Cllr O'Connor, speaking on Tuesday afternoon, said: "I know they explained that they can't go to everything, but the work of the Tallaght Transport Forum is important and the role of the NTA is equally important.

"We should be able to question the

NTA in detail about the issues that affect services in Tallaght."

The Echo contacted the NTA for comment, and a spokesperson confirmed Ms Graham's attendance at the council meeting earlier this month.

"CEO Anne Graham and Deputy CEO Hugh Creegan attended this month's meeting of SDCC where they made a presentation on the GDA Transport Strategy before taking as many questions as time permitted about other issues, including matters in the Tallaght area," they stated.

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In spring a young person's fancy may turn to flowers

STUDENTS helped to plant 3,500 spring-flowering bulbs at Greenhills parish, part of efforts to rewind the church grounds, *reports Maurice Garvey.*

Up to 100 students from St Paul's Secondary School took part in phase one of a re-wilding/restoration of 30 per cent of the church grounds on Monday, October 9.

The Holy Spirit Parish say the students worked under the direction of Ciara Kelly, planting 3,500 spring flowering bulbs (snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and bluebells) in previous

prepared flower beds.

"When the flowering comes in spring they will see the fruits of their labour," said the parish newsletter.

"A big word of thanks to Deborah Skelly, a teacher in St Paul's, who responded to the invitation in this newsletter to parishioners to volunteer for the project. Deborah arranged to have students come in groups throughout the day, every group with their class teacher. Thanks to everyone in St Paul's. It was so encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the students and their co-operation.

"Ciara Kelly was the hero of the day. She put a mammoth amount of work in – choosing and ordering the plants, organising the efficient planting. Thanks also to Alan Tomney and Robert Meehan who prepared the flower-beds in advance."

The parish say there is still much work to be done and anyone who would like to be involved in the programming – grass cutting, digging, preparing the next phase – is encouraged to contact contact Jo at 087 297 9726, Anne at 085 141 888 or Dymrna at 085 164 2941.



RE-WILDING: In St Paul's Secondary School



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Health Awareness Month 2023

Tallaght Schedule of Events

Week 4:

Oct 23	Introduction to Creative Parenting St. Anne's School 10am-11am	Oct 23	Reach Out & Engage Cafe Killinarden Community Centre 11am-12:30pm	Oct 23	MABS Talk Tallaght Library 6pm-7pm
Oct 24	Health Check Day Belgard Community Centre 9am-1pm	Oct 24	Holistic Therapies St. Aonghus, 9am-2pm	Oct 24	COPD Exercise class Under Professional Instruction Rua Red, 10am-11am
Oct 24	Yoga Fettercairn Community Centre 9:30am - 10:30am	Oct 25	Minding your Brain Health Tallaght Library, 2pm	Oct 25	Marie Keating Foundation Fettercairn Community Centre 9am-1pm
Oct 24	What is Endometriosis and how can it be treated Tallaght Library, 6pm-7pm	Oct 25	Reach Out & Engage Cafe Fettercarin Comm. Centre 11am-12.30pm	Oct 26	COPD Exercise class Under Professional Instruction Rua Red, 11am-12pm
Oct 25	Brain Health Workshop Firhouse Community Centre 2pm-3pm	Oct 26	Signs of Substance Abuse in Teenagers Tallaght Library, 6pm-7pm	Oct 26	Falls Prevention Workshop/Activator Poles Fettercairn Community Centre 10am-11am
Oct 25	Men's shed Taster Fettercarin Comm. Centre 11am-12.30pm	Oct 26	Promotion of Holistic Therapies St. Aonghus, 10am-4pm	Oct 26	Dementia Talk Belgard Community Centre 10am-11am
Oct 26	Marie Keating Foundation Pharmacy Hub Killinarden Mace 9am-1pm	Oct 27	Holistic Therapies Fettercairn CHP Butterfly Room 9am-2pm	Oct 28	Park Run Tymon/Dodder Valley/Griffen/Corkagh Park, 9:30am

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Actor Liam Neeson 'taken' by surprise with student's portrait



WARMED: Actor Liam Neeson with Lauren White Murphy and the portrait

A-LIST actor Liam Neeson was 'taken' by surprise after receiving a portrait from former St Paul's, Greenhills student Lauren White Murphy in New York, *reports Maurice Garvey.*

Neeson was attending a fundraiser at the Irish Consulate in New York, for Irish charity the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust on October 6.

Lauren, a multi-talented writer, composer and voice-over actor in the US, presented the Ballymena man with a picture of him and his late mother Kitty.

Lauren has worked on projects such as Orange Is The New Black (2013-18), and said that the picture made Neeson "tear up."

In a social-media post, Lauren said: "He found me with my particular set of skills."

"It wasn't on the cards for 2023, but I wanted to do something special for him," said Lauren.

"We all need our mummies, and I had this conversation with him. She was 93 and had a great life. My closest people have lost their mothers and it's evident, but they're around and I did what I could to warm this man's heart."

The event, hosted by the Emerald Guild of New York, raised \$20,000 for the Trust, which was founded in memory of Newry man, Kevin Bell, who was killed in a hit-and-run crash in New York, in 2013.

Kevin's parents, Colin and Eithne Bell, started a fundraising campaign to repatriate the 26-year-old's body in the wake of his death.

After more money was raised than needed, his parents used the extra funds to help other families facing the pain and cost of bringing deceased loved ones home to Ireland.

In 2016, the Trust helped a Tallaght family repatriate Linda O'Mara, who died whilst on a holiday with her husband Jim in Portugal.

Local Gymnasts bend over backwards for charity Barnardos to raise €4,435

OVER 1,900 young local gymnasts have helped to raise €4,435 for Ireland's leading children's charity Barnardos.

Olympian Gymnastics held their annual 'Cartwheel-a-thon' over an eight-week period over the summer months and involved gymnasts ranging in age from three to 16-years-old.

Since 2016, the group has fundraised for the children's charity, raising over €99,000.

Olympian Gymnastics is a non-competitive, gymnastics-based movement club that prides itself on social development and interaction through gymnastics

programs for children between 18 months to 16 years old.

They conduct over 100 classes a week across five clubs in south Dublin, based in Templeogue, Knocklyon, Ballinteer, Milltown, Greenhills and Rathgar.

Lucas Rodrigues, General Manager at Olympian Gymnastics said "We love fundraising for Barnardos and the amazing kids they support through our annual Cartwheelathon.

"The values Barnardos uphold perfectly resonate with ours – prioritising the well-being of

children, fostering community support, and promoting inclusivity regardless of background or ability. The kids get super pumped for the fundraiser every year, and they go home excited, telling their families about it and how they're raising money for a good cause.

"Every Friday at our GymCAMPS, it's a blast with music, clapping, and fun moves – cartwheels, forward rolls, you name it! Our community is awesome; everyone is always up to support Barnardos and their work. It's a real source of pride for all of us!"



CHARITY: Members of Olympian Gymnastics Front Row- (L-R) Natacha Cabral, Lucas Rodrigues de Silva, Leila Kesso, Veronica McCormack, Back Row- (L-R) Susan Farrelly, Conor Gissane, Orhun Orel, Mustafa Karabolul, Jo Garry Fundraising Events and Community Executive

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Uasghrádú beartaithe ar Pháirc na Carraige Móire, Baile Uí Fhoirtcheirn, Baile Átha Cliath 24.

De bhun cheanglais an mhéid thuas, tugtar fógra leis seo faoin togra chun an fhorbairt seo a leanas a dhéanamh ag Comhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas:

Beidh an méid seo a leanas i gceist le huasghrádú pháirc na Carraige Móire:

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- Cúirt boules/áit do dhaoine aosta gníomhacha a sholáthar.
- Cosáin atá ann cheana a uasghrádú, lena n-áirítear na cosáin atá ann cheana a bhaint agus a athailíniú.
- An pháirc sacair atá ann cheana féin a thabhairt in úsáid, lena n-áirítear cuailí a shuiteáil.
- Páirc spóirt nua (65m x 40m) a sholáthar.
- Bealaí isteach atá ann cheana a choinneáil agus uasghrádú a dhéanamh nuair is gá.
- Bealach isteach nua do choisithe a chur ar fáil.
- Foráil le déanamh do bhealaí isteach nua chuig na tailte forbartha ar an taobh thiar.
- Sean-fhálta sceach a choinneáil agus a athphlandú.
- Crainn atá ann cheana a choinneáil agus crainn nua a chur
- 12 chrann a bhaint.
- Crainn a chur ar feadh na ciumhaise lasmuigh den pháirc.
- 2 limistéar maolaithe bogaigh a sholáthar chun draenáil a chur ar fáil do pháirc agus bithéagsúlacht a fheabhsú.
- Mionchoillearnach a chur le haghaidh bithéagsúlachta feabhsaithe.
- Limistéir nua chun speicis a athbhunú san fhiántas a chruthú ar fud na páirce.
- Crainn Tilia fite a chur feadh na cúirte cispheile atá ann cheana.
- Gach dearadh tírdhreacha gaolmhar lena n-áirítear troscán agus plandú;
- Gach obair choimhdeach.

Rinneadh Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chúil ar an togra faoin Treoir maidir le Gnáthóga (92/43/CEE) agus scagadh maidir le Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta (MTT) faoin Treoir EIA 2014/52/AE. Tá réamhscrúdú déanta ag an Udarás Pleanála ar chineál, ar mhéid agus ar shuíomh na forbartha beartaithe. Tháinig an t-údarás ar an gconclúid nach bhfuil aon fhíor-dhóchúlacht ann go n-eascróidh éifeachtaí suntasacha ar an gcomhshaoil as an bhforbairt bheartaithe agus rinneadh cinneadh nach bhfuil gá le MTT. Féadfaidh aon duine, laistigh de 4 seachtaine ó dháta foilsithe an fhógra seo, iartras a dhéanamh chuig an mBord Pleanála ar chinneadh scagtha i dtaobh ar dhócha go mbeadh éifeachtaí suntasacha ag an bhforbairt ar an gcomhshaoil.

Tá pleananna agus sonraí na forbartha beartaithe ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh ar líne ar láithreán gréasáin Thairseach Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí na Comhairle (<http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>) le linn na tréimhse ón **19 Deireadh Fómhair 2023 go dtí an 30 Samhain 2023**.

Beidh pleananna agus sonraí clóite ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh nó lena gceannach ar tháille nach mó ná an costas réasúnta a bhaineann le cóip a dhéanamh ag Halla an Chontae, Tamhlacht, Baile Átha Cliath 24 le linn uaireanta oifige ón **19 Deireadh Fómhair 2023 go dtí an 16 Samhain 2023**.

Féadfar aighneachtaí nó tuairimí maidir leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe a dhéileáil le pleanáil chúil agus forbairt inbhuanaithe an limistéir ina mbeidh an fhorbairt bheartaithe suite a dhéanamh i scríbhinn suas go dtí 5pm an 30 Samhain 2023 agus féadfar iad a chur isteach mar seo a leanas:

Aighneachtaí Ar Líne: <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>

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sa Phost chuig: Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach, An Roinn Comhshaoil, Uisce agus Athrú Aeráide, Comhairle Chontae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas, Halla an Chontae, Tamhlacht, Baile Átha Cliath 24 YNN5.

NÓTA: Déan d'aighneacht trí mheán amháin, le do thoil. Ba chóir d'ainm agus seoladh teagmhála a bheith i ngach aighneacht. Ba chóir a thabhairt ar aird go mbaineann an tAcht um Shaoráil Faisnéise, 1997-2006 (arna leasú) le gach taifead atá i seilbh Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas. Is féidir Ráitis Phríobháideachais Sonraí Pearsanta Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas a fheiceáil ag www.sdcc.ie agus coinneofar na sonraí pearsanta go léir de réir na gceanglas reachtúil.

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PART 8 PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

Proposed upgrade of Carrigmore Park, Fortunestown, Dublin 24.

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of the proposal to construct the following development by South Dublin County Council:

The upgrade of Carrigmore Park will consist of the following:

- Provision of a pump track and calisthenics area.
- Provision of a boules court/active age area.
- Upgrading of existing footpaths, to involve the removal and realignment of existing paths.
- Installation of goal posts onto existing soccer pitch.
- The provision of a new sports pitch area (65m x 40m).
- Retaining existing entrances and upgrading where required.
- Provision of a new pedestrian entrance.
- Provision for new entrances to the development lands to the west.
- Renovation of existing hedgerows.
- Planting new trees, hedgerows, and other planting.
- Removal of 12 trees.
- Planting of trees along the verge outside of park.
- Provision of 2 wetland attenuation areas to provide drainage for pitch and enhance biodiversity.
- Planting of a mini woodland for enhanced biodiversity.
- Planting of pleached Tilia trees along existing basketball court.
- All associated landscape works including furniture and planting.
- All ancillary works.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU. The Planning Authority has made a preliminary examination of the nature, size, and location of the proposed development. The authority has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that an EIA is not required. Any person may, within 4-weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection online on the Council's Public Consultation Portal website (<http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>) during the period from **19th of October 2023 to 30th of November 2023**.

Printed plans and particulars will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during office hours from **19th of October 2023 to 16th November 2023**.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated may be made in writing up to 5pm on 30th of November 2023 and may be submitted either via:

Online Submissions: <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>

or

Post to: Senior Executive Officer, Environment Water and Climate Change Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5.

NOTE: Please make your submission by one medium only. All submissions should include your name and a contact address. It should be noted that the Freedom of Information Act, 1997-2006 (as amended) applies to all records held by South Dublin County Council. South Dublin County Council's Personal Data Privacy Statements can be viewed at www.sdcc.ie and all personal data will be retained in line with statutory requirements.

Director, Environment Water and Climate Change Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

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



Hairy Mollies ...



CATERPILLAR: Adult Fox Moths can be seen in early summer between May and July

THE term 'Hairy Molly' has often been used in Ireland to describe any hairy or fuzzy-looking caterpillar.

This term is said to have originated from the Irish language where 'mala' or 'malaf' (plural) is the Irish word for an eyebrow.

The term is most often used for the caterpillars of moths like the Fox moth, the Garden Tiger, or the Ruby Tiger.

At this time of the year 'hairy eyebrow' caterpillars can often be seen trundling busily across paths or roads as they go in search of a place to hibernate for winter. These hairy caterpillars are also referred to as 'Woolly Bears'.

Fox Moth caterpillars have short reddish-brown hairs along their back and longer grey-brown hairs long their sides.

When they are disturbed, they curl into a tight circle until they feel safe enough to proceed on their way.

Caterpillars are an important food for birds. Most

birds, however, tend to avoid hairy caterpillars because the long hairs makes them hard to eat.

This is why these caterpillars are not too worried about being seen during the day as they move around.

While these caterpillars are not poisonous for us, some people find that the long hairs can irritate their skin if they pick the caterpillars up.

The adult Fox Moth is a large insect, and it gets its name from the reddish-brown colour of the male.

Their preferred habitat is open grassland, woodland, and moorland where the adults can be found between May and July.

The males and females fly mostly at night when mating occurs, but the male can also be seen during the day. During the summer, the hairy caterpillars eat grasses, Bramble, Clover, Heather, and Bilberry.

As winter approaches, they search for a safe place amongst fallen leaves and grass tussocks where they hibernate overwinter.

This is when we are most likely to see them as they scuttle about in the open.



HAIRY MOLLY: This 'Hairy Molly' caterpillar was spotted scurrying across a path in Kiltipper Park in early October



LIFE-SAVER: Sara, Acting District Officer John O'Flaherty, Luke, Dermot, Peter, AFC Michael O'Leary, Station officer Dave Adams, and Mayor Alan Edge (inset) Fire brigade staff with local councillors

New life-saver installed at 1

Installation is part of a scheme which

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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A NEW defibrillator was unveiled in Tallaght Fire Station on Monday afternoon, with the piece of life-saving equipment being a welcome addition to the community.

In attendance on the day were Mayor Alan Edge, and Cllr Kenneth Egan and his father Paul, whose life was saved by paramedics from Dublin Fire Brigade when he suffered a cardiac event in 2018.

Representatives from the Ciaran Carr Foundation also took part in the unveiling, as did local community responders and senior management from Dublin Fire Brigade.

Dave Adams, the station officer of Tallaght Fire Station and a Lucan resident, told *The Echo*: "We have two fire tenders, an ambulance and staff with the dual role of firefighter and paramedic all stationed here.

"Even if we're not here, if you ring 999 or 112 you'll get through to them and they'll tell you how to use the defibrillator.

"Helping people within the area is at the core of what we do, and now we can help even more people in the community by helping them to help themselves."

He added that, while Tallaght Fire Station is full of life-saving paramedics, now the defibrillator on the exterior of the building means the building itself is playing a role in saving lives.

The installation of the defibrillator is part of a Dublin Fire Brigade-wide

scheme, which will now see all fire stations in the county being equipped with publicly accessible defibrillators.

The installation of the defibrillators was prompted by an incident which happened outside Finglas Fire Station in January of this year.

Pauline Ryan suffered a cardiac arrest in a car being driven by her sister, who had the presence of mind to pull into the fire station.

At the time, the fire appliance, ambulance and all their medical equipment were out at another call which was, coincidentally, another cardiac arrest.

Fortunately, the district officer and a firefighter/paramedic were in the station and were able to perform life-saving CPR on Pauline until the arrival of colleagues from Phibsborough Fire Station, who were able to successfully defibrillate and resuscitate Pauline.

Mr Adams said the defibrillator is a key life-saving device, and compared having it to going into water and ensuring there's a lifebuoy, and added that it should offer some reassurance to the community.

"Having an AED could be the difference between surviving and not surviving," he said.

"Early intervention with an AED increases the likelihood of someone getting through a cardiac event."

When asked if he's noticed a need for an increase in defibrillators in the area during the course of his work, Mr Adams said: "The number of them is increasing in the area, but there's always a need for more."



14 new defibrillator locations at local fire station

Each will see all fire stations with the equipment



LIFE-SAVING: Mayor Alan Edge and Acting District Officer John O'Flaherty in Tallaght Fire Station on Monday

Over 120 attend Employment and Back to Education event



PASSION: A cross-section of the organisers and some of the participants at the Employment and Back to Education Fair

OVER 120 people attended an Employment and Back-to-Education Fair in Tallaght Library last month, which was organised by the South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum (SDMIF), reports Aileen O'Flaherty.

The well-attended event was held on Saturday, September 30, with the aim of highlighting opportunities that are available locally to the public, migrants and ethnic minorities.

"This event was organised with a lot of passion, dedication, determination and selfless services to humanity without any financial support," said the chairperson of the SDMIF, Yemi Ojo.

"All money spent was out of pocket. It was worth it because over 120 target groups benefited from the well-needed event.

"In fact, both the stakeholders and the target group benefited from attending the event based on

feedback from the evaluation form, verbally and emails."

Organisations that were involved on the day included Túsla, An Cosán, Citywise, Foróige, An Garda Síochána, the Local Enterprise Office and Crosscare.

"My take, as the chair of the SDMIF, is a sigh of relief, fulfilment and a sense of accomplishment," added Ms Ojo.

"This is the first time the SDMIF has organised such a big event without any financial support, meaning nothing is impossible to achieve if you put your mind, body, soul and passion to it.

"We are all very pleased with the positive outcome. Everyone is looking forward to next year."

Ms Ojo also wanted to thank her SDMIF colleagues Foluke Oladosu, Logan Raju, and Peter Oghinato, Deputy Mayor Yvonne Collins for launching the event, and Tallaght Library for hosting it.

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PLEASED: The Executives of the SDMIF-South Dublin Migrant Integration Forum from the left: Foluke Oladosu (Secretary General), Logan Raju (Financial Secretary), Deputy Mayor Yvonne Collins, Yemi Ojo (Chair, SDMIF), and Peter Oghina (Social Secretary)

AS PART of *The Echo* celebrating over 40 years, we're celebrating you, and local faces and places. Over the last three years we've shared the stories of local people, and remind ourselves of the great community spirit alive across local areas. This week, **Ken Doyle** talks to Denise McGann, who has been a volunteer, and is now an employee of The Park Community Centre in Ballycragh.



SERVICE: Daletree's Denise McGann, who has given many years of service to the people of her community through The Park Community Centre in Ballycragh

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



THE PARK Community Centre in Ballycragh is a thriving, modern resource for many of our local areas such as Old Court, Daletree, Parklands, Ferncourt, Allenton, Oakdale, Wooddale, Beechdale, Ely and Dodderbrook as well as the wider Ballycullen and Firhouse communities.

It offers services from yoga and pilates to all manner of dance groups and even a women's shed to the broadest range of residents possible and, as we will learn, everybody is catered for.

It is also home to Lily's Before and After School Childcare service.

In the middle of all of these activities you'll find the subject of this week's feature, Daletree's own Denise McGann, who took time out of her busy schedule to sit down with *The Echo* recently, and we spoke about her life and her many years of service to the people of her community.

Originally hailing from Deansgrange, she was first educated at St. Brigid's in Foxrock and then Cabinteely Community School.

It would take years of determination and hard work for her

to raise her social status enough to move to the sought-after postcode that is Dublin 24, but we'll get to that.

Denise tells me, "When I finished school, I had notions of a career in food so I went to the College of Catering in Cathal Brugha Street."

"I got my qualifications, but apart from a stint at St Brendan's Hospital, I never used them. It didn't take long to realise that catering wasn't for me."

No matter, gastronomy's loss was Super Valu Deansgrange's gain and Denise spent the first years of her professional life working in its cash office.

"I left Super Valu in 1996 and I then took time out to raise my family. Actually, 1996 was the year we moved to Ballycullen," she says.

Once her children were safely ensconced in school, Denise began the volunteerism which would soon characterise her life.

"The first volunteering I did was at Holy Rosary Primary School in 2006, and I absolutely loved it," she says.

One of the projects Denise got involved with in Holy Rosary was the establishment of the school library.

"That was fantastic," she enthuses.

"It was such a joy to introduce the

kids to books and the joy of reading in general. The library grew and became a key resource for the school and I was very proud to be involved."

Denise continues: "I should say that I was just one of a dedicated team of volunteers and I like to think we made a difference."

When Park Community Centre opened in 2013, her greatly valued friend Sr. Mary asked Denise to be on the board of management. After some gentle Sisterly persuasion, she agreed and her work there began.

Soon enough, Denise's initiatives began to be adopted by the centre.

"Being in the process of raising my own children, and with what I knew about the people of the area, I thought it would be a great idea to start a 'Mother and Toddler' group," she tells me.

"Initially, the group ran really well but soon we were regularly asked whether we could cater for babies. I thought, 'why not' so we now run a 'Mother and Toddler and Baby group, and it's proven to be a great success."

One thing Denise could never be accused of is ageism.

No sooner were the mums and kids taken care of, she, along with her

colleagues, started an 'Active Age' group which meets every Wednesday and has proven to be another hit.

"The older group is great craic altogether," says Denise. "They play indoor bowls, cards and just generally socialise together in an atmosphere that we try to make as welcoming and inclusive as possible."

Anyone familiar with the Park Community Centre itself will know that there's never a dull moment. Having left the board of management in 2022, Denise's full time services were soon required and now she is employed by the centre, a position she loves.

"The people I work with are such a fantastic bunch," says Denise. "I work under the manager Lorraine Kelly and they're all so supportive. We're proud of what we do and the work is a reward in itself. I'd also like to give a mention to Mayor Alan Edge who's a tireless supporter of ours."

Not content with helping her community on a daily basis, Denise is the sort of person who'll always lend a hand with a local project when one is needed.

She's a member of the Daletree residents committee and is the lead on

the sub-committee for clean ups. "It's not all glamour," she laughs.

Denise is also involved with organising annual Summer Camps for the local kids. She says; "Often we get the kids who come on the camps back to help us out when they get a bit older and that's fantastic to see."

On the rare occasion she gets a spare minute, Denise also has a busy home life to contend with.

Denise and her husband of 28 years David are the proud parents of three boys, Eric, who's 26 and 18 year old twins Marcus and Gavin who are getting ready to sit their Leaving Cert.

As for the future, Denise is quite content cracking on with the business of making her community a better place and we at *The Echo* thank her for all of her efforts.

The last word must go to Denise, or rather her dear mum who left her with some priceless words of wisdom that she continues to live by;

"Sure isn't it nice to be nice?"

For more information on Park Community Centre, phone them on 01 4620042, email on info@theparkcommunitycentre.com or visit their website <https://theparkcommunitycentre.com/>

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COMMUNITY: Denise says she is quite content cracking on with the business of making her community a better place

Leadership is needed from our elected representatives to try for peace in Gaza

Dear Editor,

I AM unfortunately old enough to re-call the horrible crimes visited on the Palestinian people in September 1982 when a slaughter took place in Lebanon within the Sabra and Shatila camps whereby over three thousand were murdered.

In February 1983, an independent

commission chaired by Irish diplomat Seán MacBride, who then was an assistant to the Secretary General at the UN, reported in its conclusions which were stark and said that the Israeli Defence Forces as the occupying power in those respective camps bore responsibility for massacre and it also said that was a form of genocide.

So now some forty-one years later we

have the same army on the border of Gaza baying for the same results only magnified by hundreds.

I join all right-thinking people who condemn the horrific massacres perpetrated by Hamas on Israeli citizens last Saturday.

I condemn the International Community for ignoring for so many decades the plight of the Palestinians.

I condemn Israel for the slaughter so far in Gaza.

I urge for leadership among our elected representatives who stand for peace to act and save the people of Gaza.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Doran,
Dublin,
Ireland.

Burden of our ageing priests

Dear Editor,

THE Pope Francis-led synodal meeting in Rome may usher in changes that might make a positive difference to the burden of our aging priests.

'Instrumentum Laboris,' the official working document for the meeting in Rome, is the result of a worldwide consultation process.

The document presents challenging questions to be explored by those at the meeting in Rome and for the first time it includes lay men and women who can vote on the final recommendations.

Some of the questions to be explored are radically different from previous synods.

The Church is pro-actively exploring how to fully welcome divorced couples, and same sex couples, how to give lay people real leadership roles and how to allow women to exercise ordained ministry such as becoming deacons and so be able to marry, baptise or preach at Mass.

The priesthood while limited to men for theological reasons based on the fact Jesus was a man, may be open to married men.

The Synodal process which will continue for another year, can make recommendations to radically change how the Church goes about its business of sharing the Gospel message.

There could be a greater emphasis on inclusiveness, pastoral care, and a move away from rigid doctrinal and legalistic rules, something I think Jesus of Nazareth would be proud of.

Yours sincerely,
Frank Browne,
Templeogue.

Free webinar soon on living well with a brain tumour . . .

Dear Editor,

I'D BE GRATEFUL for the opportunity to let readers of *The Echo* know about a forthcoming webinar being organised by Brain Tumour Ireland to mark International Brain Tumour Awareness Week (October 28 to November 4).

The free webinar, "Brain Wise: living well with a brain tumour", will take place on Tuesday, October 31 at 6.30pm and feature special guest Wild Youth's Conor O'Donohue. Conor's mum, Jackie, sadly passed away arising from a brain tumour in 2011. Conor will speak about how he navigated that time and how his mum continues to inspire him.

We will also have contributions from a dietitian on eating well following treatment for a brain tumour and from a social worker and occupational therapist on managing relationships at a time of great emotional trauma.

It is estimated that there are over 150 types of brain tumour, with latest figures from the National Cancer Registry (2018-2020), showing that there are approximately 823 people diagnosed with a brain, or other central nervous system tumour, in Ireland each year.

Brain tumour symptoms can include headache, visual problems, speech difficulties, seizures, personality changes, memory loss, nausea and

vomiting, and I would always encourage readers to visit their GP if they have concerns.

For full information on all the events taking place as part of International Brain Tumour Awareness Week, and to register for the webinar, visit www.braintumourireland.com

Yours sincerely,
Fiona Keegan,
Chief Executive,
Brain Tumour Ireland,
Carmichael Centre,
North Brunswick Street,
Dublin 7.

Smokers and motorists hit hard by budget increases

Dear Editor,

BUDGET increases of around €1.30 on a vehicle fill-up and 75 cents on a 20-pack of cigarettes were announced.

Speaking in the Dáil on Budget Day, Finance Minister Michael McGrath said the price of a pack of 20 cigarettes would now rise to €6.75 a move denounced by smokers group Forest Ireland.

And their spokesperson John Mallon scorned the price hike saying: "Smokers don't deserve this. Annual tax hikes on tobacco are punishing consumers for enjoying a perfectly legitimate habit.

Not only does it discriminate against consumers on lower incomes, it will drive even more smokers to the black market."

While alcohol remains untouched, Retailers Against Smuggling said the excise duty rise would bolster more black-market activity, saying the tax hike was "extremely disappointing".

Those vaping or using e-cigarettes will be hit with a new tax, but it will not be enforced until next year – a move welcomed by the Irish Heart Foundation.

The restoration of excise duties on petrol and diesel were deferred until Budget day, but pump prices surged ahead at midnight due to a hike in Carbon Tax adding 2.5 cents to diesel and 2.1 cents to petrol in concert with tax breaks for landlords.

Pearse Doherty launched a ferocious tirade on Budget 2024, saying FG and FF have caused the housing crises.

"We needed a budget for renters, instead we got a budget for landlords. Sinn Féin would have introduced a budget to get to grips with the housing crises and build the homes people so desperately need"

Yours sincerely,
Gerry Coughlan,
Kilnamanagh



How much of the roles of women were written out of the history of our country?

Dear Editor,

ON ATTENDING the Women of the Rising tour in the city centre on Saturday, Oct 14, presented by Imelda May, Liz Gillis and Honor Ó Brolchain, on behalf of the Moore St Preservation Trust, I was struck by just how much women were written out of history and the parts they played over the weekend of the Easter Rising in 1916.

Thankfully, many of their writings and stories have been preserved over the years. Great women like Jennie Wyse Power,

Elizabeth O'Farrell and Winifred Carney, were all spoken about on the tour, and indeed my own great aunt Jennie Shanahan, and are getting the recognition and credit they deserve.

I can't help but wonder about the other stories that may be out there that we have not heard or what stories of heroism we may have lost in time over the 100+ years since 1916?

As a proud Republican, I am acutely aware of the importance of preserving these stories and our historic sites, or what's left

of them, as a matter of priority. To leave the preservation of one of the most important sites connected to the most important period of history, in the hands of a British developer is to the detriment of the Irish people.

The plan being proposed by the Moore Street Preservation Trust, which was recently displayed in Rua Red in our own Tallaght, is the only option that should be considered when redeveloping the street.

Anything else is an insult to the brave men and women who gave their lives in the

fight for an independent Republic.

Like we learned recently with the illegal demolition of the House of the O'Rahilly, once it's gone it's gone, and there is no getting it back.

In the words of another proud Dubliner, For what died the sons of Roisin, was it greed?

Is mise, le meas,

Niamh Whelan,
Kiltipper, Tallaght.

A real taste of Latin American fare comes to our supermarkets

Latin Streets Kitchen empanadas are now available in 11 SuperValu stores across the city

By **Maurice Garvey**
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AFTER moving to Ireland in 2019 from the Caribbean, Carol Diaz Rosario missed the comfort of home food and, noticing a lack of Latin fare in Irish supermarkets, she decided to start up her own venture Latin Streets Kitchen.

With the help of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) South Dublin, Carol's tasty empanadas are available at a number of SuperValu stores in the Greater Dublin region.

The business premises is located at Ace Enterprise Park in Clondalkin, and Carol hopes to expand into other supermarket brands and into the food service industry.

"I wanted to create something like this after I saw that Latin American foods are not widely available in Irish supermarkets. I am originally from the Dominican Republic, and I missed my home food so much when I moved. I know that the Latin American cuisine has so much to offer, and I wanted to share its flavours with my new Irish home," said Carol.

Carol started working on the project in April 2022 and the business became operational in May 2023.

"I started developing the brand with the help of the Food Academy, a programme for small producers run by SuperValu, LEO and Board Bia. Throughout 2022 I participated in the programme, helping me bring the brand from an idea in my head to the shelves.

"Everything is going great for us. We started with six SuperValu's in May this year, and at present we are up to 11 SuperValu's across the Greater Dublin Area. We are hoping to expand into more stores early 2024."

Carol says the help and support from South Dublin LEO has been invaluable and a "key element in bringing this brand to life."

"We have received fantastic guidance and financial help from South Dublin LEO. They have made available a number of advisors that help me with finances, food safety, marketing, business management, and many other aspects of the business.

"Last year we also received a feasibility grant from LEO which helped me develop the appropriate packaging and get lab testing for my products. This grant also helped me to get equipment to do in-store tastings prior to launch to understand the customers' feel for the product and the brand.

"I didn't know much about the food industry in Ireland when I started, but LEO and Food Academy guided me through the process."

Looking ahead, Carol plans to add more empanada flavours to the range in the upcoming months, as well as introduce other Latin American foods to the Irish supermarkets.

"We are in the process of expanding our production capacity, to which LEO has also provided great support. You can expect to see more LSK products in your local SuperValu and other supermarket brands very soon."



DELICIOUS: Carol Diaz Rosario missed her homeland food

McVerry Trust gets new interim chief executive

FORMER South Dublin County Council chief executive Danny McLoughlin has been appointed as interim CEO of the crisis-hit housing charity the Peter McVerry Trust.

The board of PMVT announced the appointment of Mr McLoughlin "to provide management services" to one of the country's largest housing and homelessness charities that will "include functions of the CEO on an interim basis."

Mr McLoughlin retired from SDCC in May after ten years at the helm of the local authority. The appointment took effect this week, and follows the dramatic resignation of Francis Doherty as PMVT chief executive.

In his resignation letter, Mr Doherty warned of the "imminent financial collapse" faced by PMVT.

By **Maurice Garvey**
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He said he had identified "serious financial trouble, with insufficient funds to meet creditor, payroll and Revenue commitments".

Two state regulators – the Charities Regulator and the Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority – are currently investigating financial and governance issues at one of the largest housing charities in the country which received over €38 million in state funding in 2021.

In a statement on Friday, the board of PMVT said: "Danny has over 30 years management and leadership experience in local government including 21 years as chief executive

gaining a comprehensive understanding of public policy and the local service delivery landscape.

"He most recently served as chief executive of South Dublin County Council which has 16,000 homes under management. He has also been a member of numerous housing fora including chairperson of the Dublin housing supply coordination taskforce.

"Danny will bring great experience to Peter McVerry Trust at a time of unprecedented challenge. The Board looks forward to working with Danny, our Deputy CEO Liz Peña and our senior management team as we all strive to provide continuity of services to our participants who include the most marginalised in our society.



ON THE BALL: Former SDCC CEO Danny McLoughlin

HealthBeacon seeks fresh finance injection to firm up future plans

Medtech company has only enough cash to trade until the end of October

By **Maurice Garvey**

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MEDTECH firm HealthBeacon only has enough cash to trade until the end of October and urgently needs fresh finance, it has warned investors.

News of its dire financial situation saw its shares plunge more than 55 per cent on Dublin's Euronext, to just over 8 cents.

Inchicore company HealthBeacon floated on the stock market in late 2021, raising €25m, with its shares then quoted at just under €6. It had a market capitalisation of close to €100m.

HealthBeacon has developed a digital health platform aimed at improving patient support and ensuring they adhere to home injection regimes.

However, the company now faces an uncertain future. It announced earlier this month that it only had about €500,000 of cash left on its books, and that the money was sufficient to let it continue trading until the middle or end of November.

It was also engaged in funding talks.

"Since the announcement on 5 October 2023, the company has explored various financing options to improve its short-term working capital position as well as longer-term funding requirements, including discussions with key stakeholders and other providers of capital, and exploration of the potential sale of its business

divisions," a statement from the company said this week.

It warned that no alternative financing options have yet been secured and that it is continuing to pursue possibilities.

"While the company has looked to extend its cash runway and has been carefully managing its working capital, the short-term working capital position has deteriorated," it cautioned.

Last month, the company told investors that it had a gross funding requirement of about €1m over the next 18 to 24 months.

"The board now believes the company only has sufficient cash to continue to trade until the last week of October 2023," it said on October 13.

"The board now believes the company is in a highly constrained financial position and requires additional financing urgently in order to continue as a going concern.

The company continues to explore all options to raise finance and otherwise to maximise the interests of creditors and other stakeholders."

The company had warned investors last month that the "scale and complexity" of implementations for its technology across key channels has seen the deployments take nine months longer than previously anticipated.

That would delay revenue streams and forced the firm to take steps to manage its cash burn. It also announced last month that co-founder and CEO Jim Joyce was stepping down from his role.



WARNING: Medtech firm HealthBeacon in Inchicore is now highly constrained

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IT distributor now acquired by Climb Global Solutions

NANGOR Road IT distributor DataSolutions has been acquired by Climb Global Solutions, a value-added global IT channel company, reports *Maurice Garvey*.

For more than 40 years, Climb Global Solutions has been connecting partners with emerging IT products and disruptive technologies, specialising in innovative solutions and services across the areas of virtualisation, cloud computing, security, connectivity, storage and infrastructure.

DataSolutions, which serves the Irish and UK reseller markets, offers solutions across the areas of hybrid multi-cloud, cyber security, digital workspace and networking.

It addresses the complex challenges around securing, managing and accessing data and applications spread across hybrid multi-cloud, while offering leading cyber security solutions that cover a wide range of risk mitigants.

The company brings its share of the Irish market and growing position in the UK to Climb, with 14 carefully selected blue-chip vendor partners – including Check Point, Citrix, Vercara, HPE Aruba, IGEL, Cato Networks and ColorTokens.

For the fiscal year ended March 2023, DataSolutions reported revenue of approximately €126 million, signifying double-digit growth from the prior fiscal year.

Dale Foster, Climb CEO, said: "The acquisition of DataSolutions builds upon our goal to strengthen our business with new strategic, cutting-edge technology vendors and bolsters our geographic footprint in Western Europe."

DataSolutions Managing Director Michael O'Hara stated: "Since DataSolutions' was founded over 30 years ago, we have worked tirelessly to establish and maintain our best-in-market reputation for distribution and services. By joining forces with Climb, we will be able to enhance the offering we provide through our existing expert team, continuing to deliver service that powers success and adding value to customers in both Ireland and the UK.

"Climb's commitment to working with cutting-edge vendors and its track record of delivering a professional yet personal service aligns with the standard of quality that our customers have come to expect and fits perfectly with our own company ethos."

STRENGTH:
Michael O'Hara,
Managing
Director,
DataSolutions



Five offer healing, wellness, massage and skin therapy

An open day showcased their various skills to the wider community

By **Maurice Garvey**
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FIVE ladies operating their own businesses in the beauty and wellness industry, sat down for a coffee a number of months ago, to figure out if they can form an affiliated grouping to help combat a challenging economic environment.

Working under the same roof at a premises in Walkinstown, between them they provide an extensive range of services, with each person specialising in their respective treatments, with everything from skin therapy, to massage, to fillers.

The coffee meeting was successful, and they decided to host an open day last week in Walkinstown, to showcase what they offer to the wider community. A large crowd was in attendance on the night.

Located at 1A Beechfield Avenue, just off Cromwellsfort Road, beside Advance Tyre pitstop, and in the vicinity of A&D Motors and Borza, the building is a welcome retreat for clients.

There is a coffee shop on the first floor, and the beauty and wellness treatments are

located upstairs.

Lydia Marshall, owner of A-nú Earth Healings Holistic Therapies, said: "We don't get a lot of foot traffic, so we sat down one day for a coffee and asked 'what can we do' – and decided to host an open day."

Lydia, who is a Reiki master and massage therapist, said she wouldn't be able to rent a room in a hairdressers "because it is too chaotic" for the calming work she does, but it is suitable at the Walkinstown building.

"We want to work together, and recommend our clients to each other. There is enough work out there for everyone," said Lydia.

The other members working there include advanced skin therapist Catherine Roche (Inner Peace Aesthetic – <https://innerpeaceaesthetic.ie/>), reflexologist Deirdre Montague (Absolute Reflexology Clinic – 086 3407476), skin specialist Karolina Plata (Beauty Shot Aesthetics – www.beautyshotaesthetics.ie – 0851584304), and Sabrina McFall (Elite Sugar Studio - 0872059055), a treatment for organic hair removal, and also callous peel pedicures, and biab nails.



CHALLENGE: Walkinstown Women beauty and wellness – (Back, from left) Catherine Roche (Inner Peace Aesthetic), Deirdre Montague (Absolute Reflexology Clinic), Sabrina McFall (Elite Sugar Studio) and (front) Lydia Marshall (A-nú Earth Healings Holistic Therapies) and Karla (Beauty Shot Aesthetics)

Budget 2024 delivered with extra support for small firms

EXPECTATIONS for increased funding for housing and infrastructure in Budget 2024 were largely met, according to Chambers Ireland, reports Maurice Garvey.

In a summary perspective of the Budget, prepared by patron Chamber member, Crowe, on behalf of Chambers Ireland, they believe, on balance, the Budget is likely to be inflationary and the reduction in personal taxes are likely to have a neutral to negative affect on the real incomes of lower-income households over the course of 2024, which will raise business costs while also reducing government income.

Speaking about the €250million fund for small businesses, Chambers Ireland's Chief Executive, Ian Talbot, said: "Today's budget is clearly a budget that has households and families as its focus. On the business side, Chambers Ireland welcomes this extra support for smaller businesses as this will likely target many of the businesses most affected by the increases in regulatory burdens that

are expected in 2024.

"Should this be delivered through a commercial rates rebated, this would be ideal as it would be a simple mechanism for the delivery of supports which was demonstrated to be very effective during the Covid crisis."

Meanwhile, in a summary for South Dublin Chamber, Gerard O'Reilly, Partner at Crowe, said the Budget sets out a number of tax measures of benefit to small and medium-sized businesses.

"The angel investor relief is a welcome example of this," said Mr O'Reilly.

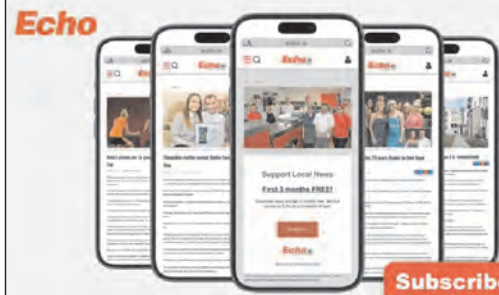
"In acknowledgement of how complex claiming business supports has become, Revenue will in the coming weeks establish a dedicated Tax Administration Liaison Committee (TALC) subgroup focused on identifying any opportunities to simplify and modernise the administration of business supports."



BENEFIT: the Budget sets out a number of tax measures of benefit to small and medium-sized businesses

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Plans for apartments would have ‘overbearing impact’

Council said that proposals would ‘significantly affect residential amenity’



CONTRARY TO PLANNING: The existing cottage at Dodsborough Cottages in Lucan

A PROPOSAL for the development of four one-bed apartments at Dodsborough Cottages in Lucan would have “an overbearing impact” and “significantly affect residential amenity”.

This is according to South Dublin County Council, which refused planning permission for the proposal which was lodged by applicants Cathal and Cormac McBride.

Permission was sought for the demolition of the existing shed at 86 Dodsborough Cottages, and construction of a two-storey

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detached residential development.

The proposed development was to consist of four one-bed apartments, a single-storey bin and bicycle storage, and alterations to the existing entrance.

However, on October 5, South Dublin County Council refused planning permission citing the potential impact of the development on surrounding properties, and the

likelihood of parking issues.

“It is considered the apartment block as currently proposed would result in an overbearing impact and would significantly affect the residential amenity of the existing dwellings and the established residential character and visual setting of the area,” stated the council.

The local authority noted that the development would be contrary to the ‘RES’ zoning objective of the site, which means it should be used to protect and/or improve

residential amenity.

“The proposed development would result in an unsafe parking arrangement, which would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard,” added the council in its decision.

“The applicant has also failed to provide sufficient details regarding the proposed vehicular entrance and how the existing dwelling would be accessed.

“The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.”

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Change of use sought by Long Mile furniture centre Finline

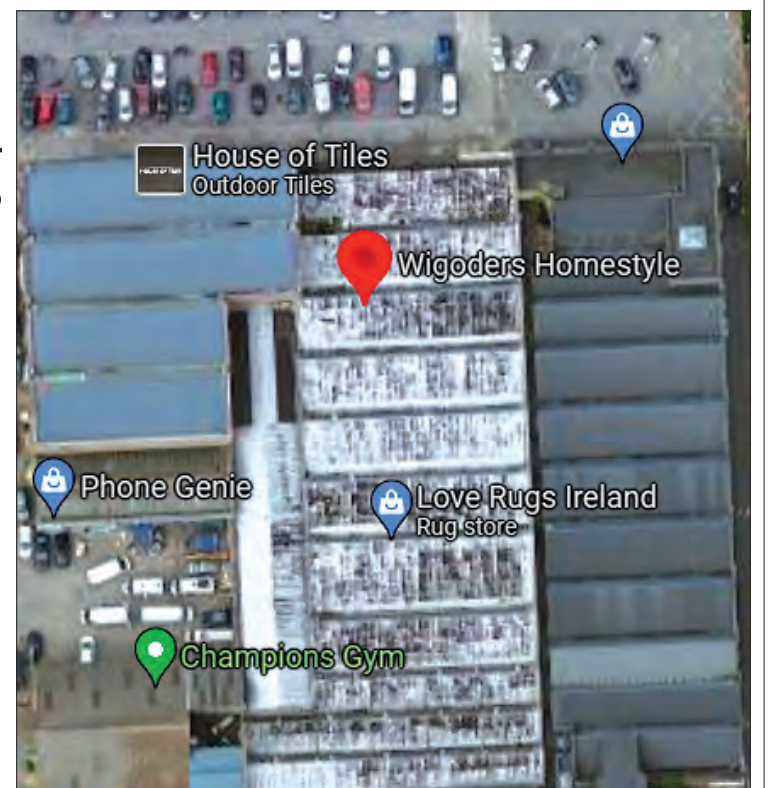
PERMISSION is being sought by Finline Furniture for a change of use of the rear portion of a premises in the Long Mile Centre in Walkinstown from warehouse distribution to retail use, reports Aideen O’Flaherty.

The proposal also includes the sub-division of an existing unit to facilitate transfer of part of the unit to adjoining premises 109/110, which is not within the ownership of the applicants, but without any change of use.

Provision of new escape doorways to the side and rear of the premises is included, and permission is also being sought for changes to the front elevation.

These changes include a new signage panel over the front elevation and for alterations to existing totem signage panel adjacent to the public roadside.

A decision on the application has not yet been made by Dublin City Council.



CHANGES: The premises at the Long Mile Centre

Developer blames Covid-19 for delay in completing project

An extension to the duration of planning permission is sought for the 400 dwellings



DELAYED: Citywest Avenue Village

DEVELOPER Glenveagh Homes is seeking an extension to the duration of planning permission for 400 dwellings in Citywest Avenue Village, as the completion of the project was delayed due to the pandemic.

The scheme is for a residential/mixed-use development on a site area of 12.45 ha consisting of 400 dwellings, the majority of which have already been constructed.

The dwellings comprise 340 two-storey detached, semi-detached and terraced houses, and 60 one-bed and two-bed apartments in four blocks ranging from three to four storeys.

The development also provides for a crèche

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(615 sq m), kiosk (56.6 sq m) and retail unit (237 sq m).

The proposed development includes all associated site development and infrastructural works, car-parking, open spaces and landscaping, ESB substation and four associated kiosks.

Access to the development will be via two proposed new vehicular entrances from Citywest

Avenue and Fortunestown Lane respectively and will also provide for two new vehicular crossing points over the Luas line.

The development also includes the demolition of an existing dwelling in the southwest corner of the site at the junction of Citywest Road and Fortunestown Lane.

An extension of planning permission for the scheme was previously granted to the developer in July 2020, but it is due to expire this December.

Outlining the rationale for the latest application for planning permission, Glenveagh stated that substantial work has already been carried out on the development.

They stated that only four more residential units need to be completed, along with the development of a crèche, a kiosk, and a lodge.

Explaining why the development was not completed within the lifespan of the original extension of permission, the developer said Covid and other "knock-on construction industry problems" led to delays.

They noted in their application that, subject to receiving an extension of planning permission, they expect the development "to be completed within a relatively short period of time".

A decision on the application is due from South Dublin County Council by November 29.

Building two houses would have 'unacceptable impact'



REFUSAL: The site at Cooldrinagh

PLANS for the development of two houses to the rear of two existing dwellings in Cooldrinagh, Lucan, have been refused permission as they would have "an unacceptable impact on roads", reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

Applicants Jean Notaro, Jim Doyle, and Siobhan and Dominic Mullee's plans included the construction of two three-storey, three-bed dwellings.

They were to be located to the rear of 1 and 1A The Crescent, Cooldrinagh, Lucan.

The properties were to have third-floor-level roof terraces, with each served by a courtyard to the rear at ground-floor level, balcony to the front at first-floor level and terrace to the front at second-floor level.

The proposal included the removal of an existing southern boundary wall and the creation of a new shared vehicular access via Cooldrinagh Road providing access to shared vehicular parking.

The vehicular parking was to consist of two spaces, while four

bicycle-parking spaces also formed part of the plans.

On October 4, South Dublin County Council refused permission for the two houses, citing concerns about the impact it would have on the adjacent road.

"The applicant has failed to demonstrate that there is adequate visibility at the proposed entrance," stated the council in its decision.

"A continuation of development will lead to increased traffic movement on this roadway which would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

"The proximity of the neighbouring retaining walls restricts the ability to provide the minimum sightlines and therefore it is not possible to create a safe vehicular egress from the property.

"The proposal would result in the generation of additional traffic on a laneway that is substandard in width and alignment and lacks adequate facilities for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

"It would therefore endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard."

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Advertorial

Discover the Magic of Samhain with Hurloween Tours at Croke Park

GAA-mad kids can learn more about Ireland's ancient sport from the time of Setanta right up to the era of Cian Lynch! Younger kids can enjoy special Teidí Tours

As the ancient Irish festival of Samhain draws near, the GAA Museum at Croke Park invites families to celebrate with a unique twist on Halloween at their much-anticipated "Hurloween" Tours.

Swap ghouls for goals and embark on a journey of old Celtic traditions, mythology and sporting legends to celebrate Ireland's earliest festival. GAA-mad kids can learn about Ireland's ancient sport from the time of Setanta right up to the era of Cian Lynch!

This year's Hurloween Tours, which run from Saturday October 28th - Wednesday November 1st, promise an extraordinary experience for families seeking seasonal fun rather than scares and are perfect for children aged between five and twelve, accompanied by an adult.

One highlight of the tour is the "Warriors and Hurlers Workshop," where young visitors will learn

about Setanta, the master hurler who, according to legend, used his sliotar and camán to slay the hound of Chulainn, earning the new name Cú Chulainn. Each child on the tour will receive a book recounting the tale of Setanta and other Irish legends—a perfect Halloween treat!

The Hurloween Tour also includes a visit some of the famous sporting venue's best haunts including the players dressing rooms, the interactive games zone where you can test your own hurling and football skills and learn new 'tricks', and an exciting opportunity to walk pitch side where the spirited guides will teach you more about the history and skills of Ireland's national games of football, hurling and camogie.

Not only that, but the GAA Museum is bringing back their hugely popular Teidí Tours. On Thursday November 1st and

Friday November 2nd, young GAA fans (3+) will have a 'furry' good time as they get the chance to make their very own sports bear at the GAA Museum, followed by a guided tour of Croke Park stadium with their new cuddly friend.

The GAA Museum and Stadium Tour are fully accessible for people with disabilities. On-site amenities include toilet facilities and baby changing stations. If your little ones get hungry, the Blackthorn Café is open daily, serving hot lunches, sandwiches, pastries, snacks, and more. Outdoor picnic table seating is also available for those who prefer to bring their own snacks. Plus, there's free on-

site parking adjacent to the GAA Museum in the Cusack Stand Car Park.

Tours take place at 10.30, 12.30 and 14.30 from Saturday October 28th to Wednesday November 1st. Tickets must be booked in advance online and the visit will last approx 90 minutes.

While dressing up isn't required, costumes are more than welcome.

Photography is allowed, so capture those unforgettable family memories of your first "Hurloween"!

Don't miss this chance to celebrate Halloween in a truly unique way. Book your tickets in advance online at crokepark.ie/halloween to secure your spot on the "Hurloween" Tours at the GAA Museum.



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200 pupils at St Martin de Porres receive Flu vaccines



TWO local GPs administered vaccines as part of the Flu Vaccination Programme to children in St Martin de Porres' National School in Aylesbury, Tallaght last week.

Doctors Elif Torun and Antonios Issou, who are based in Dr Torun's Clinic on Old Bawn Way, vaccinated close to 200 pupils along with staff in the school last Wednesday, October 11.

Dr Torun will return to the school in four weeks' time to vaccinate other children who missed out last week, and praised the school staff.

"The staff in St Martin's were wonderful to deal with, especially Louise and the principal, Valerie," said Dr Torun.

"The school had a lovely warm welcoming feel to it and we are looking forward to going back.

"I'm delighted to get my name out among the local community and meet some of the locals.

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Credit unions around the world celebrate 75th International Credit Union day

BALLYFERMOT Inchicore Credit Union joins credit union members around the world to celebrate International Credit Union Day on Thursday 19th October 2023. This year marks the 75th anniversary of ICU day where credit unions around the world reflect on the movement's history, promote its achievements, recognise its hard work in the community.

Credit unions are unique in the financial sector as not-for-profit financial co-operatives owned by, and operated for, the benefit of members they serve. Strong credit unions make strong communities.

Credit unions genuinely care about their members, and put them at the heart of everything they do. At a time when bank branches continue to close and reduce services throughout the country yet credit unions like Ballyfermot Inchicore prefer the face-to-face service as well as access to digital platforms.

To mark ICU day, Ballyfermot Inchicore Credit Union is inviting its members and the local community to meet with the Lord Mayor of Dublin Daithí de Róiste between 11.30am - 12pm as we celebrate the day.

Anthony Carey, Chair, Ballyfermot Inchicore Credit Union said "Our members and community are our backbone and we are so proud here at Ballyfermot Inchicore Credit Union of the part we play in sustaining that community. We genuinely care about our members, and put them at the heart of everything we do.

Our goal is to remain a cornerstone of our community by continuing to go above and beyond for our members.

With the cost of living crisis becoming more and more prevalent, credit unions remain vital and accessible providers of affordable and ethical financial services across the country. Our doors here are always open.

We believe that Ballyfermot Inchicore Credit Union makes a real, positive impact on the lives of people in Ballyfermot & Inchicore and we want to remind people that we are here to help with their personal financial needs.

We look forward to celebrating with our members, and indeed the whole community, on ICU Day and we hope that members come out to meet our Lord Mayor."

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by Ursula Frawley / info@moveitfitness.ie



HAVE you ever thought about exercising from home? With so many options to get fit and healthy out there, there are lots of benefits to taking your workouts to your living room and enjoying a pathway to health from the comfort of your own environment.

What are the pros and cons of working out from home?

At your own pace: Embarking on a fitness journey can be a daunting experience, so having the comfort and privacy of your own space may make that step into the uncomfortable much easier. You might feel less daunted without the ultra fit person next to you who is at a different chapter of their fitness journey.

No travel & prep time: The trip from the bed to your new gym in the living room will take you much less time, as well as all the added time you gain with less bags to pack. No need for shower gear, packing a change of clothes or other essentials before heading out the door.

So many low cost and free options: We are all looking for better value options to have a healthier and fitter lifestyle and, with so much variety to choose from, you can include yoga, strength training or dance classes all with just a click of a button. There are also lots of live guided classes, like my Move It classes, that include lots of individual encouragement and motivation from a coach.

In your own time and schedule: It's so great to workout at a time that suits you and your schedule. Yoga at 1pm? Fitness class at 10pm? Dancing at 6am? You can include a class in your busy

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schedule at a time that suits you with so much more flexibility and autonomy over your fitness.

No packed halls or gym floors: Creating your own space without the environment of a packed sports hall may encourage you to progress at a quicker pace.

There are some drawbacks and it's not always easy, so here are some tips to help you workout from home more successfully:

Schedule the time that suits you:

To stay on track, plan your exercise slot so you know when you're going to – early in the day or the day before. To stay motivated and accountable, picking the time will help you to stick to a routine.

Turn off notifications and tell your family your intentions:

Communicate to your family that you are unavailable to help avoid interruptions when you are working out. Also turn off notifications on your phone or device.

Listen to your body: I always tell my clients that it is important to listen to your body and always ensure there is someone at home with you. If you feel a pain or ache anywhere that you shouldn't, it's important to stop. Whoever is home with you can help or assist if needed.

Enjoy the journey to a fitter and healthier you! Remember, always consult with your GP before embarking on any change in diet or new health & fitness regime.



Halloween Spooktacular

FAMILY SHOW IS FULL OF MUSIC, SURPRISES AND LAUGHTER

by Ryan Butler / news@echo.ie

A frightening but not overly frightening Halloween family show is coming up.

Get ready! Accompany Princess Arabella and her dependable butler, Wiggles, as they confront an enigmatic obstacle in Spookville.

Things take an exciting turn when three wicked witches pay her palace a visit.

Will they prevail and end up saving the day over the witchy mischief?

Don't miss this enthralling and fantastical journey that is full of music, surprises, laughter, and Halloween fun.

To enter to win some amazing gifts, dress up in your favorite costume.

The Civic Halloween Spooktacular will be performed from October 27–31 in the Civic Theatre.

This week, we sat down with Sarah Harvey, who plays Witch Willow, to discuss the play:

What is the synopsis of the show?

The Halloween spooktacular is a magical, musical fun adventure for families. It tells the story of three mischievous witches who return to Spookytown to try and reclaim their mother's cauldron from the beautiful princess Arabella and her trusty sidekick Wiggles. Lots of singing, dancing and audience participation. It's by the creators of The Civic panto so expect it to be just as much fun and it's Dublin's ONLY Halloween musical show suitable for families! We caught up with Sarah, from Knocklyon who plays Witch Willow.

What drew you to this show?

When I read the script, it had everything a good show needs. Jokes, music and dancing. I am involved in The Civic panto and last year played 'Fairy Lolly'. When I was asked back to play a witch for Halloween I jumped at the chance. Especially as Kevin (Tickles) and Keila (Cinderella) from The Civic panto are returning with me to star in this Halloween show!

How much time has been dedicated to it?

Like all shows, so much time goes into it behind the scenes. We, as a cast, have been rehearsing for the last few weeks and are really looking forward to getting on stage. Then there's the

promotion and making posters and radio ads. It's been on sale since The Civic launched their Autumn season and they decided to run a Halloween family show during mid term.

What kind of work is involved in preparing for

performances like this?

There's loads going on from staging and props and costume. Lots and lots of rehearsals. We really have so much fun practicing and seeing it all come together. Learning scripts, choreography, and songs and making sure you are prepared and ready for showtime! It's so exciting getting into costume and stepping out in front of the crowds!

Sarah Harvey as Witch Willow in the Civic Halloween Spooktacular



What are your future plans after these performances?

I will play the role of the evil stepmother in this year's Christmas pantomime, 'Cinderella,' in the Civic Theatre. This will be my second year doing panto at The Civic, and I can't wait.

Who would you like to thank for helping with this show?

Director Rob Murphy and all the cast, crew, and staff at the civic. 3 shows daily from 27- 31 Oct Tickets are from €15 inc. booking fees Dress up in your favourite costume to win prizes.

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Be in with a chance of winning a family pass (2 adults and 2 children) for Spooktacular in The Civic.

Simply answer the following question: Who plays Witch Willow in Spooktacular?

Email your answer with name and contact number to william@echo.ie by Monday, October 23 at 5pm. Winners will be notified

Sole Flower, Spidered Soul

JAMES AND LUCIA JOYCE'S RELATIONSHIP IS SUBJECT OF PLAY

by Ryan Butler / news@echo.ie

In 'Sole Flower, Spidered Soul', James and Lucia Joyce's relationship is the subject.

This poignant and humorous comedy challenges stereotypes about its protagonists—James as the brilliant father who tried everything in his power to save his crazy daughter Lucia—by pitting love of family against professional ambition.

Little is known about James Joyce's daughter Lucia, who spent 46 years in psychiatric facilities due to her father's declining mental health and unpredictable, occasionally violent behaviors.

Joyce was a literary renegade and a prominent player in Irish modernism.

Even though she was eventually diagnosed with schizophrenia, there are still unanswered questions regarding the reliability of this diagnosis and the circumstances surrounding the fall from grace of a young woman who had shown so much promise.

Regarding James, conventional stories have portrayed him as a loving father who is both troubled and



frustrated by Lucia's actions.

But may this great writer have contributed more to his daughter's destiny than even biased Joyce scholars have dared to acknowledge?

How much did he genuinely love his daughter, who had put his own legacy, the family's social standing, and the composition of his last masterpiece, *Finnegans Wake*, at risk?

Lastly, how does a reevaluation of Lucia's tale in the context of more recent feminist and mental health-aware interpretations impact our understanding of James Joyce today?

Patrick Byrnes is the director of the Féilim James-written play, which stars Michael McCabe as Clown, Daniel Mahon as James, and Fiona Bawn Thompson as Lucia.

Feilim is a 28-year-old up-and-coming writer from Rathmines, whose latest play is a component of the bigger, multidisciplinary show *States of Independence*, which is being held in 2023 as part of Smashing Times' Dublin Arts and Human Rights Festival.

The company manager of the production company Smashing Times is Arts, Culture, and Sports PPN representative for South County Dublin, Freda Manweiler.

'Sole Flower, Spidered Soul' is being performed on October 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, and 22 in the Pumphouse.

Spookalicious Halloween

CARINA SELF-PUBLISHES HER FIRST BOOK FOR CHILDREN

by Ryan Butler / news@echo.ie



Carina Dunne, a talented native of Ballyboden, wrote and self-published her first book for children, a Halloween story called 'Sprout Tales Spookalicious Halloween'!

The book has also been nominated for a CAP award for indie writers, and the winner will be announced in November.

When asked about the book, Carina stated that writing about Brussels sprouts "unleashed the inner child" in her.

She cited her inspiration as overhearing a conversation between children about Brussels sprouts, as it "reminded me of the magical stories dad told us as children" and she wanted a story to "help children laugh the way we did as kids."

Carina would write during lockdown, imagining scenes for the book on walks to Marlay Park, picturing Pookas amongst

the trees, and even taking into account the sprouts growing in her allotment.

She joined the Rob Daniel-run Write Away, Draw Away Facebook group, where he encouraged her to enter another story she had written, 'Past Present,' into a competition in 'Ireland's Own,' where it took first place.

This accomplishment motivated Carina more than ever to keep writing.

Over a year was dedicated to writing 'Sprout Tales', with Rob helping her edit it.

As of writing, two more 'Sprout Tales' stories are already written, one for Christmas and the other for St. Patrick's Day.

Carina would like to thank her family, Rob, and her illustrator, Barbara, for helping her make a book worthy of getting shortlisted for the CAP awards.



Carina Dunne

“Grilled cheese and tomato soup is the ultimate comfort meal.

Ina Garten

Food with Passion

ROASTED TOMATO SOUP & GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH

by John Paul Kennedy / jpkennedy.kennedy@gmail.com



This is one of my favourite go-to soup recipes that I have been making for a number of few years now. With the sudden change in temperature in recent days, I cannot think of a nicer soup to make that provides you with some necessary warmth and comfort. My new favourite accompaniment to serve alongside the soup is an American classic 'grilled cheese' toastie! It's perfect for dunking into the soup and is fast becoming one of my favourite quick to prepare suppers. Like any soup recipe you can batch make it and freeze for up to a month. I normally make the soup the night before to allow more time for the flavours to infuse. For the perfect Grilled Cheese, use sourdough bread and good quality cheddar cheese! Makes a real difference if you toast on a griddle pan if you have one, but a standard pan works just fine too!

Ingredients: For the soup

800g on the vine tomatoes
½ a red onion
1 teaspoon garlic powder
500ml hot vegetable stock (I use x 2 jelly veg stock cubes)
½ teaspoon of castor sugar (brings out the sweetness of the tomatoes)
1 tablespoon of tomato puree
10 fresh basil leaves roughly torn
Teaspoon of olive oil
Sea salt and ground black pepper

For the Grilled cheese (makes x 2)

6 slices good cheddar cheese
4 slices of sourdough bread
Unsalted butter for spreading on the bread
Hot griddle pan / non stick frying pan (if you don't have a griddle pan)

John Paul Kennedy IS A SELF-TAUGHT COOK AND AN AVID FAN OF COLLECTING COOKERY BOOKS WITH A PASSION FOR GOOD OLD-FASHIONED HOME COOKING. HIS PASSION FOR PROPER FAMILY COOKING STEMS FROM HIS GRANDMOTHERS, WHO WERE BOTH EXCELLENT COOKS, ONE OF WHOM WAS A TRAINED CHEF. JP PROMISES TO BRING US PLENTY OF FAMILY-INSPIRED RECIPES AND TASTY TREATS WHILE SHOWING US HOW TO GET THE BASICS RIGHT.

Method:

1. Preheat your oven to 220 or 200 degrees fan. In a roasting tray, pop in the tomatoes, scatter the red onion, garlic, sugar, salt and pepper over and pop into the oven and roast for 35 minutes.
2. Once the tomatoes are nicely roasted pour over the stock, tomato puree and basil leaves then ladle into a food processor and blitz until nice and smooth.
3. Place a sieve over a large pot, and pour the tomato soup mixture in on top and using the back of a wooden spoon push the soup through the sieve to leave you with a vibrant red smooth light soup.
4. Season with some more pepper, and place on a low heat to keep warm while you make the grilled cheese.
5. Make two cheese sandwiches buttering one side of the bread, place the cheese in the middle, slice of bread on top and place on to a hot griddle pan. Using a spatula, push down on the top of the grilled cheese to distribute the heat and ensure the cheese starts to melt. Flip over and toast the other side, until the griddle pan leaves some nice golden toasted markings on the toastie, cut in half and serve alongside a big bowl of soup, dunking the grilled cheese in occasionally for the perfect supper / lunch time dish! Sometimes I adorn with an extra bit of butter on top for extra comfort and yumminess!

In my view there is no comparison between home-made and shop bought soups! Most home made versions are very quick and easy to make, provide you with lots of good wholesome nutrition and best of all something tasty for lunch or soup that you can quickly reheat. I would encourage you to try this with the Grilled Cheese toastie, it's a delicious and satisfying meal all in one that is so delicious to eat and perfect as we head into the chillier months!



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Team Barbie v Kevin's



St Anne's players at the blitz



Action from St Anne's versus Thomas Davis



Team Barbie



St Anne's players participated at the blitz



Action from St Anne's v Nh Fionnbarra



Aisling Brennan and Michelle Young



Naomh Fionnbarra



Sophie and Sara



Ger and Liz Moore



Amanda West and Lisa Byrne (Orla's Sister)

Camán N Chats Camogie Blitz

HELD IN HONOUR OF ST ANNE'S PAST PLAYER ORLA BYRNE

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Oran and Cian



Shona, Sophie, Luke and Max Smith



St Anne's player at the blitz



Cora and Sophie



Sinead, Christina, Karen and Mary



Aisling, Glenda and Michelle



Thomas Davis 'One Hit Wonders'



Kevin's camogie players enjoyed the blitz



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TALLAGHT CHORAL SOCIETY EXTEND OPEN INVITATION

FOLLOWING a very successful Open night last month, Tallaght Choral Society (TCS) is currently preparing to host a Messiah Come and Sing event in Tallaght village on October 28, the Bank Holiday weekend.

The group believe this to be an innovative and unique venture which hasn't been attempted before.

TCS members are extending an open invitation to any singer -amateur, experienced or inexperienced over 18-years-old - to come along on the Saturday morning to St Mary's Priory. There with the assistance of expert tutors, helpful members and a welcoming atmosphere, all will be supported to learn key Messiah choruses.

Singers will progress from sectional workshops in the morning to a full choir rehearsal after lunch. There will be a break for elevenses and lunch giving a welcome chance to relax and chat.

By the end of the day, all participants will perform a free concert at 4.20-5pm of these choruses for family and friends - so tell them to come along and bring a friend.

Booking is through www.eventbrite.ie

by **Ryan Butler** / news@echo.ie

(search for Tallaght Choral Society) or through our website: www.tallaghtchoral.ie

The workshop cost per person at €20 (own score), €25 (need score) is reasonable and there is a special €10 price for students /refugees.

TCS is embedded in the Tallaght community having been established by a local Dominican priest almost 60 years ago. While the group have grown from a small church choir to a well regarded choral society, we have never lost our strong commitment to Tallaght.

So they are delighted to be asked to be one of the headline acts for the Tallaght Person of the Year Awards to be held on Sunday, November 12 in the Civic Theatre, Tallaght.

As usual, this year we will take part in the annual Remembrance Service and Carol Service in St Mary's. In addition, we were very honoured to be invited to be an integral part of the Dominican Jubilee 2024. This is a momentous year for this Order as it celebrates the 800th anniversary of the arrival of



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the Dominican friars in Dublin. As part of the Jubilee 2024 celebrations, Tallaght Choral Society will perform a full orchestral performance of Handel's Messiah on 14 April 2024 in the Helix Theatre.

Musical Play

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE YOU!

by **Ryan Butler** / news@echo.ie

Try to schedule a visit to the Abbey Theatre if you will be in Dublin during the next four weeks to see 'Somewhere Out There' You!

The play centers on a family's response to Casey (Kate Stanley Brennan) and her new boyfriend Brett (Cameron Cuffe), who is attractive, passionate, and American (or is he?).

A man who grants Casey all of her wishes and whims.

Casey's family is skeptical; after all, she has a "condition," so how could she get a man like that?

Her sister Cynthia, who Danielle

Galligan of Rathfarnham portrays with great vigor, is particularly dubious and starts looking into Brett's past with the goal of exposing him for who he really is.

You may accompany your 13-year-old niece or nephew, or your 86-year-old great aunt, to 'Somewhere Out There You!' Make a vacation to the city into a romantic harvest evening. There are Saturday matinees and extended runs of the production at the Abbey Theatre through November 4.

Hopefully, the musical will tour and eventually come to our local Civic Theatre.




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A Word with Echo So...

Awareness

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HOW MANY WORDS
(TWO LETTERS OR MORE)
CAN YOU MAKE FROM
THE ABOVE WORD?

5-20 pretty good! 21-35 excellent!
36 and over - you do realise these
have to be real words, don't you!

1	14	27
2	15	28
3	16	29
4	17	30
5	18	31
6	19	32
7	20	33
8	21	34
9	22	35
10	23	36
11	24	37
12	25	38
13	26	39

W H W B D N S W R E A

BUCKET
WRENCH
DRILL
SAW
AXE
SHOVEL
RAKE
HARROW
SCISSORS
WRENCH
DRILL
SAW
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RAKE
HARROW
SCISSORS

Fruit and Berry

R	A	S	P	B	A	P	R	C	R
M	Y	R	R	E	P	L	I	H	A
A	O	E	P	A	P	U	C	E	E
N	G	A	C	H	P	M	O	R	P
O	E	U	L	B	L	E	T	R	Y
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N	G	A	N	A	N	O	L	E	M
T	I	U	R	F	W	A	T	E	R
G	R	A	P	E	N	O	M	E	L

Find all the words from the word list
(ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

APPLE	PEAR
APRICOT	PINEAPPLE
BANANA	PLUM
BLUEBERRY	RASPBERRY
CHERRY	WATERMELON
GRAPEFRUIT	
LEMON	
MANGO	
ORANGE	
PEACH	

HEY! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

JUST AROUND, PUTTING BAGS AND STICKERS INTO LETTER-BOXES.

WHAT FOR?

WELL, THE STICKERS HAVE MY NAME ON THEM, AND THERE ARE INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED, TOO...

"PLEASE ATTACH STICKER TO BAG AND FILL WITH EDIBLE GOODIES."

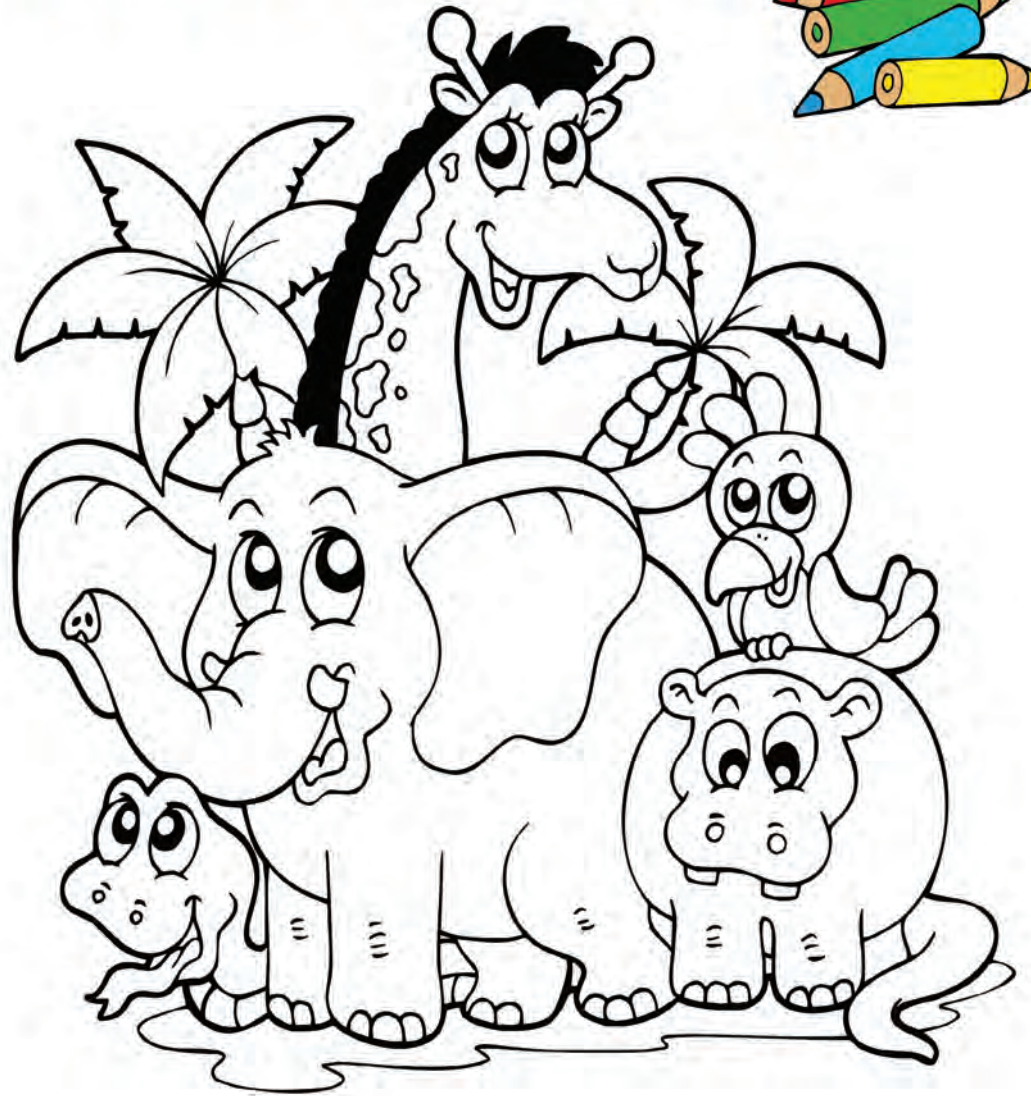
"COLLECTION WILL HAPPEN HALLOWEEN NIGHT..."

"NO MONKEY-NUTS, PLEASE!"

Find the ten differences between the two pictures



COLOURING BOOK



LETTER LINK LOG-JAM

A MISSING LETTER ON EACH ROW FINISHES ONE WORD AND STARTS THE NEXT...

BUT WHAT ARE THE LETTERS?

TRA		EST
TOM		OMB
BEA		ATE
DRI		ROD
TEA		USE
LAM		AST
PUM		OND
HUN		EST



the missing letters: P, B, M, P, M, E, P, T.

winner



Frankie Dardis, aged 5, is this week's winner of The Echo Joe Club logo colouring competition. Frankie, your prize will be on the way to you soon.

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WITH LEO THE LION IN JOELS RESTAURANT

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Leo and Abbey



The Finnegan Family



Payne-Beau and Cody



Leo with the Bourke Family



The Delaney Family



The Buckley Family

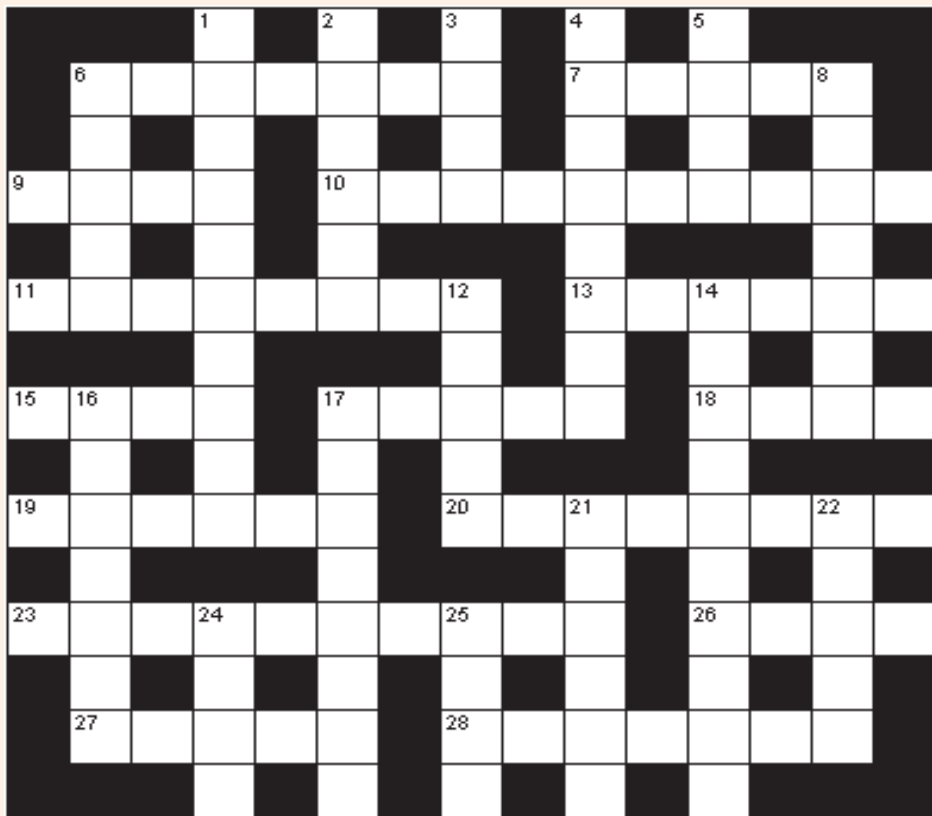


Leo and Phoenix



The Kenny Family

echocrossquiz Q1910



ACROSS

- 6. The act of avoiding capture (7)
- 7. Rundown (5)
- 9. A device that emits light (4)
- 10. Creative thinking (10)
- 11. Hand clapping (8)
- 13. Apprehended (6)
- 15. Bowl over (4)
- 17. The joint just above the foot (5)
- 18. Cousin of a mandolin (4)
- 19. Lecture (6)
- 20. Deserter (8)
- 23. A language of India (10)
- 26. Skillful (4)
- 27. Tropical lizard (5)
- 28. Needing a drink (7)

DOWN

- 1. Instability in the atmosphere (10)
- 2. Setting (6)
- 3. Auth. unknown (4)
- 4. One of ten in Canada (8)
- 5. Leave in a hurry (4)
- 6. Provide (5)
- 8. Shield from harm (7)
- 12. Glacial ridge (5)
- 14. Nonsense (10)
- 16. Sometimes, it's whipped cream (7)
- 17. Stickiness (8)
- 21. Healthcare facility (6)
- 22. Keen or peachy (5)
- 24. Small European freshwater fish (4)
- 25. Parts of a play (4)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS 1210



CAN YOU BEAT THIS WEEK'S CROSSQUIZ?

SUDOKU 1

	8	3		9		1		
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4		9						
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			8	1	5			
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3				8	2			

SUDOKU 2

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		3	2		4		1	
1	7	2					3	5

ANSWERS

8	2	7	1	3	5	9	6	9	4
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6	8	3	8	1	9	7	4	2	2
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3	6	9	8	2	5	1	4	7	9
4	7	8	2	8	1	3	5	2	6

SUDOKU 2

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5	8	3	2	9	6	1	4	7	9

SUDOKU 1

Poet's Corner

HOMETOWN

by Gerard O'Keeffe



I moved to Tallaght 35 years ago and quickly came to love it. I've been writing poetry for almost 50 years. I'm now retired and I have five grandchildren – they mean the world to me.

Climbing Nicholas street hill Christchurch is in my sights The Town of my birth Is in my dreams tonight It's 50 years since I left My home But it's always in my heart from the Liberties To the Ha'penny Bridge I cherish every part In my mind I stroll down Francis street And wander around	the coombe Then head on over to Clearys To meet a girl in the ballroom Henry streets lights are bright It's full of festive cheer Moore street Dublins jewel Looks good this time of year Then I awake to New York town To start another day But my thoughts are back in Dublin My home so far away
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ANNIVERSARY



Dunne, Jason
Dearly missed on his Anniversary. Late of Cherry Orchard Drive.

Brother

*I hold onto our memories,
The ones that are so dear,
To try to keep you always close,
Now you are not here,
You were called it was your time,
But it is so true,
You have left a legacy,
There was no one like you,
You were very special,
And I want to say,
I feel lost in so many ways,
You are not here today,
But I will never forget you,
And I know I have been blessed,
To have you for my Brother,
Because you were the best.*
R.I.P. From your brother Patrick. xxx

Brother (Jay)

*A shadow walks beside me,
Forever by my side,
Always there to guide me,
Ever since you died,
It is hard to see tomorrow,
When someone you love is gone,
And harder still to realise,
That life will still go on,
So always stay beside me,
It is nice to know you are here,
Thanks for all the memories,
And the times we loved and shared.*
Love and miss you every day from your loving sister Sharon. R.I.P. xxx

Uncle

*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 nephews Christopher, Stephen, Aaron, Jordan & Cody. R.I.P. xxx

Brother

*Today is such a painful day,
Full of sadness and grief for me,
As I mourn the moment that you left,
Recalling how life used to be,
You were someone very special,
Who left your mark on so many lives,
Things haven't been the same,
Since we said goodbye,
The bond we shared will never end,
Even though we are apart,
I find comfort in the memories,
Deep within my heart,
This heartfelt message is for you,
I miss you more than words can say,
The world lost someone precious,
On the day you went away.*
Lots of love from Mandy, Colin, Nadine, Jake and Kingsley. xx

ANNIVERSARY



Fields, Paul
In loving memory of our dear Da, Granda & Great-Granda whose 4th Anniversary occurs on the 22nd of October. Also remembering our ma Mary and their great-granddaughter Pennie May Doyle.

*Four years have passed already,
We cannot believe it's true,
We thought about you lots today,
But then we always do,
We wander to your graveside,
And place your flowers with care,
But no one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there,
You went from us so suddenly,
You did not say goodbye,
You left us here behind you,
To grieve and wonder why,
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home,
Our hearts are full of memories,
With pride we speak your name,
Though life goes on without you,
It will never be the same.*
Always loved and missed from your Sons, Daughters, Son-in-law, Daughters-in-law, Grandkids and Great-Grandkids. xx

Granda

*A silent home,
An empty chair,
Something missing everywhere,
Life goes on,
I know that's true,
But it's not the same,
Since we lost you.*
Love always Michelle, Bubbles, Joanna, Ellie and Poppie. xx

Granda

*You went away so quietly,
So as not to cause us pain,
But you will never be forgotten,
In our hearts you will remain.*
Love always Deborah, Brian, Maggie and Maisie. xx

NOVENA

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein that you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that have recourse to thee. (3 times). Sweet Mother; I place this cause in your hands. (3 times) W.F.

ANNIVERSARY



Power, Billy
1st Anniversary occurs 21st October.

A Silent Tear

*Just close your eyes and you will see,
All the memories that you have of me,
Just sit and relax and you will find,
I'm really there inside your mind,
Don't cry for me now I'm gone,
For I am in the land of song,
There is no pain, there is no fear,
So dry away the silent tear,
Don't think of me in the dark and cold,
For here I am, no longer old,
I'm in that place that's filled with love,
Known to you all as 'up above'.*
Sadly missed by his loving wife Claire, Sons, Daughters, Sons-in-law, Daughters-in-law, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren and large extended Family.

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 D.D.

ANNIVERSARY



Lawlor, Peter
11th Anniversary away from home occurred 18th October. Late of Kilnamanagh.

*Sweet is the sleep that heals all pain,
I would not want you to suffer again,
God took your hand, we had to part,
He eased your pain, but broke our hearts,
No matter how life changes Dad,
No matter what we do,
We will always feel blessed and honoured,
To have had a dad like you.*
Sadly missed by his Daughters, Sons, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren. Also remembering his wife and our mother Rose.

ANNIVERSARY



Morgan, Rita
5th Anniversary occurs 19th October.

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
A part of us went with you,
The day God took you home,
If tears could build a stairway,
And heartaches make a lane,
We'd walk our way to heaven,
And bring you back again.*
Missed always from your husband James, Daughters, Son, Sons-in-law, Grandchildren and Family.

NOVENA

Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, We fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them. T.H.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Cummins, Anna
5th Birthday away from home.

*A little tribute, small and tender,
Just to say we still remember.*
Happy Heavenly Birthday Anna, 5th away from home. x Love always Mayalla.

NOVENA

Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, We fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them. G.H.

NOVENA

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. E.C.

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South Dublin County Council

Planning permission sought for to remove existing front aluminium porch and replace with a new two storey extension to the front of the existing dwelling to include extended hall and extended bedroom: extend the existing ridge tiles and roof tiles to form a new dutch type roof structure: new dormer structure to the rear tiled roof: extend existing side gable structure up to new soffit level with a new obscure glazed window in new gable structure: conversion of existing attic area into a new non-habitable area: internal alterations: external finishes to match existing and associate site works at 8. Ferncourt Green, Firhouse, D.24 for Adam & Bernadette Johnson. The Planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. During its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 4.00pm, and may also be viewed on the council's website - www.sdcc.ie. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of (20.00 euro) within the 5 weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin

County Council and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

Dublin City Council

I, Christina Bennett, intend to apply for planning permission for development at this site 35 Neagh Road, Terenure, Dublin 6w D6w RX40 The development will consist of: New vehicular access with dropped kerb. Remove part of the existing railings at the front. Attic conversion for storage with dormer window to the rear raised gable to the side with Dutch hip. New gable side window. 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 1

I, Donna Byrne, intend to apply for planning permission and retention permission for development at this site. 18 Ann Devlin Drive Rathfarnham Dublin 14 D14 A2V8. The development will consist of. Single-storey extension and Dormer window to the front. First-floor extension to the rear with dormer window. Two-storey extension to the side. Velux window to the front. Retention permission for the garage to the rear. 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.

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SD23A/0028 **05 Oct 2023** **Permission Additional Information**
Applicant: John Corcoran
Location: 2, Clarkesville Terrace, Lucan Road Old, Palmerstown, Dublin 20.
Description: The development will consist of the demolition of an existing dwelling and the provision of a residential apartment scheme with a gross internal floor area of 758sqm approx. in 2 no. blocks, each accessed separately from a shared courtyard space entered via Lucan Road Old, respectively; an overall height of 4 storeys above ground level (with a screened and set back fourth storey studio apartment visible from Old Lucan Road) comprising 7 no. residential apartments (consisting of 1 no. studio apartment, 4 no. 1 bedroom apartments, 2 no. 2 bedroom apartments) and a Caf?; private amenity space in the form of balconies; communal amenity space in the form of a centrally located courtyard and open space area between both blocks (91sqm in total) and 23 no. cycle parking spaces. The overall development will also include hard and soft landscaping; changes in level; boundary treatments; pedestrian circulation; drainage works; communal refuse storage areas; provision of semi mature planting; and all associated site development.

SD23A/0056 **05 Oct 2023** **Permission Additional Information**
Applicant: Eoghan Ryan
Location: 3A, Knocklyon Cottages, Knocklyon Road, Dublin 16
Description: Construction of a single storey three bedroom dwelling with access through the existing side entrance gate and all associated site works and drainage connections.

SD23A/0103 **04 Oct 2023** **Permission Additional Information**
Applicant: Vantage Towers Ltd
Location: Threerock Rovers Hockey Club, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16
Description: To erect a 24 metre high multi user monopole with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, including floodlights, all enclosed in security fencing and to remove an existing 15 metre high floodlight pole at the same location. On completion of the above works the existing nearby communications equipment comprising antennas and a dish on the 20.55 metre high floodlight pole and ground cabinets with associated compound will be decommissioned and removed.

SD23A/0146 **04 Oct 2023** **Permission Additional Information**
Applicant: Vantage Towers Ltd
Location: The Pennyhill Public House, Ballyowen Shopping Centre, Lucan, Co Dublin
Description: Erect a 21 metre high multi user monopole with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed in security fencing.

SD23A/0160 **06 Oct 2023** **Permission Additional Information**
Applicant: daa PLC
Location: Scoil Mhuire Girls National School, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin.
Description: The installation of an aircraft noise monitoring terminal on a standalone, tiltable mast structure (6m in height) along with associated works including electrical connection on land adjoining the car park within the grounds of Scoil Mhuire Girls' National School, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin

SD23A/0096 **03 Oct 2023** **Permission Clarification of Additional Information**
Applicant: Rockface Developments Limited
Location: Brownsbarn Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24
Description: Provision of a warehouse with ancillary office and staff facilities and associated development. The warehouse will have a maximum height of 15.6 metres with a gross floor area of 4,136 sq. m including a warehouse area (3,713 sq. m) ancillary staff facilities (220 sq. m) and ancillary office area (203 sq. m). development will also include: a vehicular entrance/exit via Brownsbarn Drive; a pedestrian access via Brownsbarn Drive; 25 No. ancillary car parking spaces; bicycle parking; ancillary HGV yard; level access goods doors; dock levellers; access gates; hard and soft landscaping; lighting; boundary treatments; and all associated site development works above and below ground.

SDZ22A/0018 **06 Oct 2023** **SDZ Application - Clonburris Clarification of Additional Information**
Applicant: Cairn Homes Properties Ltd.
Location: Within the townland of Cappagh, Clonburris, Dublin 22
Description: Construction of a mixed-use development comprising 594 apartments, office floorspace, 4 retail units, a creche and urban square in the Clonburris Development Areas CUCS3 & CSWS3 of the Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme 2019 as follows, 594 apartments (255 one bedroom apartments, 307 two bedroom apartments and 32 three bedroom apartments (all apartments to have terrace or balcony; ancillary communal amenity spaces for residents) as follows; Block A (4 and 6 storeys with undercroft) comprises 96 apartments consisting of 36 one bedroom apartments, 48 two bedroom apartments and 12 three bedroom apartments (with creche c. 609sq. m at ground and first floor as well as play area; Block B (6 storeys with undercroft) comprises 77 apartments consisting of 44 one bedroom apartments, 28 two room apartments and 5 three bedroom apartments; Block D (5 and 7 storeys with undercroft) comprises 71 apartments consisting of 39 one bedroom apartments and 32 two bedroom apartments; Block E (6 storeys with undercroft) comprises 100 apartments consisting of 47 one bedroom apartments, 48 two bedroom apartments and 5 three bedroom apartments; Block F (5 and 7 storeys with undercroft) comprises 124 apartments consisting of 57 one bedroom apartments, 61 two bedroom apartments and 6 three bedroom apartments; Block G (1, 2 and 4 storeys with undercroft) comprises 65 apartments consisting of 16 one bedroom apartments,

45 two bedroom apartments and 4 three bedroom apartments; Block H (4 storeys with undercroft) comprises 61 apartments consisting of 16 one bedroom apartments and 45 two bedroom apartments; Mixed use development comprising, commercial office development in Block C of 6 storeys with parapet above to 7 storey equivalent on elevations (c. 4,516sq.m), 1 retail unit at ground floor of Block B (c.147.5sq. m) and 3 retail units at ground floor of Block E as follows (c.106.2sq.m, c.141.6sq.m and c.492.2sq.m respectively) as well as a creche (c. 609sq. m) at ground floor and first floor of Block A; Vehicular access will be from the permitted Clonburris Southern Link Street (SDZ20A/0021) and R 113 to the east; Public Open Space/landscaping of c. 0.52 hectares (urban square) and linear open space (0.72 hectares) as well as a series of communal open spaces to serve apartments over undercroft level (and internal communal open space c. 685 sq.m; The development will also provide for all associated works and infrastructure to facilitate the development to include all ancillary site development works including footpaths, landscaping boundary treatments, public, private open space areas, car parking (396 no. spaces in a mixture of undercroft spaces Block A, Block B&D and Block E&F) and bicycle parking (1,232 spaces at undercroft and surface levels), single storey ESB substations/bike/bin stores, green roofs, solar panels at roof level of apartments, plant areas within blocks and all ancillary site development/construction works; Permission is also sought for connection to water supply, and provision of foul drainage infrastructure. This application is being made in accordance with the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme 2019 and relates to a proposed development within the Clonburris Strategic Development Planning Scheme Area ' as defined by Statutory Instrument No. 604 of 2015; An Environmental Impact Assessment Report accompanies this planning application.

SD15A/0127/FEP **05 Oct 2023** **Further Extension of Duration of Perm New Application**
Applicant: Glenveagh Homes Limited
Location: Citywest, Tallaght, Dublin 24
Description: A residential/mixed use development on a site area of 12.45ha consisting of 400 dwellings comprised of 340 no. 2 storey detached, semi-detached and terraced houses, i.e. 3 no. 2 bed houses, 323 no. 3 bed houses & 14 no. 4 bed houses along with 60 no. 1 and 2 bed apartments in 4 no. 3 & 4/5 storey buildings. The development also provides for a creche (615sq.m), kiosk (56.6sq.m) and retail unit (237sq.m). The proposed development includes all associated site development and infrastructural works, car parking, open spaces and landscaping, ESB substation and 4 associated kiosks. Access to the development will be via two proposed new vehicular entrances from Citywest Avenue and Fortunestown Lane respectively and will also provide for two new vehicular crossing points over the Luas line. The development also includes for the demolition of an existing dwelling in the southwest corner of the site at the junction of Citywest Road and Fortunestown Lane. The site is bounded to the north by Citywest Avenue, to the west by the N82 Citywest Road, to the south by Fortunestown Lane, to the east by Ard Mor residential estate and is adjacent to the Luas Red Line.

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Echo Sport

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Captain Delany will lead Ireland in cricket series

AS the Ireland Women's squad departs for Spain this week ahead of their five-match series against Scotland, captain Laura Delany from Knocklyon says she feels a sense of reinvigoration with the influx of younger talent that has come into the senior set-up in the last two years.

Delany, 30, is in her thirteenth year as an international cricketer, and in that time has played 95 T20Is and 54 ODIs, scored over 2,000 runs and taken 87 wickets.

In August, Delany became Ireland Women's most-capped player, with 185 appearances, and shows no sign of stopping anytime soon.

The Leinster Cricket Club and Typhoons all-rounder was speaking ahead of departing for Spain.

She said: "It's been a long year, but one which has been brilliant as we have played an increasing amount of cricket in against some of the best sides in the world. Going to play against Scotland in Desert Springs will be a tough series, but we're looking forward to getting over there for three ODIs and following that up with two T20Is.

"We haven't played Scotland in an ODI format before, it's their first-ever



Knocklyon's Laura Delany will lead the Irish team in their five match series in Spain

appearance in that format, but as a squad we're ready and looking forward to it.

"The weather over there looks pretty good at the moment. We've been to Desert Springs a few times before - most recently back in January for a warm up camp ahead of the World Cup - but we

haven't actually played a series there.

"We know from centre-wicket sessions what the wicket might play like, plus we've watched some of the footage from when Scotland played there recently.

"We're going over there to try and win every game.

There's certain KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) that we've set for ourselves as a group - and if we try and execute and work on that, then hopefully the results should take care of themselves. It's a great opportunity to get over there and play another series as a group.

"Freya Sargent comes into the attack, and so does Alana Dalzell. Alana played for Ireland last year against South Africa, but hasn't really featured much this year, so it'll be a brilliant opportunity for her to wear the green jersey if she gets the opportunity to do so over there."

BMA Clondalkin hold their own in Bristol



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Boden face All-Ireland champions in county final



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Tallaght MA take Bristol by storm

TALLAGHT Martial Arts were out in force for last weekends Bristol Open taking home 28 Medals of the 108 taken by the Irish in multiple disciplines.

TMA recorded three first place finishes, 13 silvers and 12 bronze.

Jodie Browne taking to the mats in the invitation only 5K Challenge culminated in a nail biting final

where Jodie was narrowly beaten. Cheered on by a tiny but raucous TMA crowd. Jodie showed true champion spirit in her attitude on losing out on such a huge prize. She is up again this weekend in the World Combat Games, the only Irish Athlete to qualify for the event.

Outstanding Gold Medal performances came from Reece Doyle in the -42kg Light Contact section. A clash of team mates in both Junior Kick light and -37kg OC Light Contact sections seeing 1st and 2nd place on the podium going to a TMA Athlete. Callum O'Connor and Naman Shrivastava fought it out in the -69kg Junior Kick Light section with Callum taking the Gold. Similarly in the -37kg OC Light Contact Edward Comerford and Dara Kelly-Clarke went head to head in the final with Edward taking the Gold. Edward also went on to win a Silver in -37kg OC Points and a Bronze in -42kg Points

Ellen Mc Caughey took Silver in 5 different sections, sharing 2 with Team mate Lisa

McCabe in the Junior and Senior Tag Team Challenge. Lisa also took home a bronze medal in her single points fighting section.

Amy Comerford and AnnMarie O'Grady taking a silver and bronze a piece in their respective sections. AnnMarie's scintillating final had the whole crowd behind her. She focuses now on Senior WAKO World Championships in November.

Isabel Golding took 2 Bronze in two sections on the Saturday after some tough fights in the -47kg and +47kg Light contact sections, Gar Ryan & Eryn Birkhead also taking bronze in -94kg Senior Men's Point fighting and -50kg Junior Light Contact sections respectively.

Anna White and Sarah Cassidy coming up against clubmates Ellen McCaughey and Lisa McCabe in the Semi Finals of the Junior Ladies Tag Team with a TMA Jersey filled Tatami. The girls put their best foot forward with Anna and Sarah narrowly losing out taking the bronze in the section and Ellen and Lisa progressing to the Finals where they ended with a Silver medal.

Naman Shrivastava alongside Team Ireland and BMA Tajus Kruminis also took a Silver medal in Junior Tag Team. Naman also taking a bronze in the -69kg Lioght Contact.

Overall a fantastic turnout for the Tallaght Martial Arts Team. With World Combat Games and Senior WAKO World Championships on the horizon it will be a busy few weeks for the club.



Jodie Browne and the team at the Bristol Open

League title joy for Peamount



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Rugby

Tallaght women remain in second

TALLAGHT'S women's team took on Wanderers in the Women's Leinster Division Four of the Women's league and ran out 24-7 winners in Tymon Park to remain second in the league.

As Wanderers were short of players the game was played with ten players a side. At the start Wanderers dominated possession but the Tallaght defence held out well.

Tallaght got some possession and Sorcha Burns put full back Jensen Byrne away to score a try under the posts. Louise Leonard converted to give Tallaght a 7-0 lead to make it a great start.

Tallaght centre Chloe Conroy made a powerful burst that broke several tackles. She was hauled down close to the line but Abbie Keeley was in support to score the try and Leonard converted again to make it 14-0 at half-time.

In the second half Tallaght continued to dominate and Chloe Conroy made another excellent break and offloaded to Nikita Murray to score her first try for the club.

Conroy was heavily involved in the approach work for the next try too which was finished by skipper Eileen Shanahan to make it 24-0.

Wanderers kept fighting and they got an intercept try which they converted to make the final score 24-7 to Tallaght. The win leaves Tallaght second in the table behind the South East Lions.

Tallaght's head coach Hayley Whyte was delighted to see her side get back to winning ways. "Wanderers came at us hard at the start but our defence was resolute. Then we began to find space out wide and it was especially great to

see Nikita score her first try for the club. Abbie Keeley had a great all round game and Orlaith Plunkett and Chloe Conroy made some great runs. But our player of the match is Niamh Moore who tackled herself to a standstill. Tallaght have another home game next Sunday against the South East Lions. It'll be first versus second in the table so they're looking forward to that and hopefully a big crowd will come out again to cheer the girls on.

Meanwhile, Tallaght men's team took on Old Wesley in their first away game of the season in Metro Division Six and came away with a 35-24 in Donnybrook on Saturday.

Tallaght started confidently with number eight Colin Morrison making some strong carries. The Tallaght scrum was also going well. Tallaght did suffer an early blow though when experienced centre Simon Collie had to be replaced due to injury. From a scrum inside the Wesley 22 metre line Dave Clarke put inside centre Darryl Keogh over for a try under the posts.

Rob Hudson converted the try and then tacked on a penalty to give Tallaght a 10-0 lead.

In the second half Tallaght started brightly and Hudson kicked an excellent penalty into the wind to increase the lead to 25-5.

Old Wesley are an experienced team though and it was their turn for a period of dominance. They got their offloading game going and got two converted tries from it to reduce the deficit to 25-19 with 20 minutes to go.

However Tallaght started to fight their way back into the contest and ran out 11 point winners.



Tallaght's Chloe Conroy makes a break for it against Wanderers

Athletics

Donore US-based athletes are in action



Louis O'Loughlin of Donore Harriers and Auburn Tigers

BOTH Donore Harriers US based athletes were in action at separate events on Friday last. Abdel Laadjel competing for the Providence College Friars lined up in the Nuttycombe Invitational Cross-Country at Madison, Wisconsin.

It proved a tough assignment for the 20-years-old as he was placed 112th of 275 finishers covering the 8km course in 24.25.3.

The highly competitive race was won by Graham Blanks of Harvard University in a time of 23.23.4.

Louis O'Loughlin, competing for the Auburn University Tigers, placed 44th in the ALABAMA Crimson Classic Cross-Country at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

O'Loughlin was the third scorer on the Tigers team that placed 7th of 21. The race, which was slightly over the 8km distance, was won by Victor Kiprop of Alabama University in 23.13.9.

Both Laadjel and O'Loughlin are in preparation for next month's NCAA Championships

Clondalkin bounce back with Nass victory

After a disappointing performance in their last run out against New Ross, Clondalkin women's team overcame Naas 36-21 in the Leinster League Division Two on Saturday at Baldonnel Farm.

Straight away, Naas had a scrum on the Clondalkin 10 m after a knock on from the kick off.

However, the Clon forwards ran the scrum back at a rate of knots. Louise Dixon at nine picked the ball to go down the right, fixed the first defender and

passed to Shóna Byrne running through a hole in the defensive line. She still had three defenders to beat and did so to run under the posts, converted by Shauna Healy.

From the restart, Clon conceded three penalties in a row to give easy territory to Naas. After a number of phases from their lineout, Naas ran through some missed tackles to touch down, and was converted. 7-7 only 5 minutes played.

From the next restart Naas held possession in the Clon 22. But Clon's defence held out and eventually won a turn over to get out of their half.

For the rest of the half most of the play happened in the Naas part of the pitch. And it was from a scrum just inside the Naas half that Clon got their 2nd try. Dixon again fixed the first defender and Byrne went through the hole. This time she was caught 5 metres short of the line but Healy was on her shoulder to receive a delicate little offload and finish it under the sticks again, and converted her own try. 14-7.

Clon had a number of close calls, twice knocking the ball over the try line and there was a little concern that they might get punished for not taking their chances so it was with some trepidation that those watching on felt when the 1st half ended 14-7.

With this improved continuity the third try wasn't long coming. Manipulating the defence around, a hard line against the grain was run by Ella Synott. Still with a bit to do she powered through some soft shoulders to score on her Clondalkin debut. Converted by Healy again. 21-7. This was quickly followed by Sarah Jane Masterson scoring the bonus point try. 26-7.

The Naas team refused to accept the result and came back at Clon. The left wing using her speed got around the outside of the defence and ran it in for a converted try. 26-14.

Last year Clondalkin had a 17 point lead against Naas only to lose the game, so the were fully aware that this team would never give up and so they could not relax.

Play went down the Naas end again and after multiple phases, Erica Keegan, on her first return from a broken ankle, scored in the right corner. 31-14. But yet again Naas came back, with their number 11 running around the outside once more and it was converted. 31-21.

With 10 minutes to go the Clon players regathered. The talk was positive and about them scoring again, not what the opposition might do. And with that frame of mind they worked the ball down into the left side of the Naas 22. Mimi Nguyen, with no space on the left, ran behind the ruck to the right, spotted a gap and broke through to go. 36-21. And that's how it ended.

This win will help the confidence as Clon prepare for another difficult fixture against Balbriggan next Sunday, October 22.



Aine Costello in action for Clondalkin women
Photo Sharon Flanagan

Busy times for Donore athletes

A fresh cold day with a strong wintersun saw the Open Cross County in Abbotstown and what a day of action it was from the youngest to the oldest in the country.

Donore Harriers had competitors from U10 all the way up to U18 in the Dublin Even Age Championships with individual wins and podium positions, Top 10s, team medals galore gold silver and bronze.

In the national juvenile relays the club also had several teams out, many competing in cross country for the very first time.

Elsewhere, the senior races incorporate the masters trials where the best masters in the country tough it out for a place in the British and Irish International in November.

Donore had two hardy veterans in the women's race, Mary McDermott V55 who finished 10th in her age group and 41st overall and Claire Morrissey V40 who finished 12th in her age group and 47th overall, the standard was as tough as it gets, only second to the Nationals which will be held in Kilkenny in a month's time.

The race also included the M65+ and Barry Potts finished 5th M70.

The men's race was next and Donore had three very solid performances from Dave McConn V40, 13th in his age group and 28th overall, Des Tremble V50, 8th in his age group and 53rd and Niall Lynch V50, 13th and 70th overall. The U18 boys team won silver in the Dublin Championship race.

Hockey

Loreto turn on the style

League leaders Loreto women turned on the style as they ran out 5-0 winners over third-placed UCD at Beaufort in EYHL Division One at the weekend.

Going into this game neither side had conceded a goal so far this season, but that situation changed as early as the 15th minute when Sarah Torrains gave the hosts a lead in the 15th minute from open play.

Christina Hamill increased the lead in the 22nd minute with another goal from open play. Aisling Murray's converted penalty corner in the 32nd minute sent the hosts in at the half-time break leading 3-0.

The more experienced Loreto outfit just put their foot to the floor in the second half and Siofra O'Brien grabbed a brace of goals in the 63rd and 66th minute respectively to finish the game with the final scoreline of Loreto 5 UCD 0.

This was UCD's heaviest league defeat to Loreto in at least a decade and they will need to regroup ahead of their next outing.

Three Rock secure maximum points

THREE Rock Rovers took on Annadale at the Queen's University Sportsgrounds and emerged 3-1 winners in the EYHL Division One League.

The visitors took the lead on seven minutes when Evan Jennings converted a penalty corner before Annadale equalised in the 14th minute when Neal Glassey converted a penalty corner to leave the sides tied 1-1.

Alistair Empey restored Three Rock's lead with a goal from open play in the 62nd minute before Zach Silverman sealed the points for the visitors with a goal from open play in the 69th minute to score his first goal of the season and in the EYHL of his career.

Zach, who captained the Leinster under 18 team during some recent inter-provincials, is in his debut season at this level.

Glenanne and UCD play out thrilling draw

THE All-Ireland league has seen some exciting hockey so far this season, none more so than this past Saturday when Glenanne mens 1st team travelled to Belfield Sports Campus to play UCD in the EY Hockey League and played out a 3-3 thriller.

The much-favoured Glenanne started the match positively but despite all the pressure it took 32 minutes for the deadlock to be broken.

A penalty corner rebound falling to Ireland international Shane O'Donoghue who struck a hard shot low past the UCD 'keeper, 1-0 to the visitors at half-time.

A Gary Shaw shot into the roof of the net in the 44th minute gave Glenanne a 2-0 lead, but the students struck back immediately, with a PC goal from former Ireland international Alan Sothern left it 2-1 after the first quarter

Glenanne had a host of chances, racking up the PC

count but unable to convert this into scores.

And the hosts made them pay when Ben Stewart scored a dragflick in the 63rd minute to make it 2-2.

Ill-discipline from Glenanne saw them down to 10 men for five minutes with a yellow card and an overturned decision for mousing saw UCD counter and score a far post tap in through Adam Galbraith, taking full advantage of their numerical superiority to take the lead.

Glenanne pulled their goalkeeper David Lawless in an attempt to rescue a point.

On the whistle Glenanne had some hope when they won a penalty corner. A deflected shot from Brad Venter hitting the postman on the foot, with O'Donoghue scoring the subsequent stroke to make it 3-3 at full-time.

Next up Glenanne welcome Corinthians on Saturday, October 21 at St Andrews College Booterstown.



Richard Couse in action for Glenanne
Photo by Pat Kehoe

Martial Arts

BMA Clondalkin hold their own in Bristol

The Bristol Open is easily the biggest open kickboxing tournament in the UK as it attracts clubs from all over the world.

At this two-day event, held in the Bristol City Academy, UK, teams from America, Germany, Italy, France, Belgium, Slovenia and of course a large participation from Ireland were in force to try and make a name for themselves in front of a packed-out arena.

BMA Clondalkin was well represented with 10 competitors and two coaches leading its troops to podium finishes with two runner-up and three third place.

Louise Shortt, current national champion was in top form beating off strong opposition in the girls OC PF -42 and -46kg categories reaching both semi-finals.

Unfortunately she was just picked off in both divisions by a couple of points in the dying seconds, leaving her with well-deserved double bronze medals.

Cayden Derwin took off like a bullet in the JM KL -63 kg category, reaching the final.

Here he was a couple points shy to take the win but alas



Robert Barrett (centre) ready to fight and alongside BMA Clondalkin team members ready to support



Cayden Derwin and Robert Dryja

a brilliant result for the Clondalkin fighter showing true grit and skills.

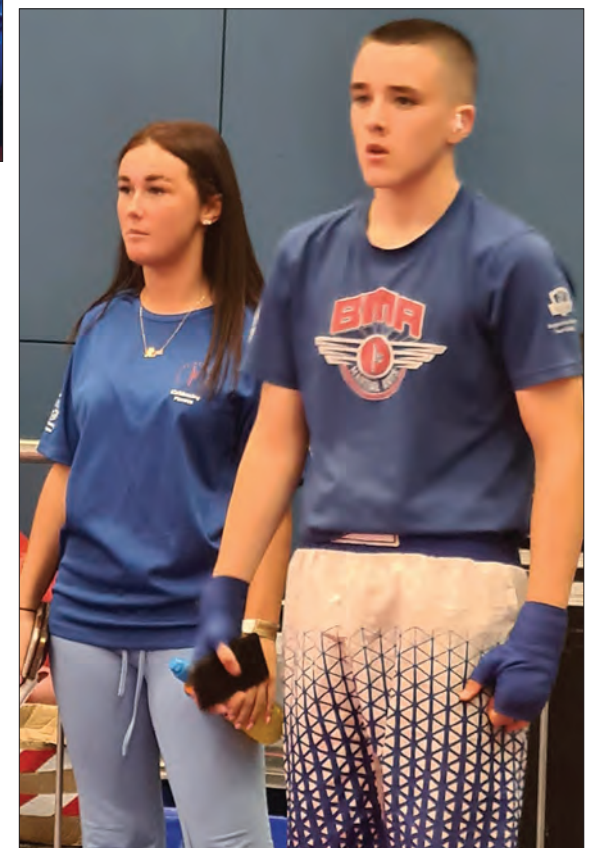
Younger brother, 12-year-old Roan Derwin was equally as impressive reaching the semi-finals of the boys PF YC -32kg category where he was stopped short in a nail biting bout. None the less with a well-deserved bronze medal.

Robert Barrett who was doubling up as coach alongside fellow club coach Kym Fitzgerald and as fighter.

He had plenty of work to do with focusing on competing as well as mentoring the Clondalkin team. With all the pressure he was still in outstanding form finishing with a silver medal in the Men's LC -63kg and reaching the quarter finals of the PF division.

Matas Noreika, Sean Hawkins, Jamie Hawkins, Arthur and Robert Dryja as well as Donnie Caren all showed great skills in their respective fighting categories but were left short in progressing to the medal tables this time round.

Next up for the Clondalkin club is the Best of the Best kickboxing tournament on November 11.



Coach Kym Fitzgerald and fighter Sean Hawkins watching opponents



Louise Shortt displaying her double bronze medals

Soccer

Rovers yet to beat Drogheda

SHAMROCK Rovers will Friday night reports *Hayden Moore* already this season and are yet to record a win, with Kevin Doherty's side eager to maintain that unbeaten streak.



Graham Burke will have a key role to play for Shamrock Rovers on Friday in Tallaght Stadium

However, the cards are stacked in favour of Stephen Bradley's men, with Drogheda United possessing a depleted squad and receiving no tickets for potential travelling supporters to the game on Friday.

The last meeting between the sides at Tallaght Stadium came in May, when Drogheda United ran out 2-1 victors through Freddie Draper and Dayle Rooney, with Rory Gaffney's late strike a consolation.

Either side of that game, the teams shared the spoils with their first meeting at United Park a true barnstormer.

On that occasion, Graham Burke put the Hoops up but they were reduced to nine men after Lee Grace and Daniel Cleary were both sent off, paving the way for a late Drogheda flurry.

Ryan Brennan smashed the ball home in the final minute of normal time to level the game, while their most recent meeting in July saw the side's

deadlocked at nil-all after 90-minutes.

Rovers are in a different place now compared to where they were early on, putting together a run of results having shook off their early season cobwebs and mid-season cup lull to go without losing in the league since June.

Meanwhile, Drogheda's last win came against bottom of the table UCD on September 1, losing against Bohemians in the FAI Cup, St Patrick's Athletic and Dundalk since.

The Hoops will come into Friday night's meeting refreshed and rejuvenated having not played a competitive fixture since September 29, a 1-0 win over Shelbourne in the Dublin Derby.

After Drogheda, Rovers have three games left this season against Cork City, Sligo Rovers, and St Pat's as they try to secure the SSE Airtricity League of Ireland Premier Division title for the third successive season.

Martial Arts

Ljays pick up medals at Bristol Open



Ljays Elite Martial Arts fighters at the Bristol Open

LJAYS Elite Martial Artists racked up a medley of medals at the Bristol Open, with Zak Riddell and Sean Lynch fought their way to gold medals.

With four competitors competing at the event in the UK, LJAYS recorded an impressive haul of seven medals between them.

Sean Lynch competed in a straight final in the +94kg veteran men light contact class, landing some impressive scores from the off against Raf Baccar from the UK to seize gold.

Before that, Lynch had competed in the -94kg kick light and went toe to toe with Harry Taylor and despite landing well, he had to settle for a silver medal on a 1-2 decision.

In the -94kg senior male light contact, Lynch was engaged in a tough battle against George Graham from the UK at the semi-final stage.

Scrapping across two, two-minute rounds, Lynch was again beaten by a narrow two-point margin to win a bronze medal, securing one of each colour medal in Bristol.

Zak Riddell won a stellar gold medal after coming through the -63 kick light category with flying colours.

His journey to gold started with a dogged semi-final clash against Greek native Alexandros Panagiotidis, landing really well in the first round before it was called short after reaching the max score in the second.

In the decider, Riddell leveraged all of his experience with pinpoint accuracy in the combination earning him an impressive 3-0 victory against Brandan Nooney.

In the -57kg senior men, Riddell fought compatriot Nathan Nooney in a close match-up, ultimately settling for bronze on a 2-1 split decision.

Ava Condren fought in the -60kg light contact against the UK's Hannah McIntyre, narrowly losing out to take bronze and went one step closer to the top of the podium in the -60kg kick light category.

Fighting in a straight final, Condren was beaten by Gabrielle Strikiatyte on a scoreline of 3-0 but did come away from the bout with a silver medal.

Jack Lynch was also in action in Bristol, and despite piecing together some slick combinations against Callum Potter in the -63 OC LC, his competition came to an end at the quarter-final stage.

St Pat's go head to head with Bohs in Dublin derby

ST PATRICK'S Athletic have the first of two remaining Dublin derbies in the SSE Airtricity League Premier Division ahead of them when they take on Bohemians on Friday night reports *Hayden Moore*.

The Saints will travel to Dalymount Park, which recently had plans for redevelopment lodged, for what is expected to be a feisty encounter with kick-off scheduled for 7.45pm.

Despite a nil-all spin in August, St Pat's and Bohs have served up some hugely entertaining encounters so far this season with them taking a win each.

In their first meeting, in March at Richmond Park, Jobstown man Jonathan Afolabi found the net for Bohs and Dean Williams doubled their lead while Jamie Lennon was sent-off for the hosts.

A month later, there was five goals and two red cards issued at Dalymount Park.

Adam McDonnell's goal early on for Bohemians lit a fire under the Saints, who then scored three times in 10-minutes through Chris Forrester, Jay McClelland and Mark Doyle.

Jordan Flores was red carded at the midway point and Dean Williams pulled one back for the hosts while Thomas Lonergan was also sent to the stands deep into injury time.

Now, with European qualifier places up for grabs and time running out in the season, the stakes could not be higher heading into the final league meeting between the two teams.

There is only a single point separating the two teams, with Jon Daly's side sat in third and Declan Divine's Bohemians one spot behind them.

Both teams do have an outside chance of winning the league still but only if Shamrock Rovers go on a winless streak in their remaining four matches.

St Pat's could have an opportunity to put the kibosh on the Hoops title prospects in the last Dublin derby of the league on October 27.

However, the Saints most realistic avenue to silverware will come in the FAI Cup Final, which will pit them up against Bohemians once again on November 12.



Chris Forrester will be a key figure for St Pat's against Bohs on Friday night

GAA

Bohan to remain on as Dublin manager

MICK Bohan has been ratified by the Dublin county board to take charge of the ladies for an eight successive season.

By **Hayden Moore**

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Dublin LGFA confirmed on Tuesday that Bohan will managed the senior outfit for the 2024 season, which is due to commence with the Lidl National Football League on January 21.

The former St Mark's Community School teacher confirmed his status as one of the most successful managers in the country when he guided the Jackies to four All-Ireland titles in a row between 2017 and 2020.

After embarking on a rebuilding phase with the squad this year, Bohan led the county to their sixth ever TG4 All-Ireland crown when they edged out Kerry in the decider in August.

Under Bohan's stewardship, the Girls in Blue have also won six

Leinster titles and two league titles.

The former Thomas Davis and Lucan Sarsfield coach first guided Dublin to the All-Ireland final back in 2003, having served as a selector under Willie Lillis when the county won its first ever Leinster the previous year.

Bohan, who was reappointed as boss in 2016, is due to announce the make up of his management and back room teams in the coming weeks.



Mick Bohan will take charge of the Dublin ladies senior football team for the eight successive season

Motorsport

Tamhlacht FC are up for the Challenge

TAMHLACHT FC cruised into round two of this seasons UCFL Challenge Cup when they met a helpless Celtic Park and rattled the net eight times without reply.

By John Mooney
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In a totally one-sided affair in Jobstown Park the home side set out to do what they had to do, get the job done, and by half time the game was already over.

Its been a really tough few weeks for the Celts as they have yet to register a

point in Division 3B, and the last thing they needed was a trip to Tallaght to face a Division 1 high flying side.

But, unfortunately, that is cup football and you have to take what you are given, and it was Tamhlacht who grabbed the opportunity to with both hands.

Stand-out player on the day was Gary Sutton who netted four, and set up two, of their eight goals and walked off to an ovation, and rightly so, when he was withdrawn with 10 minutes remaining.

The home side wasted no time in setting about their business and the only surprising thing was that it took 15 minutes from them to break the deadlock.



Tamhlacht FC put eight goals past Celtic Park to cruise into the round two of the cup
Photos by John Mooney



Celtic Park FC's Kieran Fleming attempts to block a shot from Tamhlacht FC's Jay Walsh

Sutton opened their account when Chris Clarke set him up and, before the visitors could recover, they were 2-0 down after Clarke's header was well saved but Jay Walsh was on hand to tap home.

Two became three fairly quickly as Sutton slipped the ball into Conor Murphy for a chance he was never going to miss, while on the stroke of half time Sutton bagged his second from the

penalty spot.

You had to fear for the visitors as the second half started as, although the game was in the bag, there was no let-up from the home side.

They matched their goals from the opening half when Sutton brought his tally to four. Clark got on the score sheet and Copnor Murphy rounded off the scoring with five minutes remaining.

A tough day for Celtic Park, and one

they will want to forget, but at least they didn't drop their heads and can only hope that their fortunes will turn sooner rather than later.

Tamhlacht FC: J. Gibbons, L. McCartht, J. Byrne, j. Quigley, G. Parkes, c. Murphy, C. Clarke, G. Sutton, S. Harte, G. McNevin, S. McMahon, P. Nolan, P. Walsh, S. Day, J. Carpenter, B. Kinsella.

Referee. C. Keating.

Gavin Bazunu helps fund scholarship

A NUMBER of Republic of Ireland internationals are set to fund a new pilot Scholarship Initiative for the League of Ireland aimed at helping young footballers obtain full-time training as well as completing their education.

The pilot scheme will identify one 17-year old boy and one 17-year old girl who will receive a salary as well as their schooling covered in conjunction with going full-time at the professional club they're affiliated to.

Gavin Bazunu from Firhouse, James McClean, Seamus Coleman, Enda Stevens from Drimnagh and Kevin Long as well as a number of

other players raised a figure in excess of €30,000 to put into a fund to help League of Ireland players through a very difficult period of time, with the help of the PFAI.

Due to the management clubs displayed during the COVID pandemic, money remains from the players fund and the players have agreed to use the money to pilot a scholarship initiative. The programme intends to act as a bridge between a young player starting their career before receiving their wage on their first professional contract. Each player will also work with a mental health professional to help monitor and improve how the players

navigate the stresses of professional football.

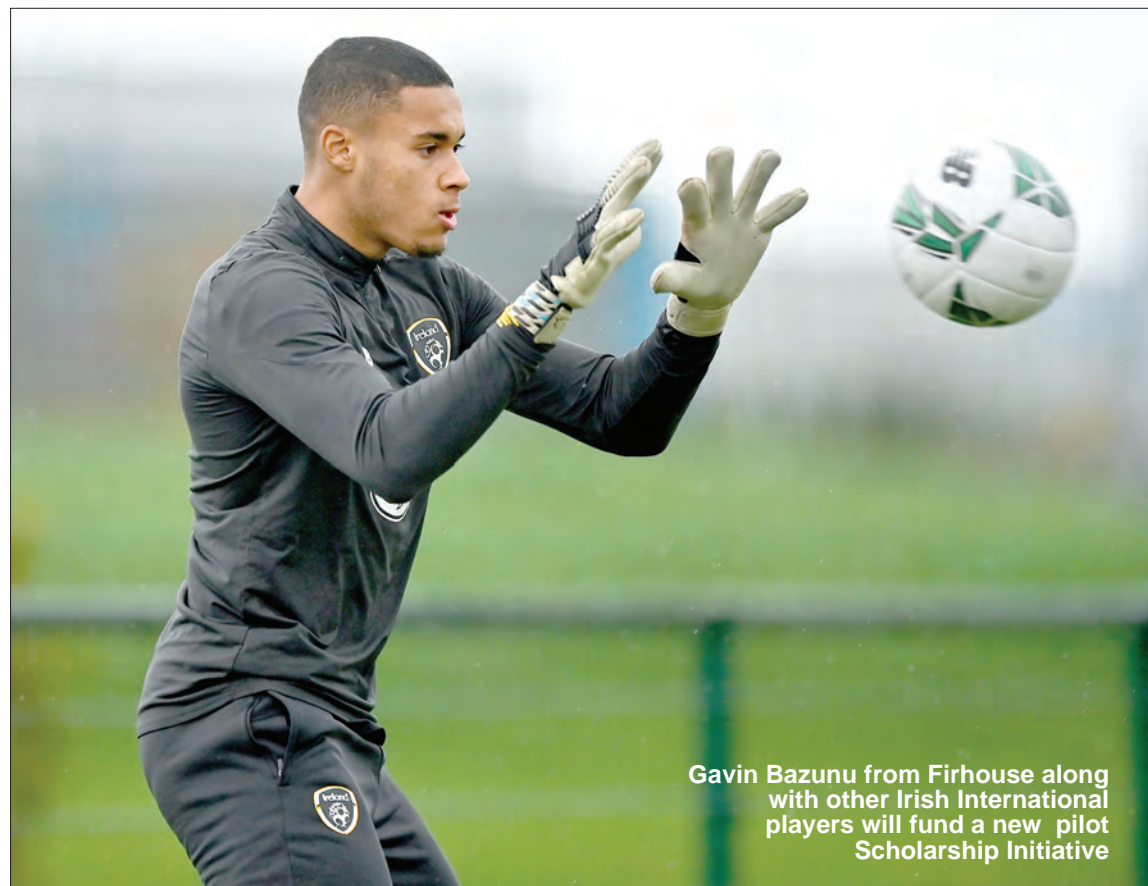
The players, supported by Graham Barrett, will work closely with the FAI and PFAI to identify the correct place and clubs to pilot the initiative, with a start date of next season. The FAI is due to launch its new player pathways plan later this year and education will be integral part so this programme will be helpful trial for some of the key areas of that development.

Speaking at the launch, Gavin Bazunu said: "This initiative is incredibly important and something very close to my heart as well as the other players. When we initially

raised the funds, it was to help league players through COVID but as much of that fund wasn't required, we're delighted to put those funds back into the league.

"We didn't want the money back and we decided this would make a really positive impact on players coming

through the league. I was the first player to benefit from a similar scheme at Shamrock Rovers and I feel it has to be more widespread. It's great to launch this pilot with the support from the FAI today and hopefully this pilot scheme can grow into something substantial for the League of Ireland."



Gavin Bazunu from Firhouse along with other Irish International players will fund a new pilot Scholarship Initiative

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GAA

Jude's pipped at the post in Senior Camogie final



St Jude's makes a clearance during the camogie final. Photos by Philip Swan

DESPITE a brave second half performance, St Jude's senior camogie team were pipped at the post in the Senior Championship decider in front of a packed crowd in Parnell Park on Friday.

Down by 0-10 to 0-1 at the interval, Jude's got their act together in the second half and came within two points but St Vincent's held their nerve to run out 0-15 to 2-6 winners.

Having won three of the last five championship titles, Jude's would have fancied their chances of seeing off Vin's but they were left with a mountain to climb at half time.

Jude's had already won the Division One league title during the summer and had overcome St Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh, Castleknock and Ballinteer St John's in the group stages before seeing off Ballyboden St Enda's in the semis.

Jude's started this contest slowly and only managed one point in the opening half from captain Sinead Nolan but at the opposite end Vin's kept the umpires busy with 10 points to their credit.

On the turnover, inspired by Nolan, Jude's produced a superb recovery and came within two points as the game remained in the melting pot in the closing stages.

Two goals from Nolan gave Jude's a huge lift and bridged the gap but Vin's always maintained the lead with a couple of well-worked scores.

As Jude's piled on the pressure, Vincent's held firm to limit the scores and ran out deserving three point winners.

Several of the Jude's players had played in the Dublin Intermediate Football Final the previous week and will also compete in a league final against Raheny in St Anne's Park this week.



Disappointment after the game

Ballyboden square up to champs in county decider

Boden manager heaps praise on former county star Macauley

AHEAD of his fifth appearance in a county championship decider this weekend, Ballyboden St Enda's manager Kenny Naughton has heaped praise on 'huge leader' Michael Darragh Macauley for the impact he continues to have on his troops.

By **Daire Walsh**
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Back in 2009 – before going on to win eight All-Ireland senior titles with the all-conquering Dublin senior footballers – Macauley lined up alongside Naughton on a 'Boden side that secured the SFC crown in the capital with a showpiece success at the expense of neighbours St Jude's. He went on to claim additional Dublin championship honours in 2015 and 2019, while he also featured in a decider defeat to Ballymun Kickhams in 2020.

For good measure, Macauley also has a brace of Leinster club titles to his name and an All-Ireland club medal from St Patrick's Day in 2016. Although he is now 37 years of age, he remains a key figure within the current Ballyboden set-up and is set to play a huge role in their Dublin Senior One Football Championship showpiece meeting with defending champions Kilmacud Crokes at Parnell Park on Sunday (throw-in 4pm).

"He brings a lot to it, Mick. He's a huge leader and he's massively experienced as well. Even from a management point of view, he's a great guy to be able to bounce things off. He's a really good

communicator and he keeps himself in unbelievable shape. He's fitter now than he was three or four years ago. He's amazing really, an amazing player," Naughton said of Macauley.

After registering three consecutive wins over Ballymun Kickhams, Ballinteer St John's and Templeogue Syngue Street at the group stages of the competition, 'Boden subsequently progressed past Castleknock and the aforementioned Jude's in the knockout rounds in clinical style.

Yet they are expected to come into their showdown with Kilmacud on Sunday as underdogs.

In addition to winning a brace of county and provincial titles within the past two years, Crokes are also the reigning All-Ireland senior club champions having edged out Derry outfit Glen at Croke Park in January of this year. They also contested the national decider in 2022 and were on their way to victory until Down club Kilcoo pounced for a goal in the final moments of extra-time at GAA HQ.

"They've probably been the best team in the country over the last two years. They were very close to beating Kilcoo without Paul Mannion and Shane Walsh that day [2022]. They'll be coming with everyone now on Sunday, so it's a massive challenge for us," Naughton said.

While Mannion and Walsh – All Star footballers for Dublin and Galway respectively – will provide plenty of firepower for Crokes, 'Boden have their own attacking ace in the form of Colm Basquel. Part of the All-Ireland winning side in 2016, Basquel

returned to the club scene this year on the back of contributing 5-18 over the course of Dublin's successful championship odyssey in 2023.

"He has always shown that with us over the years, but I think this year with Dublin, fair play to Dessie Farrell and the management. They showed a lot of confidence in him.

"He played in every game and I think he rewarded their confidence with the performances he showed for Dublin. He was a huge player for them this year and it was great to see him doing that on the biggest stage. We were delighted for him to do that."

Whereas Kilmacud completed a senior football and hurling championship double in 2022, Ballyboden will have a shot at doing so this year. In Parnell Park last Sunday, 'Boden's small ball side came through a tense battle with St Vincent's to book their spot in the Dublin Senior One Hurling Championship final alongside Na Fianna.

With the football end of the club also thriving in recent months, Naughton acknowledged there is a major buzz around the club at the moment.

"David Curtin [Ballyboden hurling manager] and the lads there have done a great job. It's exciting to be back in two finals. There's a good buzz around the club, because our intermediate [football] team are in a final on Saturday as well against Na Fianna.

"The Junior 'A' team are in a semi-final and our minor team are in a semi-final as well. The football end of the club is going well this year and it's good to see it."

Colm Baquel will have a key role to play for Ballyboden St Enda's in the county final this Sunday against Kilmaud Crokes



Former Dublin player Michael Darragh Macauley has led by example this season for Ballyboden St Enda's



Galway man Cein D'Arcy is another key player for Ballyboden St Enda's

Thomas Davis progress to junior hurling final



Thomas Davis junior hurlers progressed to the final after victory over Wild Geese Photo Jimmy Clarke

THOMAS Davis junior One hurlers advanced to the junior C championship final on Sunday after a comprehensive victory over Wild Geese in Kiltipper Road 6-16 to 1-13.

In doing so they have been promoted to the Junior B champ in 2024 for the first time in the club's history.

The first half was tightly contested as Thomas Davis gained control just before half time with goals from Fionn Murray (1-1) and Dean Gibbons (1-8, 6 frees) to go in with a six-point lead.

The Wild Geese hit the first four points of the second half to bring it back to two, but with Dean Gibbons on form with his freetaking and good

scores from Dillon Joyce (0-1) and Zak Moradi (0-2). Jack Landers (1-1) then scored a crucial goal set up by Zak Moradi followed up by a well taken goal by Kevin Mullarkey (1-3).

Strong performances on the day by David Horan in midfield along with Jaques Dalton, James Byrne in defence and goalie Caelan Brennan.

Thomas Davis will now take on Raheny on October 29 in the final, the game will take place in St Anne's Park.

Meanwhile Thomas Davis junior two hurlers suffered a comprehensive loss to a strong Parnells first team in the junior F championship 7-18 to 1-8. Although it has been a good year for the team winning AHL10 back in June.

Jude's into senior two final and secure promotion

ST JUDE'S senior hurlers secured their place in the Division Two league decider and also earned promotion back into the top flight at the weekend.

The Templeogue side secured their place in the Division Two decider after seeing off Naomh Barrog 1-24 to 0-24 after extra time in O'Toole Park.

This was a thrilling decider throughout with the sides deadlocked at 1-21 to 0-24 at the full time whistle.

Jude's got off to a flyer with a goal within the first minute from Conor Nolan after great work by David O'Callaghan.

The northsiders responded well with some great scores from Joe Flanagan, but Jude's looked to have won the game on three occasions in ordinary time, but Barrog equalised each time to put the game into extra time.

Dublin star Danny Sutcliffe put on an exhibition of fielding, shooting and long range frees taking in extra time as he tormented the Barrog defence throughout.

Stand out players for Jude's were Danny Sutcliffe, John Carty and Joe McManus while Ross O'Reilly in goal was superb with precision puckouts to his mid-fielders and forwards and dealt with a few late Barrog high balls into his box.

Jude's will play Craobh Chiarain in the Dublin Senior 2 Final in a fortnights time.

In his first year in charge Jude's manager Gerry Carty has led the Templeogue side back to Senior One.



Danny Sutcliffe gathers possession for St Jude's. Photo by Michael Moran

GAA

Sarsfields come up just short in senior c'ship semis

THERE was disappointment for Lucan Sarsfields senior hurlers who came up short in the Senior Hurling Championship semis after they went down to Na Fianna 0-14 to 0-18 in Parnell Park.

A combination of a slow start and inaccurate shooting was Lucan's downfall and the lack of a competitive game for six weeks was evident as Lucan were slow out of the blocks, and Na Fianna raced into an early lead.

Sarsfields found themselves eight points behind, 0-9 to 0-1 after 15 minutes and had a mountain to climb, however, they gradually got a foothold in the game and had narrowed the gap to four by half time, 0-10 to 0-6.

The first half scores came from three Sean Harkness frees and scores from play by Colm Walsh, Kevin Fitzgerald and Chris O'Leary.

The Lucan side started the second half well and narrowed the gap to two points but the Mobhi Road side managed to stretch the margin again and it was 0-15 to 0-10 after 45 minutes.

A succession of wides (15 in total over the game) proved costly for Lucan who were competitive throughout the field but couldn't find the finish when needed.

Lucan had reduced the gap to three as the game entered injury time but just could not close the gap.

Sarsfields keeper Cillian Murray made a couple of excellent saves while Luke and Colm Walsh were both prominent in midfield but Sarsfields simply could not get the scores at crucial stages.

Lucan into junior B hurling c'ship decider

Lucan Junior As advanced to the Junior B Hurling Championship Final with a one-point win over Whitehall 1-17 to 2-13 at the 12th Lock at the weekend.

Lucan looked comfortable for most of the game but never put the opposition away and a late Whitehall goal made for a more tense finish than it should have been.

The home side had started well and led 1-4 to 0-3 after 15 minutes, the goal coming from Mark Gormley who made a great run through the middle and fed Paddy Brennan who's shot was blocked but Gormley followed through to finish it to the net.

However, Lucan hit a flat patch in the second quarter and went almost 15 minutes without scoring but they still had the edge on the scoreboard though leading 1-5 to 0-6 at half time.

The game opened up a bit in the third quarter and Lucan added some nice points from Ciaran Keane and Paddy Brennan.

The northsiders got back into the game when a long range effort found its way to the Lucan net and there was just three points in it after 45 minutes, 1-12 to 1-9.

Lucan reasserted again with scores from Aidan Roche and Gareth Kennedy and looked to be comfortable until an injury time goal from Whitehall made for a nervous finish.

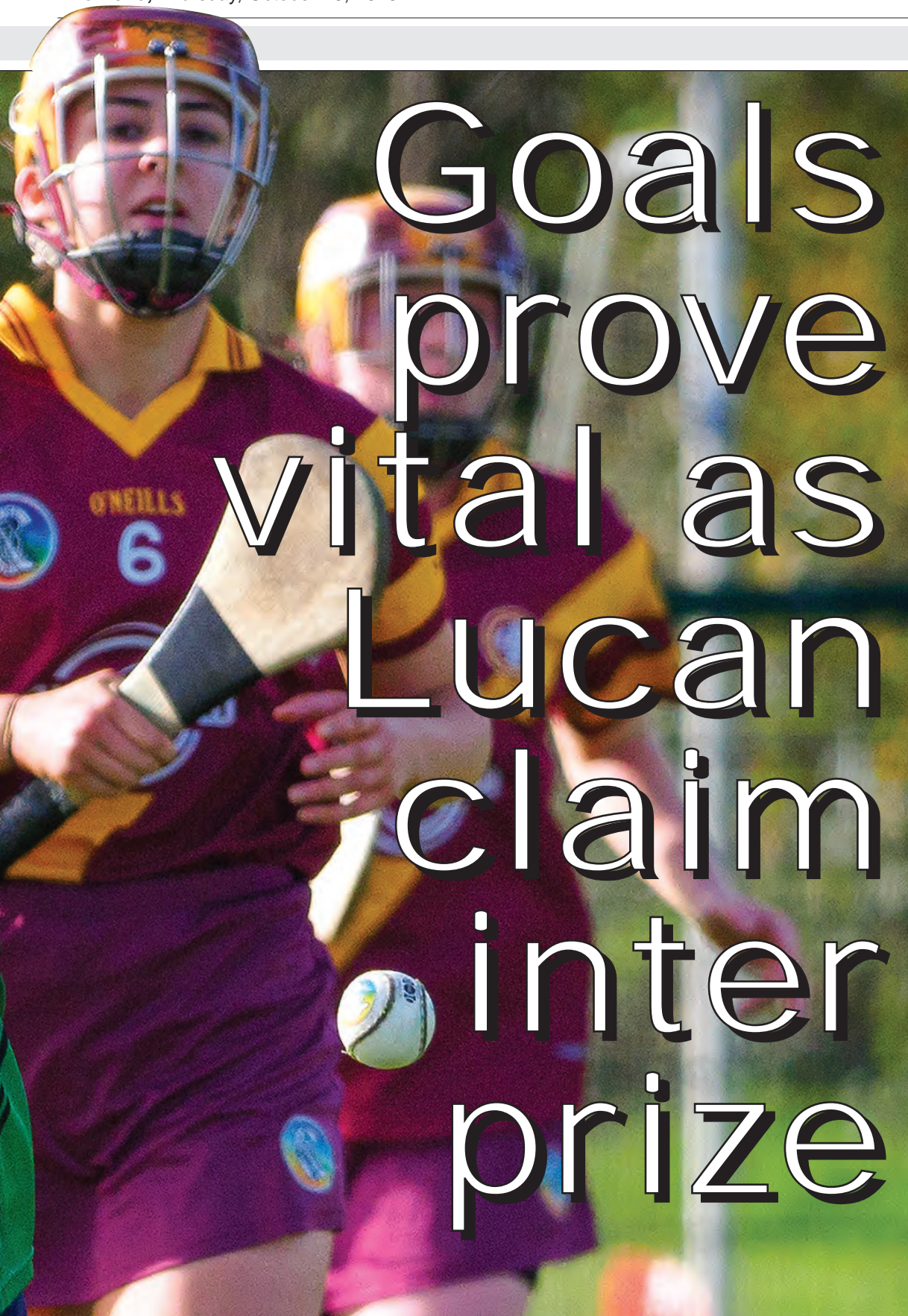
Ciaran Keane accounted for 0-10, eight from frees for the winners.

Action from Lucan Sarsfields intermediate championship decider.

Photos by Philip Swan



Lucan Sarsfields secured the Intermediate Two Camogie Championship against Naomh Maur



Goals prove vital as Lucan claim inter prize

Sarsfields topple Maur's in final showdown

SECOND half goals from Hannah Gibbs and Aisling Morrissey were crucial at the National Games Development Centre in Abbotstown last Sunday as Lucan Sarsfields secured a 2-10 to 0-11 triumph over Naomh Maur in the Dublin Intermediate Two Camogie Championship decider *reports Daire Walsh.*

Having finished at the summit of Group Two in the competition with three victories on the bounce, Lucan booked their spot in the Intermediate Two showpiece courtesy of an emphatic 4-11 to 1-8 success at the expense of Castleknock on home soil at the beginning of this month. It was a similar case for Maur's, who achieved a 100% record in Group One and subsequently overcame Fingallians with seven points to spare (1-15 to 1-8) in the last-four.

Lucan were looking for a strong start to the action and created an early two-point platform with

scores from Lucy Fox and Aoibheann Stokes (free). However, Maur's soon settled into the contest and edged in front by knocking over three points in succession.

Yet with captain Sinead O'Toole (who was later named player of the match) leading by example from full-back, Lucan ensured the Maur's attack were kept at bay for long spells. Another place-ball effort by Stokes brought them on level terms and while Maur's responded with back-to-back scores, the lively Morrissey produced a 0-2 salvo of her own.

Even though a '45' left Maur's a point to the good at the interval (0-6 to 0-5), Lucan were still very much in the frame for top honours on the resumption. Sinead O'Brien was introduced along with Shauna Rooney at the break and she quickly restored parity with a fine individual point.

The reliable Stokes raised white

flags either side of a Maur's score and even though the Rush outfit bounced back with another equaliser, Lucan created significant daylight when Gibbs fired home in clinical style midway through the half. Additional points from Stokes (two) and Clara Finn offered them further breathing space, only for a mini surge by Maur's to keep things interesting coming towards the final whistle.

Lucan held their nerve, however, and Morrissey buried the ball to the opposition net after being picked out by Faye Murphy in the closing stages.

Supplementing the 1-1 hauls of Gibbs and Morrissey, Stokes emerged as Lucan's scorer-in-chief with five excellent points. The Lucan defence were every bit as pivotal to this victory, though, with Aisling O'Toole, Ellie Gaire and Hannah Brady all backing up the aforementioned Sinead O'Toole to an impressive extent.

Boden senior hurlers march into decider

BALLYBODEN St Enda's senior hurlers marched into the county final at the weekend after seeing off St Vincent's 0-24 to 1-19 in Parnell Park after extra time.

This thrilling encounter saw Boden keeper Conor O'Donoghue save a late penalty for Boden as they progressed to their first decider since 2020.

The first half of normal time saw Boden lead by 0-8 to 01-3 but it was Vincent's who started the brightest with a goal and a point in the early staves.

Boden soon settled with Paul Ryan sending over a free after 10 minutes while two further scores from Ryan and another from Shane Durkin had the sides evenly matched.

Ryan pushed Boden in front for the first time on 22 minutes and further points from Simon Lambert, Jack Lambert and Kevin Desmond had Dave Curtin's side two points clear at the break.

Ryan and Desmond popped over points to edge Ballyboden four-clear before Ryan McBride replied with two points to leave the match hanging in the balance.

Niall Ryan replied with two points before McBride and Sean McDonnell for Boden traded points to leave the contest hanging in the balance.



Ballyboden's Conor O'Donoghue dives to make a save.

Photo by John Kirwan

However it took a late score from former Dublin footballer Diarmuid Connolly to force extra time in a thrilling contest.

In extra time Vin's went two points up with Diarmuid and Tom Connolly finding the range but Enda's held their nerve with Timmy Hammersley, Jack Lambert and Stephen O'Connor scoring points.

However in a dramatic conclusion, Vin's were awarded a penalty but Conor O'Donoghue brilliantly saved Tom Connolly's effort.

Faughs topple Anne's in junior camogie final



Faughs celebrate their win over St Anne's

Emma Lucy and Heidi Eggen helped themselves to two goals each at TU Blanchardstown on Sunday as Faughs claimed the Dublin Junior Two Camogie Championship title with a 5-5 to 3-9 replay victory over St Anne's.

After playing out a thrilling draw (2-14 apiece) at the National Games Development Centre in Abbotstown a fortnight earlier, anticipation was high for another titanic battle between these two teams.

Faughs certainly couldn't have asked for a better start to the contest as team skipper Lucy rattled the net with considerable aplomb for a deadlock-breaking score. However, their Bohernabreena counterparts had shown their mettle in the previous fixture and rallied to move six points clear (1-6 to 1-0) as the half progressed.

Yet the Faughs players didn't allow panic to creep into their play and a stunning purple patch ensured they regained control of the play. In addition to Lucy grabbing her second goal of the tie, player-coach Sally O'Grady also raised a green flag for the Templeogue side.

Eventual player of the match

Orlaith Martin added her name to the scoresheet with an outstanding point that was kick-started by a surging run from deep by corner-back Aislinn O'Shea. Eggen also secured her first goal of the game for the now rampant Faughs, who entered the interval with a 4-2 to 1-6 cushion at their disposal.

While Anne's narrowed the gap to four with a point on the resumption, a brace of scores courtesy of Ciara Dixon kept Faughs in the driving seat. However, Anne's were determined to leave their imprint on the proceedings and with their captain Sadhbh Peelo very much to the fore, they sensationally squeezed back in front by recording 2-1 without reply.

This threw down the gauntlet to Faughs and goalkeeper Caitlin Evoy was forced into making a magnificent save to prevent Anne's from creating further daylight on the scoreboard. Nevertheless, they were back on level terms when Dixon - via excellent approach work by defensive Lynchpin Kathryn King - split the uprights for the third time on the day.

The prospect of the teams once again being inseparable at the end of normal time was beginning to loom large, only for Anne's to edge back into the ascendancy with a hard-earned point. Faughs simply refused to give in, however, and after combining to good effect with her sister Freya, Heidi Eggen struck what ultimately proved to be the winning goal for her side.

Soccer

Roche and Melia play key role for Ireland U17s

Ireland Men's Under-17s have qualified for the Elite Round of the UEFA European Championship Qualifiers following a 0-0 draw at Turner's Cross today.

The young Boys in Green had plenty of chances to win the contest but in miserable conditions on Leeside that saw the game moved two hours earlier to avoid it taking place amidst the wrath of an Orange Weather Warning, Ireland were able to secure the point that sent them through.

A 7-1 win for Iceland over Armenia in the group's other game meant a couple of Switzerland goals would have seen Iceland through on goal difference at Ireland's expense. But Colin O'Brien was able to guide his team to the Elite Round, something he has been able to achieve on each occasion as MU17s Head Coach.

And O'Brien can take pride in his class of 2023 who went toe-to-toe and more with a Switzerland team that had scored eight goals in two games before the match-day three showdown at The Cross.

In the starting line-up for Ireland were defender James Roche and Mason Melia in attack who played key role in their good results.

Following a 0-0 draw on Saturday evening, Ireland wearing white and the designated away team, were intent on taking all three points from the visitors. Ike Orazi came back into the team and he was joined by returns for Rory Finneran and Taylor McCarthy.

The wet conditions almost aided Switzerland in the 15th minute when a corner slipped out the hands of Joe Collins but his

teammates were on hand to block the loose ball that would have certainly resulted in a Swiss opener.

Ireland were disciplined against the visitors and towards the half-hour mark they began to get more joy in attack with Orazi the focal point to the Irish threat.

His corner in the 34th minute almost resulted in an opener. A routine straight from the training ground saw a low ball played to the edge of the area where Niall McAndrew was left in space. However the Derby County man's first-time strike just went over the bar.

Switzerland came out on the front foot in the second half and it was they who had the best chance. Dion Cakolli managed to engineer some space for himself inside the box and with his trickery leaving Irish players flat footed it was a late block that denied an almost certain goal with just a corner conceded.

Just after the hour mark Ireland could and should have taken the lead. Jaden Umeh was left free inside the area but his headed attempt lacked power and couldn't be directed on target.

Ireland began to pile on the pressure, Taylor McCarthy saw his goal-bound header hooked off the line and Mason Melia saw a free header fall harmlessly into the hands of Lionel Hwiler in the Swiss goal.

As news came through of Iceland's late flurry of goals the teams seemed content with the point and as the full time whistle blew both sides knew they'd be into the Elite Rounds in Spring. Ireland will have to wait until to December to see who they meet.

Rovers miss out on a final spot

DEFENDING Women's FAI champions Shelbourne marched on to the final with a 2-0 victory over Shamrock Rovers in Tallaght Stadium at the weekend.

Goals from Christie Gray and Hannah Healy secured Shels a 2-0 triumph to ensure they made it back to the showpiece event for a second year running.

Played in front of a record crowd of 1,567 spectators, Shelbourne dominated their duel with Rovers with Gray heading home the opening goal on 52 minutes when she

peeled away from her marker at the back post to meet a perfect cross from Megan Smyth-Lynch.

Rovers had a number of their own chances but struggled to inject any momentum to their play and the visitors punished them for it when teenage sensation Healy intercepted a pass from Shauna Fox to slot into an empty net on 77 minutes.

The Reds never looked like letting that lead slip and stayed on course to secure their spot in this year's Final, where they are chasing a third Cup victory in their history.

League title joy for Peamount



The team celebrate winning the league title in Wexford on Saturday

Peamount overcome all obstacles to claim title

"IT'S ABSOLUTELY fantastic to win the league title after all the obstacles we had in pre-season," remarked Peamount United manager James O'Callaghan after his side secured the SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division champions for the fourth time at the weekend.

On top of this O'Callaghan now becomes the first manager in League history to lead a team to three League titles (2019, 2020, 2023) and he was delighted with the team's success at the weekend.

"It worked out great in the end. The younger players in the team emerged throughout the season and they pushed us all on and it was fantastic to win the title with two games to go.

"We lost so many players in pre-season and then lost our top scorer Kate Mooney and Tara O'Hanlon who was injured.

"But the team just gelled together this season. They have been brilliant, the young players particularly the U19 international players came in and have been great this season.

"For Peamount it's just brilliant winning this title. We don't have the same support as some clubs in the league who are subsidised, we simply don't have that luxury but to be fair to our team were determined to win the league," he added.

Peamount United secured a 2-0 victory over Wexford Youths at Ferrycarrig Park.

The result extended Peas lead at the top of the table to 12 points, with two games still to play, but hold a better head-to-head record over second-placed Shamrock Rovers, so they have done enough to be determined as League winners.

The Newcastle outfit will get to lift the trophy in their final League game, at home to Sligo Rovers, on Saturday, November 11 but the hard work is done now and they deserve all of the plaudits that will surely come their way.

It wasn't easy to get over the line as a second-half brace from Ellen Dolan proved to be the difference in a tight game – their 18th of a campaign that began on March 4.

Peamount have been excellent all season with the joint best attack (39 goals scored), joint second best defence (11 goals conceded), most clean sheets (11) and most wins (16). And they still have two games left over.

The talented Freya Healy at midfield registered the first chance of note in the game when firing over from distance and then had a shot cleared off the line by the superb Lauren Dwyer. Then she supplied the assist for the opening goal.

Collecting a short corner from Jess Fitzgerald, Healy had time to pick out the perfect cross for Dolan to head in from the middle of the six-yard box. It was a goal worth waiting for.

On 81 minutes, Dolan got her second goal when stretching to meet a cross from Sadhbh Doyle and direct her shot past goalkeeper Claudia Keenan, who got her footwork wrong and could not keep it out.

Peamount had a couple of other half chances after that but they had the goals required to collect the three points that secured the League title. Mission Complete for the Peas!



Celebrations after the second goal during Peamount United's crucial league victory over Wexford on Saturday
Photos by Bartley Ramsay



Player of the match Ellen Dolan

Collinstown FC and Inchicore share the spoils in crunch derby



Collinstown FC shared the spoils with Inchicore Athletic

THE BIG top of the table clash Leinster Senior League 1A clash between Collinstown and Inchicore Athletic finished all square 1-1 in Collinstown Community College on Sunday. It was first versus second in this clash with the home side coming from a goal down in the second half to secure a share of the spoils and maintain their impressive start to the season. Both sides will be satisfied with

Stritch after Collinstown had applied the pressure and it eventually paid off. Two players were sent off midway through the second half in a heated exchange as Collinstown pressed hard looking for a winner with Dylan Clarke at midfield and Dean Meehan in defence working hard. However, both teams held firm in the closing stages to hang out for a draw



Action from the match in Collinstown Community College.
Photos by Anthony O'Brien

the outcome with Inchicore edging the opening half and went in with a 1-0 advantage at the break. The deadlock was broken after 25 minutes of play when Craig Walsh ran onto a ball over the top and got a touch to the ball to score from 18 yards out. Both teams had chances but they failed to find the target in what was an evenly contested encounter. Inchicore, under new manager Tony Griffiths who took over from Gareth Zambra, battled hard in the second half but the hosts were starting to find a new gear as they broke through on two occasions and had two goals disallowed one for off-side. The equaliser did eventually arrive from the boot of Shane

"It was important for us not to lose the match but I felt a draw was a fair outcome," remarked Collinstown manager Eric Quinn. "It's a big achievement for the team to remain unbeaten as there are not too many teams in the Leinster Senior League unbeaten at the moment. "We are getting the crowds out to watch the games and there is a good feeling in the club and we are building for the future. "The match could have gone either way but we are now looking to build on this result," added Eric. Collinstown have pulled off some big wins in the FAI Intermediate Cup beating one of the favourites Lucan United along with Bangor Celtic this season.



Inchicore Athletic took the lead but the game finished a draw

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