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Father urges council to speed up his medical transfer request

Son Michael has severe autism and is wheelchair bound

By **Maurice Garvey**
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A FATHER resumed his campaign to try and speed up a priority medical housing transfer the council offered them over five years ago.

Christopher Moran was outside the HQ of South Dublin County Council once again on Monday ahead of the monthly council meeting, following previous protests which have also seen him outside the Dáil.

Christopher (62) and his wife Angelina (63) live in Meile an Rí estate in Balgaddy which has serious anti-social problems that compound matters for their son Michael (22), who has severe autism, is wheelchair bound, non-verbal and needs 24-hour care.

At the meeting, Cllr Francis Timmons (Ind), who has experience working with disability services, said 15 families in the county are deemed to be in priority medical need for a housing transfer.

"I spoke with Chris Moran and his wife,

and sons' situation is pretty dire. They are one of 15 extremely vulnerable families that are in need of appropriate accommodation," said Timmons.

Cllr Madeleine Johansson (PBP) who has been trying to help the Moran family move to a more suitable home through South Dublin County Council, noted Mr Moran's continued protest outside the chamber.

"The family have been waiting over five years on the waiting list, there are also areas of mould and damp in the house. I met with the Director and raised his issue recently, so I'm hoping that he will be offered a transfer fairly soon," said Johansson.

"But it is becoming urgent and there are more families like theirs with particular medical needs in urgent need to move housing."

Referencing new housing in Clonburris, Johansson enquired if units there would be suitable for people with medical needs, citing concerns that developments are being "basically bought by private developers"

leaving not much in the way that isn't suitable for families with medical needs.

Responding at the council meeting on Monday, chief executive Colm Ward said while he would not be commenting on individual cases, that the council "work with everyone who has challenges in their circumstances to find the right solution for them."

"We've had over 60 allocations on medical grounds this year, and in addition, Clonburris was mentioned. There is a significant number of units that will be delivered across Clonburris for medical needs and in other developments as well, utilised through Part 5.

"We've a minimum requirement as well for a number of units for medical needs, so we continue to try and push all avenues of delivery to support meeting the medical priority need," said Mr Ward.

In a statement afterwards, Timmons said the council "have agreed to meet the family in two weeks at my request" and he is "confident a solution can be found."

Survey shows that half of those asked use bus for work

ALMOST half the respondents of a recent survey regarding the Dublin Bus service in west Dublin said that they use the bus for going to work.

The "Bus Correct" survey, of over 2,700 bus users in west Dublin was carried out by Independent Councillor Paul Gogarty from November 2023 to September 2024.

Just over 47 per cent (1,291 people) said they use the bus for work, while just under 17 per cent (460 people) said they use it for socialising/visiting and 14 per cent (381 people) said they use the bus for leisure activities.

There were over 2,719 respondents who shared how they normally pay for their bus fare with over 60 per cent saying

they use a standard leap card.

Of these respondents almost 23 per cent were 46-55 years old (623), just over 25 per cent 36-45 years old (699) while almost 17 per cent were 26-35 (461).

Meanwhile just over 36 per cent of respondents (992) use the bus 4-7 days a week, over 28 per cent (775) use it 2-3 days per week and over 5 per cent (149) rarely or never use it.

There were 149 bus driver responses to the survey regarding what they think the top three things they think need to be done to improve the bus service for users.

Unfortunately these responses are unedited and not categorised. Responses included driver conditions, poor life quality

balance, 'get rid of ghost buses' and 'not enough buses to cover services to Lucan/Leixlip areas'.

Other responses included 'the use of debit and credit cards need to be implemented sooner than ASAP, this is a major issue in Dublin now', 'more input from Controllers and Drivers', 'tackle anti-social behaviour on public transport' and 'cashless buses to improve time spent loading passengers at bus stops'.

Respondents also had their say regarding how many times a bus passed them by full in the last two weeks. Just over 35 per cent (784) said it happened to them once or twice, just over 25 per cent said it did not happen to them at all while over 23 per cent (518) said that it had happened

to them three to four times.

Just over 2,200 shared their experiences regarding how many times a scheduled bus had not turned up in the last two weeks.

Just over 40 per cent (900) said it happened to them once or twice, while just over 27 per cent (607) said it happened to them three or four times and 20 per cent (443) said it happened to them over five times.

While most of the survey respondents came from areas such as Lucan, Newcastle and Palmerstown, replies also came from other parts of South Dublin, North Kildare and Dublin city areas such as Ballyfermot and Chapelizod, according to Cllr Gogarty.

Rollercoaster of emotions in play celebrating recovery

Theatrical celebration explores difficulties of addiction in a poignant yet light-hearted way

TWENTY-two beneficiaries of Tallaght Rehabilitation Project (TRP) performed in the “Celebration of Recovery Challenging Stigma” play as Recovery Month started on September 2, reports Alessia Micalizzi.

A “rollercoaster of emotions”, according to TRP Manager Pat Daly, the 15-minute play went on stage last Wednesday, September 4, in Tallaght Theatre.

The difficulties of addiction and the stigma around getting into treatment were explored by people who dealt with it first-hand, balancing poignant moments and more light-hearted scenes.

Tickets were sold out within a week, and 200 people were in the audience.

Drama teacher Elaine Ryan worked with the TRP group providing the foundations for a play, and TRP clients then designed their own characters and added new lines to express their point of view on the theme.

“What came out of it was a smashing play,” said Pat. He explained some of the people performing had to be encouraged at the beginning, but quickly everyone was willing to be involved.

“Regaining confidence and self-esteem is a game-changer in recovering from addiction,” he said. “To think that some of them were out



CELEBRATION: Some of the cast and Tallaght Rehabilitation staff at the performance

on the street just one year ago and now they’re able to do something like that in front of 200 people, it’s amazing.”

In line with the purpose of Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force organising Recovery Month, the play’s main aim was to show that “there is a way out through receiving good support” and that there are human

beings behind addiction.

According to Pat, the event is also a good way to bridge conflicts between people recovering from addiction and their friends and family members who think they lost them forever. “They watch the play and see them in a completely different light – they can see their ‘old friend’ or ‘old son’

back.”

TRP was pleasantly surprised with the play’s reception too. “A great crowd, and we had local performers playing guitar and reading poetry after the play too, and a live band at the end of the event,” added Pat.

Tallaght Rehabilitation Project will be an ever-present throughout

Recovery Month events, between holistic wellness sessions, guest speakers information sessions and outdoors activities. To learn more on Recovery Month, check out the events calendar at www.tallaghtdatf.ie and stay in touch with the Tallaght Drug & Alcohol Task Force – TDATF Facebook page.

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Young man says he learned practical employment and interview skills which helped him find work

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A YOUNG man from Tallaght has said that Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI) helped him with self-confidence as well as employment.

Dylan Ledden took part in Down Syndrome Ireland's Skills Academy in 2023 and learned practical employment skills which he says opened many opportunities to him.

Now in its second year, the Skills Academy is Ireland's first specific skills-based training programme for people with Down Syndrome.

The programme prepares people with Down Syndrome for future employment by providing them with the opportunity to sample working in different employment sectors, ranging from retail to hospitality, to office work environments. The programme is in collaboration with Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board (DDLETB).

Those who took part in the 2023 programme say they have

gained confidence and many of the learners have also gained employment.

After graduating from the Skills Academy, Dylan worked with DSI's employment team on everything from CV and interview preparation to finding not one, but two jobs that suited his interests. He is now working in The Maldrone Hotel in Tallaght part-time, as well as with UTS Technologies as a parts technician.

"I loved my time at the Skills Academy," says Dylan. "Everyone was so nice and happy. It gave me the skills to help with going for interviews and helped me believe in myself."

"Look at me with two jobs now!" he added.

Dylan's mother Valerie Ledden echoed his comments adding: "I'm forever grateful. He wouldn't be where he is now except for the Skills Academy and Down Syndrome Ireland. It opened up his whole

world. My whole family would agree."

Applications are now open for the Skills Academy, and there is an information day for students and families on Monday, September 23 at 10am.

The Skills Academy takes place in Down Syndrome Ireland's head office in Western Business Park, Ballymount during the academic year. It runs on Mondays from 9.30am to 4pm.

Separately, there will be half-day workshops on Wednesday mornings to provide targeted assistance for those in employment or those with specific training requirements.

There are no fees attached to this programme for learners.

If you, one of your family members or service users are interested in participating in this project or attending the information day, contact Helen Cleary from DDLETB on 01-4627127.

'Big Lift' for 21 railway station elevators including Clondalkin and Parkwest

LIFT upgrades are underway at a number of Dublin railway stations, including Clondalkin Fonthill, Parkwest, and Adamstown.

Iarnród Éireann are carrying out the works as part of its 'Big Lift' programme, which will see upgrading or renewing 21 existing lifts at 19 stations in 2024.

Funded by the National Transport Authority, works at Rush and Lusk are nearing completion and work is also underway at Hansfield.

Work will shortly be at Malahide, Clondalkin Fonthill, Parkwest, Adamstown, Clonsilla, Tara Street, Bayside, Raheny, Navan Road Parkway and Clongriffin.

All lift upgrades are due to be completed

by the end of the year.

The works form an integral element of Iarnród Éireann's ongoing investment programme to continuously improve accessibility of its stations and services.

In total, 52 stations across the network will have seen lift improvement or replacement works between 2020 and 2024 under The Big Lift programme.

Meanwhile, under the new DART+ fleet from 2025, stations will have a retractable step at every door to address the gap between the train and the platform.

This will facilitate independent access for the vast majority of mobility-impaired customers.

€170,000 approved for LSP

€170,000 in funding for South Dublin Local Sports Partnership (LSP) announced by Minister of State Thomas Byrne is welcome news.

The funding is part of a total of over €5m announced today in Dormant Accounts Funding awarded to Local Sports Partnerships and Active Disability Ireland.

The Dormant Accounts Funding allows unclaimed funds from accounts in credit institutions in Ireland to be utilised for projects focused on overcoming the barriers and challenges to participation in sport for those who are economically or educationally disadvantaged, or those affected by a disability.

33 locals to hike Snowdon the highest point in Wales

Overseas weekend trip is organised by Walk and Talk South Dublin

By **Alessia Micalizzi**
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THIRTY three locals will hike to the top of Snowdon, Wales's highest peak, this weekend, as part of a trip organised by Walk and Talk South Dublin.

The group founder, Stephen Brennan, is excited for a long overdue overseas hike, which was made possible through local fundraising only. "It was something we always wanted to do, and I'm fairly confident everyone will make it to the top," he said.

The participants, aged between 16 and 73, are regulars with Walk and Talk.

They will reach Wales via ferry this Friday, September 13, and a coach will take them to a hostel about half an hour away from Snowdon.

The hike through the 1086m high mountain is set to start at 8.15 on Saturday morning, with an expected duration of 8 to 9 hours.

People of such different ages might not walk at the same pace, but Stephen said they are all well-prepared. "Even if it took us 10 or 12 hours, we'll adjust to each other and support one another like we always do."

The whole point of Walk and Talk since its foundation in Jobstown, in

HIKE: Some of the local walkers who will travel to Wales this weekend and (below) Stephen Brennan, founder of Walk and Talk



2022, was indeed to boost people's physical and mental health while casually walking and chatting.

"Some people like to chat about their own problems, some others prefer their own company," said Stephen. "It's up to you, we're there for everyone. It will be the same thing in Wales."

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, people from different areas of Tallaght, Clondalkin and Lucan have the chance to stroll in local parks

or hiking spots, while the organisers provide transport and food and drinks.

This time, proper backpacks had to be filled for a more demanding hike. "We went to Dunnes and got everything we needed: double clothing, boots, food and plenty of water," he explained.

"But all of this wouldn't be possible without the support of the community, the people who buy our raffle tickets. Without them, there would be no Walk and Talk."

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Pensioner (80s) fatally injured in road traffic collision

GARDAI are appealing for witnesses following a fatal road traffic collision in Rathfarnham on Wednesday morning (September 11), reports *Maurice Garvey*.

A pensioner in her 80s was fatally injured following a collision at Hillside Drive in Rathfarnham.

According to gardai, a car collided with a

number of parked vehicles at approximately 10.30am.

The driver and sole occupant of the car, a woman aged in her 80s, was fatally injured.

The local coroner has been notified, and arrangements will be made for a post-mortem examination.

A man in one of the parked vehicles was

taken to St Vincent's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The road remained closed on Wednesday lunchtime as a Garda Forensic Collision Investigators investigation took place at the scene.

Gardai are appealing for any witnesses to this collision to come forward.

Any road users who may have camera footage, including dash-cam, and were travelling in the area at the time are asked to make this footage available to investigating gardai. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Rathfarnham Garda Station on 666 6500, the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111, or any garda station.

Sixteen anti-social incidents took place involving buses in August

Stone-throwing, missiles at windscreens and fireworks at buses were some of them

By **William O'Connor**

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UP TO 16 anti-social behaviour incidents were reported by Dublin Bus drivers during the month of August, *The Echo* understands.

At the Dublin Bus, Tallaght Garda forum meeting, incidents were discussed including youths trying to block cameras then open exit doors, stone-throwing, missiles thrown at windscreen and fireworks aimed at buses.

Former councillor Charlie O'Connor has called on the community to become involved in protecting the bus service to Tallaght West estates.

He was speaking following a meeting of which he is a member which had heard of 16 incidents involving Dublin Bus last month.

The Tallaght Transport Forum meets monthly and is attended by Tallaght Gardai, management and unions of Dublin Bus, Go Ahead Ireland management, management of Luas, South Dublin County Council staff, community and political

representatives, Tallaght youth workers and Foróige.

The incidents involving Dublin Bus services covered Blessington Road, Brookfield, Cheeverstown, Fortunestown Lane, Jobstown, Killinarden, Kiltalown, MacUilliam and Tallaght village.

Among the incidents reported on the Forum report were anti-social behaviour, fireworks and stone-throwing at the buses.

At the meeting, Charlie O'Connor, who is a long-time community rep on the Tallaght Transport Forum, praised the endeavours of Tallaght gardai in supporting the transport services.

"Everything possible must continue to be done to protect and preserve the services, particularly the Dublin Bus services which had been the subject of the 16 incidents in the month.

"The local community has a clear role to play as many of the incidents involved children".

"Contact with the local schools was so important in that regard".

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Nominations for vacancy sparks trouble in council chambers

Dean Donnelly got the requisite votes to enable him to fill Tallaght Central seat

By **Stephen Farrell**
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SPARKS flew at Monday's Council meeting which saw Dean Donnelly filling the seat Councillor Patrick Holohan won in Tallaght Central in the local elections.

Mr Donnelly received 22 votes in support of Cllr Holohan's nomination for him to fill the Tallaght Central seat.

Mr Kieran Mahon was unsuccessful in securing the seat after being nominated by his People Before Profit – Solidarity (PBP) colleague Councillor Jess Spear.

However councillors were in disagreement regarding whether Cllr Holohan should be allowed to nominate someone for the Tallaght Central seat.

Some councillors such as Cllr Paul Gogarty (Ind) felt that he should.

Cllr Gogarty asked how many councillors put down who would be co-opted if they were elected to Dáil Éireann. "Very few," said Cllr Gogarty.

He added that maybe we should have co-optees for Dáil Éireann similar to the situation for European elections.

"The last time I received so many emails from People Before Profit



QUESTIONS: Paddy Holohan with Dean Donnelly

was when one of their members barricaded a girl into my office and they asked me to interfere with a Garda investigation to try and get the charges dropped," he said.

However Cllr Gogarty did not hold back when referring to members of PBP, including Mr Paul Murphy, TD, regarding this incident.

"I said, 'look, they're a bunch of muppets, Paul Murphy is a massive muppet, but I'm not involved'," he said.

Returning to the issue of filling the Tallaght Central seat Cllr Gogarty continued: "So in this situation, I think again we're talking about a load of hot air, the reality is Cllr Holohan has a mandate, he's nominated someone, I'm happy to vote for that individual and represent democracy the way people voted, the way people would vote for a candidate in the general election as well."

Meanwhile Cllr Kay Keane (PBP) spoke in favour of the nomination of Mr Mahon. She said she understood the feelings of some independent councillors regarding whether who can co-opt or who can nominate.

"And it's not [setting a precedent]. There's already legislation there protecting individuals. They have a right to co-opt if you are retiring, if you have to step down, if you die,

and there's none of us dead in here at the minute as far as I'm aware, okay, and I think that's something that we need to take into account, this does not infringe in any way shape or form on the rights of independents in this chamber," she said.


However she went on to say that she had "huge concerns" regarding the nomination of Mr Donnelly to fill Cllr Holohan's seat.

"His nominee is an employee of Cllr Holohan. I have grave concerns of how this could evolve within the chamber, within a working relationship, I'm not saying anything untoward could happen, but I have concerns and I think that's something that should be raised because as a socialist I know how the employer-employee relationship can work out," she said.

She added that 44.5 per cent of Cllr Holohan's surplus went to Mr Mahon which "is a huge percentage of a surplus, so you don't get that by not being supported by the people."

Cllr Keane added that she was "so conscious of how democracy is supposed to work and if we allow this to happen it's not democratic, it's not right and it shouldn't be allowed".

The newly installed Councillor Dean Donnelly said he wanted to thank everyone and that he was willing to learn.




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First-day joy for triplets as they start school

A LOCAL mother enjoyed a “chaotic” but memorable morning as she dropped her triplets to their first day of school at Scoil Maelruain in Old Bawn.

On Thursday, August 29, Bruce, Lenny and Ted Deasy were all excited to join “their sister’s school,” and there was no “crying” according to mum Ali.

With the usual bustle in getting ready for a child’s first-ever day of school multiplied by 3, Ali had been preparing herself well in advance.

“I had everything laid down, even though you always find out you’re missing something from one of the uniforms, or one of the books, and you’re looking for them around the house at the last minute,” she said. “But it all went well and smooth.”

“We were unsure about what would have been more upsetting for them – whether to be split in different classes or to be put all together in one,” said Ali, “But the school has been great in recommending what would be best.”

Bruce and Lenny are now in the same

class, with other friends from pre-school, while Ted joined his best friend from pre-school in a different class. Sister, Georgia, is in the last Senior year.

According to Ali, the triplets had no issue in blending in in the busy environment of Scoil Maelruain, which has about 4 classes for each year.

“Having pre-school friends with them made it easier, Ali said. “What they always thought as ‘their sister’s school’ has now become their school. They just walked in with her and went ‘bye!’”

On Tuesday, August 27, the school organised a picnic outdoors to make new parents and students familiar with its space and environment. “It was a great way to give a fun idea of what school is, and it helped them being ready to go,” said Ali.

“It’s also a very community-oriented school,” she added.

“Obviously everyone knows I have triplets locally, and the other parents always helped with my daughter. I’m sure it’ll be the same this time around.”



TAKE THREE: Bruce, Lenny and Ted Deasy

‘Happy to start’ pupils meet teachers and make new friends

Junior and Senior students helped to ease in the newcomers on their first day at school

By Alessia Micalizzi

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HUNDREDS of pupils in South Dublin went through the buzz and excitement of their first day of school in the past few weeks.

A landmark moment for them and their parents, it came in different shapes, with some schools bustling with hundreds of newcomers and others welcoming only a few in more tight-knit communities.

“Quietest school” record goes with no doubt to Glenasmole National School in Bohernabreena, with only 4 pupils starting for the new year, while St Colmcille’s Junior National School in Knocklyon welcomed 175 students forming seven new junior classes.

Only a ten-minute drive from Tallaght, Glenasmole is embedded in a rural context at the foothills of the Dublin mountains and has strong ties with the local community.

The new pupils’ siblings or parents already attend or attended the school, and local children have the chance to get familiar with the Glenasmole environment through its summer programmes.

“Junior and Senior students eased them in on the first day, and I’d say they’re settling in really well,” said Principal Rachel Brennan.

“Because it’s such a small school, it’s a very warm and nurturing environment. Students can get a more tailored support and tend to have a bigger sense of belonging.”

Including the new pupils, two girls and two boys, there are now 60 students attending the school. Principal Brennan said the school would have the space for more students coming in



SETTLING IN: Four pupils Riely, Isla, Angie and Liam started in Glenasmole with principal Rachel Brennan and Ms McConnell (SNA)

in the next years but believes the lack of public transport in the area is among the factors diverting Tallaght’s parents from choosing it.

St Colmcille Principal David Curtin was happy to see the big demand for

the school unchanged through the years. “Knocklyon parish is thriving and expanding, and we pride ourselves with the ability to provide good education and a fun environment altogether,” he said.

The school now counts over 760 students between Junior and Senior cycles. “In spite of it being so big, it still has a community vibe,” said Principal Curtin.

First day at St Colmcille, on August 29, went very smoothly and only had a few “criers”: according to Principal

Curtin new pupils are every year more prepared for the transition from pre-school.

Among more recognisable faces and older students welcoming their younger siblings into the school, the “new to the parish” also settled in smoothly and, like most years in St Colmcille, there were twins embarking on the new journey together.

The atmosphere was vibrant in St John’s National School on Tower Road in Clondalkin too, with a “disco” set up on the playground on August 29,

to welcome 13 new pupils. “It was a great day,” said Principal Michelle Sharkey. “They were all happy to start, they had a tour of the whole school, met their teachers and made new friends.”

Although in a much more urban context, St John’s is not that different from Glenasmole in Bohernabreena: “This would be the usual number of new students we get every year, and we have 89 in total,” said Principal Sharkey. “It’s a small community school, feels like family.”

“Knocklyon parish is thriving and expanding, and we pride ourselves with the ability to provide good education and a fun environment

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Consultation process will start on €15m Lucan House

Council purchased the former Italian Embassy property and land during the summer

By **Maurice Garvey**
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A CONSULTATION process is due to begin shortly in regards to Lucan House.

The formal handover of the property took place over the summer, following South Dublin County Council's purchase of the property, the former Italian Embassy, believed to be in the region of €15 million.

The acquisition of Lucan House and the Demesne presents a "significant strategic opportunity" according to the council.

The remaining Demesne of 30 acres associated with the property contains areas of manicured lawn mixed with heavily wooded areas, located in a section of the River Liffey and the Griffeen.

At the monthly council meeting on Monday, Cllr Paul Gogarty (Ind) said councillors were promised that the public consultation would commence for Lucan House and grounds in autumn.

"Is that still the case so that by November we will have a consultation process starting," asked Gogarty.

Cllr Shane Moynihan (FF) said there is "keen interest" in



CONSULTATION: Lucan House was purchased by the local authority

what the council's plans are for Lucan House "not least of all", due to the "sheer amount of archaeological sites that exists on the grounds."

Moynihan also thanked the council for allowing the Lucan

Festival committee to host part of the recent festival on the grounds of Lucan House.

South Dublin County Council chief executive Colm Ward said: "In terms of Lucan House the plan is still to proceed with

engagement to determine the future plans.

"We will bring on somebody to work with us on that and to work on the engagement with people in the coming weeks."

Consultants are to be

appointed to develop a masterplan for Lucan House and its associated 30 acres.

Objectives of the masterplan will be to develop Lucan House and Demesne as a tourism, community and county amenity.

Corkagh Park works on track

UPGRADE works at Corkagh Park are on track according to South Dublin County Council.

At the council meeting this week, Cllr William Carey (SF) asked if the works at Corkagh Park being carried out are on schedule.

"Is it being picked up? It was mentioned at the last full council meeting we had because there was concerns about the slow pace of work going on in Corkagh Park, particularly around the café area where the roof at that stage hadn't been put on," asked Cllr Carey.

South Dublin County Council chief executive Colm Ward said an update went out to councillors recently and that is "still the position."

Enhancement works at the park include a new hub zone with café, multi-event stage, and upgrades to car parks at St Johns/Green Isle.

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Motorist had twice legal level of alcohol

Mother-of-two was ejected from car by force of impact

A BANNED motorist who was killed along with a passenger in his vehicle while fleeing gardaí in Dublin five years ago had almost twice the legal level of alcohol and traces of cocaine in his body, an inquest has heard, reports *Seán McCárthaigh*.

Dean Coleman (25) suffered fatal injuries when the Fiat Stilo he was driving crashed on Butterfield Avenue, Rathfarnham at 1.30am on December 17, 2019.

The inquest heard that Mr Coleman, a father of two, of Maple Road, Connell Drive, Newbridge, Co Kildare, struck a lamppost at a speed of 113km/h after losing control on a bend in a vehicle which he did not own.

The body of the driver, who came originally from Drimnagh, had to be formally identified through fingerprint evidence.

A female passenger in the car, Annemarie Hooper, a 33-year-old mother of two of Beverly Lawns, Knocklyon but originally from Fettercairn, Tallaght, was also killed in the collision.

A sitting of Dubin District Coroner's Court on Tuesday heard Ms Hooper's body was ejected from the vehicle by the force of the impact.

CCTV footage from a nearby residence, which captured the moment of the fatal crash, was shown at the inquest which was attended by relatives of both victims.

A forensic collision investigator, Garda Lyn Connaughton, said neither of the deceased were wearing a seat belt, while the vehicle's front two tyres were also defective.

She believed the Fiat Stilo was on the wrong side of the road as it lost control on a bend before being wrapped around the lamppost by the impact.

Garda Connaughton attributed the cause of the crash solely to speed.

The inquest heard that a Garda vehicle was following in pursuit approximately 150 metres behind at the point of the collision.

The coroner, Clare Keane, said she would not read out evidence from emergency crews who attended the scene because the content was too distressing.

State pathologist, Heidi Okkers, said postmortems had shown that both victims had suffered multiple traumatic injuries with numerous fractures of the skull, body and limbs that were consistent with unrestrained occupants involved in a vehicle collision.

Dr Okkers said alcohol, cocaine and benzodiazepines were found in Ms Hooper's blood, while alcohol and cocaine was found in Mr Coleman's body.

She noted the combination of both substances could make the driver of a vehicle take "more risk."

Detective Garda Patrick Browne gave evidence of being the observer in an unmarked Garda car parked at the Old Bawn shopping centre in Tallaght at around 1.25am when he heard the screeching of tyres from a vehicle

FATAL INJURIES:
Dean Coleman



PASSENGER: Annemarie Hooper

which had come from the direction of Kiltipper Road.

Garda Browne said the car was "travelling in an erratic manner at speed."

He described how the Garda car pulled in behind the suspect car which had stopped at a traffic lights and activated its blue lights to signal the driver to stop.

Garda Browne outlined how the Fiat Stilo edged slowly ahead as he was about to open his door to get out to talk to the driver before it took evasive action and then took off at speed.

The inquest heard gardaí followed in pursuit over several kilometres with the fleeing vehicle breaking traffic lights at several junctions.

Garda Browne said the whole pursuit of the vehicle until the point it crashed has lasted about four minutes.

The driver of the unmarked patrol car, Detective Garda David Sheehan, said that he had only partial sightings of the vehicle during the pursuit.

He said the driver of the Fiat Stilo seemed to have control of the vehicle and had maintained a good road position.

Det Garda Sheehan said he was not driving particularly fast as he was coming to junctions all the time and he estimated his maximum speed at any stage was 100-110km/h.

"We never got close to the vehicle at any stage," he added.

Gardaí in another patrol car alerted to the scene met the escaping vehicle coming towards them and did a U-turn but waited for their colleagues in the unmarked car to pass and lead the pursuit as they had a more powerful car.

The inquest heard an investigation by the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission had resulted in no disciplinary action being taken against any garda.

Cross-examined by counsel for Ms Hooper's family, Lauren Flanagan BL, Det Garda Sheehan said he was aware of a 2019 Garda directive on the managed containment and stopping of vehicles but had received no

formal training on the policy.

Asked by counsel for GSOC, Diana Stuart BL, if he was aware that there was a recommendation that gardaí should seek authorisation to continue to pursue a vehicle from a controller, Det Garda Sheehan replied that permission was implied on the night.

"At no stage were we told to stand down or stop," he observed.

GSOC investigator, Shane White, said GSOC had issued a systemic recommendation as a result of the incident and two other similar fatal collisions that An Garda Síochána should introduce a decision-making model for the pursuit of vehicles.

Mr White said there was a need for gardaí to make decisions that were "lawful, justified and necessary" and proportionate to the perceived risk with the least intrusive intervention.

He told the inquest that GSOC had received no notification that the recommendation had been implemented.

Counsel for An Garda Síochána, Joseph O'Sullivan BL, said the 2019 directive was currently under review and had resulted in three new policies which were "at an advanced stage."

However, Mr O'Sullivan said there was no evidence to suggest that the outcome on the night of the collision would have been any different "with a different approach."

A jury of six men and four women returned a verdict of death by misadventure in relation to both victims.

The coroner said she would not formally accept the jury's recommendation that gardaí should be provided with refresher training on managed containment policy.

Dr Keane explained that there was no evidence there was any issue with such a policy involving the two deaths.

However, the coroner did state she would notify the relevant authorities informally.

Offering her condolences to relatives of the deceased, Dr Keane said she was sorry for the

harrowing evidence and for any distress it had caused.

Although the details were not provided at the inquest, Mr Coleman had been serving an eight-year driving ban imposed in 2013 at the time of the fatal crash.

He had also previously been given a four-year prison sentence for dangerous driving for his role in a high-speed chase with gardaí around Dublin in December 2013 which ended when the vehicle, in which his one-year-old son was a passenger, crashed into several parked cars before hitting a lamppost and a wall.

He was found hiding behind a bin and subsequently tested positive for cannabis.

Mr Coleman had 27 previous convictions at the time including five for dangerous driving.

Following the inquest, Ms Hooper's daughter, Katelyn, described the impact of her mother's death and how she had become an orphan at the age of 13 and was emotionally prevented from living a "normal" life.

Ms Hooper had been predeceased by her baby daughter, Sofiah and her former partner.

"I think I will grieve at every stage of my life. My mother has missed so much of my life already – my 18th birthday in January, five Christmases, five birthdays, five years of lost time," Katelyn observed.

She added: "I have lost so many memories with her and have to face this through every milestone of my life. She won't be here to see me off on my debs next week. I won't have her to turn to when I need my mother."

"Life was and is different for me compared to my friends," she remarked.

She also complained that she had been unable to access any clothes or documents that were in her mother's rented property since the fatal crash.

"The effects of this incident will live with me for the rest of my life. It is impossible to put into words the damage my mother's death has caused me," she concluded.

The families of both victims hugged each other at the end of the inquest.

Echoopinion...

Plans to ban sale of disposable vapes

ONE of the more recent phenomena of our times includes the popularity of vapes or vaping, particular amongst younger people including teenagers.

While originally these products were developed to help smokers gradually come off and eventually give up cigarettes and smoking they have come to be used by people who are not smokers, particularly young people.

As is often the case something that originally had good intentions and motivations was taken advantage of to make more money for those who sell them.

Gradually one could buy these vapes in different and attractive flavours and were also becoming more freely available in shops to younger people, including teenagers.

As a result of concerns raised by those who work with young people and their parents about these products, Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly brought proposals to Cabinet on Tuesday to ban the sale of disposable vapes.

The proposals would also restrict the sale of flavoured vapes, which often appeal to children, as well as ban point-of-sale advertising displays in shops other than specialised outlets that only sell vapes.

Needless to say this is a welcome proposal.

However with all such proposals the question is how will it be enforced.

Also if the prohibition of the sale of these products in shops merely push them on to the black market this may make them more attractive for younger people.

Furthermore, if people can still order them online would that not mean that this proposal will merely divert young people to purchase them from the comfort of their bedrooms.

Perhaps what is missing from this proposal is education, including education for young people regarding the dangers of vaping.

According to a Professor of Chemistry at Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (RCSI), when speaking on RTE Radio 1 in May, the emergence of future cancers and cardiovascular problems are "almost a certainty" from long-term exposure to vapes.

Professor Dónal O'Shea said that new research from RCSI on flavoured vapes, using artificial intelligence, found that very toxic compounds were detected once the chemicals were heated.

"In any flavoured vape there could be anywhere from half a dozen to 20 different chemicals to make up that commercial flavour," he added.

While many may have seen vapes when they first became available as a positive development, it is now clear that people, particularly young people should be aware of the very harmful consequences of using them.

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ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75 PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SECTIONS OF TEMPLEOGUE ROAD (R137), RATHFARNHAM ROAD (R114), DODDER VIEW ROAD (R112) AND SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, CO. DUBLIN

To facilitate a 5K Road Race and Juvenile races, being held by Rathfarnham WSAF Athletic Club; South Dublin County Council has made an order to temporarily close sections of the following roads:

Road Name: Dodder View Road, Rathfarnham (both lanes) leading onto Rathfarnham Road (left lane towards city), Templeogue Road (left lane only towards Templeogue Road Village), slip lane to Springfield Avenue and Springfield Avenue to Fairways Junction.

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Time of Closure: 8:30am to 10:30am.

Local access will be maintained.

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Five-year-old with special needs rejected by 32 schools says mother

Parent now in quandary is forced to enrol daughter in her third pre-school year

AFTER seeing her five-year-old daughter with special needs rejected by 32 schools, Charlotte Cahill, a mother from Tallaght, said she "reached a crossroads" reports Alessia Micalizzi.

Cyra Cahill was supposed to start her first year in school this year, as most children her age do, but had to be enrolled in her third year of pre-school instead.

She was diagnosed with autism and has a Pathological Demand Avoidance profile, meaning even routine activities result in high amounts of stress and that she needs her responses to the surrounding environment to be treated accordingly.

While experts recommended Cyra to attend an autism specific school due to her struggles in a typical social environment, she hasn't been diagnosed with any intellectual disabilities, which leaves her stuck in an unsettling limbo, excluded from the Irish education system.

Charlotte applied to three autism specific schools in the local area, but Cyra wasn't accepted in any of them due to

oversubscription and apparent unfair criteria.

"Sometimes there's 100 applicants for 2 places," she said, and when she eventually got on top of the waiting lists, children who have intellectual disabilities besides autism were considered more "fit" for the schools' learning methods.

On the other hand, the rest of schools she applied in a much wider area were mainstream schools which also provided autism specific classes, where Cyra wasn't accepted because of the additional support her PDA profile requires.

"It's almost like she's too autistic for some schools, but not enough autistic for others," said Charlotte.

Pre-school helps Cyra with being less agitated and reduces possibilities of self-harming, which is one of the results of PDA stress. "But her schoolmates are younger, and this might affect the progress she made. It's like holding her back," explained Charlotte.

With other parents from any area of Dublin, from Swords to Tallaght, Charlotte often set up protests against the lack of

resources allocated by the State for children with additional needs, both in education and healthcare.

She was among the organisers of last week's protest at the Fine Gael head offices in Dublin city.

But as her daughter has been deprived of her right to education, she feels "exhausted," "mentally drained," and her hopes for a change started fading.

"Parents can't come out on the streets to protest every day, because they have no one to leave their children with.

"We called for the attention of Minister [for Education] Norma Foley many times, we even met her twice. We were constantly let down.

"It's like the Government doesn't have any sense of urgency with this matter.

"They only see these children like a burden, because they think they won't be able to contribute to society when they grow up.

"But children like Cyra have great potential and with the right help and support they could achieve so much."

Charlotte said Cyra's 15-

year-old brother, who doesn't have any additional needs, was given "multiple opportunities," when choosing the school he wanted to attend.

"I think Ireland is a great place to grow up, with plenty of opportunities. But it's the worse place if you happen to have a disability," she added.

While the family was already forced to turn to the private sector for health services such as therapies and assessments – sometimes even travelling abroad for it – this is not an option when it comes to education.

"Private schools in line with Cyra's needs just don't exist in Ireland, so I need the State to do something," said Charlotte.

"I am willing to pay, to drive an hour across the city, to move cities. But at the moment there are no available options."

Charlotte attended yet another protest with other parents in her same situation in Darndale, last Monday, September 9.

At her crossroads, there's only one direction she's able to take: "I won't stop until my daughter gets the education she deserves."



DESPERATE: Charlotte Cahill with her daughter

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Citywest Hotel given go-ahead for €20m cemetery on grounds

Permission granted to allow for over 8,000 burial plots subject to 22 conditions

By **Maurice Garvey**

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PLANS for a €20m cemetery with more than 8,000 burial plots within the grounds of Citywest Hotel have been granted planning permission.

An Bord Pleanála upheld the decision of South Dublin County Council to approve the development, which is set to be located on a portion of the former 18-hole golf course at the Citywest Hotel and Convention Centre.

The board granted permission on September 3, to Tetrarch subsidiary Cape Wrath Hotel Unlimited Company, for 8,047 burial plots at the cemetery, subject to 22 conditions being met by the developer.

Conditions include the prohibition of funeral ceremonies or services being carried out on site.

They also call for a "glint and glare assessment" to ensure the scheme does not impact flight safety at nearby Casement Aerodrome, which is operated by the Air Corps.

The board rejected an appeal lodged by local resident Colm McGrath who claimed the cemetery was "unsustainable, unnecessary and unviable" due to a reduction in the demand for burials.

Mr McGrath estimated that burials now only account for 30 per cent of all deaths in Dublin due to increased demand for cremations.

He said the existing cemetery in Saggart had an average of one burial a month.

Mr McGrath's views were supported by the Rathcoole Community Council.

Plans for the cemetery contain proposals for 8,074 burial plots, a single-storey reception building with spaces for 60 seated guests and views of a lake on a 13.45-hectare site.



CHANGES: The entrance to Citywest Hotel

“The project would also involve extensive tree planting with the cemetery being designed to reflect the fairway character of the site's recent use as a golf course through a series of interconnected 'parkland' areas

Cape Wrath Hotel also plan to provide two new access points from Garter's Lane to the N7.

Earlier this year, Cape Wrath Hotel secured planning permission for a solar farm on another part of the former golf course at Citywest on a 6.8 hectare site.

The company said the development of a cemetery would provide a significant quantum of burial plots to serve existing communities in the Saggart, Rathcoole

and Fortunestown area.

It said the project would also involve extensive tree planting with the cemetery being designed to reflect the fairway character of the site's recent use as a golf course through a series of interconnected "parkland" areas.

Cape Wrath Hotel was paid €3.7m last year by the Department of Integration for providing accommodation to Ukrainian refugees and international protection applicants at the 764-bed hotel in Citywest.

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Sacred relics of St Bernadette for display at Oblates

THE holy relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes are set to visit the Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate in Inchicore on October 23 and 24, as part of a tour of three Dublin churches, reports *Maurice Garvey*.

St Bernadette of Lourdes (1844–1879), was a French saint whose visions led to the founding of the Marian shrine of Lourdes.

She was canonised in 1933. The eldest of nine children from a poverty-stricken family, Bernadette Soubirous had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary in the Massabielle grotto when she was 14, which led to the founding of the shrine of Lourdes.

To escape public attention, she became a boarder in the local school run by the Sisters of Charity of Nevers.

In 1866 she was granted admission into the novitiate in the motherhouse at Nevers. There she completed her religious instruction and passed her remaining years in prayer and seclusion.

She was canonised by Pope Pius XI, who authenticated her visions and the veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Archbishop of Armagh, Eamon Martin, said the opportunity to venerate St

Bernadette's relics in Ireland for the first time will be "a source of hope, great joy, and inspiration."

The relics will journey from Lourdes, France, before reaching cathedrals and churches across Ireland between September 4 and November 5.

As part of the nationwide tour, the relics will be on view at Our Lady of Victories Church in Glasnevin on September 25 and 26, the Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate in Inchicore on October 23 and 24, and in Adam and Eve's, Franciscans, Merchant's Quay, on October 25 and 26.



RELICS: St Bernadette

Esker members get active again!

ESKER Active Retirement Association members are back this week after their summer break and invite new members to join them on Wednesdays at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan, at 1.30pm.

During the summer, the club enjoyed some lovely days out, including an afternoon tea dance in Royal Marine Hotel Sutton, full day trips to Arigna mines in Roscommon, Avondale House and Avoca Weavers in Wicklow.

Health and Wellness events being hosted over the coming weeks include Chair Yoga on September 18, from 2pm to 3pm.

On September 25, from 2pm to 3pm there will be a Horticultural Demonstration. October 2 will see a forage talk from 2pm to 3pm, while an evening tea dance with live music and food is scheduled for the week of October 9 – time and location to be confirmed.

Neighbour shot XL Bully dog after terrifying attack

XL Bully was allegedly dumped out of a van and began running at man

By **Alessia Micalizzi**
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A MAN in his 60s had a terrifying experience as an XL Bully Dog attacked him and his dog in Horans Lane, Killinarden, last Sunday evening.

As he ran back into his house, the man was able to call a neighbour, who then put down the dog with a gun.

The resident was taking his usual evening walk around the estate with his little collie.

The XL Bully Dog was allegedly dumped out of a van around the same time, and it started running at the man and his dog.

Horans Lane is a cul-de-sac leading up to the mountains, meaning the only way for the man to escape the attack was to run back into his house as soon as possible.

Once he locked his gate, he called his neighbour for help.

"I drove up the road, and when I got there the dog was barking at him and at his little dog from behind the gate," the neighbour told *The Echo*.

He recalled getting out of the car and having to immediately get back into it as the dog was coming at him. Having brought his gun with him, the man shot the dog from a safe distance.

"It had to be done. It probably was

DANGER: The XL Bully Dog



trying to get at my neighbour's dog, but in the state it was in, it could have attacked anyone."

According to the neighbour, the dog was lost and in distress after the van driver got rid of it in the middle of the mountain roads.

"This is going to happen more and

more, as a new legislation is going to make owning XL Bully Dogs illegal," he said.

From October 2024, Ireland will "ban" XL Bully dogs: it will be illegal to import, breed, rehome or resell them within the country.

The new legislation comes from a

series of recent attacks on people by 'dangerous' dogs such as the XL Bully, including the death of a woman in Limerick in June 2024.

In spite of animal welfare groups protesting against it, from February 1, 2025, it will also be illegal to own an XL Bully unless you have a Certificate of Exemption.

A lack of plans to 'rehome' XL Bully dogs is the main issue according to these groups, as it will lead the dogs currently living or being owned in the country to being dumped and, eventually, death.

"There has to be another way to dispose of them safely," said the resident who witnessed the attack in Horans Lane.

"This is not the first time and there are people living here, teenagers who are often out.

"It could have been far worse. My neighbour got an awful fright and was running for his life."

Sheep and cattle are also living up the hills from Horans Lane, and the resident reported 13 or 14 of them have already been attacked earlier this year by an untamed dog.

The Echo understands that SDCC collected the dog's body on Monday morning.

"South Dublin County Council has been made aware of the report and is currently working to establish the facts of the matter," said a spokesperson for the Council.



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COPD group remember loved ones that passed away

Remembrance Day was also appreciation for carers of those with COPD



REMEMBRANCE: The Support Group who attended the Remembrance Day in Ballyfermot Library

By **Stephen Farrell**

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A SUPPORT group for those with illnesses associated with breathing held a very successful remembrance day last Friday.

COPD Ballyfermot, whose new name is COPD Breathe Easy, held the event in Ballyfermot Library which began at 2.30 pm.

"It went brilliantly, some members whose family members or loved ones passed away from COPD were there, it

was lovely seeing people lighting the candle," said Marie Ritchie, treasurer.

Marie was one of the founders of the group which was established in 2014. "We were on the ground before that. We approached the library, they were very willing to help us out, that's where we held our meetings when COPD Ballyfermot was getting established," said Marie.

Approximately thirty people attend the event in the library. "The sun shone, it was well turned out," added Marie.

The remembrance day is also for the

carers of those with COPD. "It's an appreciation for them too," added Marie.

COPD or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is the name for a group of lung conditions that cause breathing difficulties. It includes emphysema which causes damage to the air sacs in the lungs, and chronic bronchitis which causes long-term inflammation of the airways. COPD is a common condition that mainly affects middle-aged or older adults who smoke or used to smoke. Most people with COPD do not have any obvious symptoms until they reach their late 40s or 50s.

Despite suffering from COPD the Ballyfermot group are determined to remain resilient. "We're not dying of COPD, we live with COPD," said Marie.

The group are also running support exercise classes in Liffey Gaels on Sarsfield Road every Tuesday from 11 to 12 pm. "It's good for your mental health and the social side of it as well, it can be very hard for people with COPD, people can be depressed, when you're hanging over the wall trying to catch your breath and people are looking at you," said Marie.

Trees damaging drains in estates

TREES are damaging drains in local estates, according to a local representative.

Drains are being blocked by the roots of trees planted in local estates, according to Councillor Trevor Gilligan (FF).

"They are not the right trees, the roots of trees were damaging the footpaths but now they are damaging the drains, so it's a drainage issue. I know of residents who had to pay out money every few weeks to have the drains jetted," said Cllr Gilligan.

The Clondalkin representative said he did not know if this was a stand-alone issue or if a few different estates were affected.

"Cappaghmore and St John's Wood estates are affected. It will cost more to continually service the drains rather than address the issue, I think elm trees were one of the types of trees planted," said Cllr Gilligan.

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Industrial action by PNA nurses

DEMANDS have been made on the Minister for Health to fund mental health staff to appropriate levels.

Sinn Féin Mental Health Spokesperson, Mark Ward TD has spoken out, supporting the calls made by the Psychiatric Nursing Association (PNA).

The PNA members have announced that September 17 will be the start of industrial action over staff shortages and its effect on mental health services.

Deputy Ward said: "This week the Psychiatric Nurses Association have announced that they will be moving to industrial action later this month over a failure by Government to tackle staff recruitment issues.

"The PNA voted for industrial action in June because they say that mental health services are at a 'critical point'.

Red Line Festival promises an eclectic mix of events

Over 40 literary events will take place across the county

AN EXCITING new programme has been announced for the Red Line Book Festival coming up on October 14 – 20th, with over 40 literary events and an eclectic mix of established writers and new voices.

Highlights include an evening with international bestselling author, Marian Keyes; the ever-popular True Crime Night with former detective Pat Marry and investigative journalist Mick Clifford in conversation with Muireann O'Connell; Donal Ryan, and comedian Emma Doran talking about her debut book, Mad Isn't It? Authors Sean Murray, Nicky Ryan and Christine Bohan as they share the harrowing Stardust Tragedy as they discuss The Last Disco.

For those consumed by Wanderlust; Rory King, Pól Ó Conghaile and Fionn Davenport will chat to travel blogger Nadia El Ferdaoussi

The events will take place in South Dublin County in locations such as The Civic, Rathfarnham Castle, Brú Chrónáin – Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre, and the Pearse Museum, highlighting the richness of the county's built heritage as well as introducing dynamic new venues such as Work IQ in Tallaght Innovation Quarter.

The Red Line Book Festival is a celebration of literature, storytelling, and creativity and has grown to become one of the highlights of the cultural calendar. It offers an incredible opportunity to connect with the written word in its many forms.

From engaging discussions with authors to exciting workshops and performances, this festival creates a space for reflection, imagination, and community.

"Festivals like this one play a crucial role in bringing people together, igniting conversations, and inspiring new generations of writers and readers alike.

"To all attendees, I hope you enjoy the diverse programme of events, discover new perspectives, and leave inspired." said Mayor Baby Pereppadan.

The festival also aims to foster local writing talent, with a range of writing workshops in different genres taking place in our libraries, as well as our Comedian-in-Residence programme with Sharon Mannion, which will mentor partici.

The festival's Family Fun Day returns to Tallaght's cultural quarter on Saturday 19th October, and promises to be a day of literary magic and Hallowe'en fun for all ages with activities. 'Tallaween' will also be unleashed on Saturday 19, bringing the library's darkest tales to life.



ECLECTIC: JJ Dwyer (11) from Tallaght, Paul Fusco, (County Librarian South Dublin County Council), and Gabrielle Rogers (11) from Tallaght at the launch

Photo by Gareth Chaney

Moving Forward From Disappointment: Navigating Your Options After Leaving Certificate Exam Results

It is important to remember that there are still options available and this is just one step in your journey

FOR students who may be disappointed with their Leaving Cert results, it's important to remember that there are still options available and that this is just one step in your journey. It's normal to feel disappointed, but it's important not to dwell on the negatives and to focus on the future. Here are a few tips for managing any negative feelings:

1. Take time to process your emotions: Feeling disappointed or upset is okay. Allow yourself to acknowledge these feelings and give yourself the space to process them.
2. Talk to someone you trust: Whether it's a family member, friend, or counsellor/therapist, sharing your feelings with someone you trust can be incredibly helpful. They can offer support and perspective.
3. Explore your options: Remember that alternative pathways exist to achieve your goals. Whether it's resitting exams, considering other educational opportunities, or pursuing a different career path, explore the options available.
4. Focus on your strengths: It's easy to fixate on what didn't go as planned, but don't forget to acknowledge your strengths and achievements. Remind yourself of the progress you've made and the positive qualities you possess.
5. Engage in self-care: It's crucial to take care of your well-being during this time. Engage in activities that help you relax and reduce stress, whether it's exercising, spending time with loved ones, or enjoying a hobby.

Remember, receiving disappointing results is just one chapter in your journey, and there are always opportunities to move forward and achieve your goals.



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Over €1m funding allocated to 27 projects in South County to help climate action

UP TO 27 projects in South Dublin County are to receive over €1 million in funding via the Community Climate Action Programme, reports Maurice Garvey.

Nationwide, hundreds of projects across the country will benefit from the €27m funding for the programme, which is provided to local authorities to partner with community groups, in supporting

initiatives such as community gardens, solar energy, EV charging, and community composting.

South Dublin County Council is in line to receive €1,073,000 for 27 projects in the county.

Environment Minister Eamon Ryan welcomed announcements of the first tranche of projects this week under the programme.

It comprises a national Climate

Action Fund allocation of €24m and €3m provided by the Government's Shared Island Fund to support cross-border and all-island community climate-action initiatives.

It will support a wide variety of organisations, from sports clubs to tidy towns and from local enterprise to arts groups.

The fund provides amounts of up to €100,000 to larger local

projects over an 18-month period, paying for initiatives like the installation of renewable energy systems, the development of community gardens, bike racks, water refill stations, rainwater harvesting, to name just a few of its purposes.

The Community Climate Action Programme consists of two strands: Strand 1, which focuses on building low carbon

communities in the State; and Strand 1a, which is funded by the Government's Shared Island Fund and supports cross-border and all-island projects that contribute to climate and energy targets on the island of Ireland.

To date, 20 local authorities have moved into delivery under the programme and are beginning to make announcements across the country.

Pearse play to be performed by drama group in Glenasmole

'An Rí' drama had its first outing in the grounds of St Enda's School, Rathfarnham in 1912

By Maurice Garvey
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A PLAY as Gaeilge, by legendary Irish revolutionary Pádraig Pearse, will take place in Glenasmole Valley this weekend (September 14/15 at 4.30pm).

It will be performed by Aisteoirí Thamhlachta, an Irish language drama group based in Tallaght, and directed by Ciaran McMahon, with newly composed music by Lorcan MacMathúna.

'An Rí', an Irish language morality drama by Pádraig Pearse, was first performed on the grounds of St Enda's School, Rathfarnham, under the direction of Pearse in 1912.

In line with the original play, the retelling will also be performed outdoors in the scenic surroundings of Glenasmole.

An Rí is set in the middle ages and features a conflict between a corrupt king and an abbot who answers to a higher calling.

Pól Ó Meadhra, a primary school teacher at Scoil Santain in Tallaght, plays the abbot and understands this could be the first Irish language production of An Rí since 1912.

"As far as I know it hasn't been done since 1912 and I'm the first person to play the abbot since Willie Pearse (Pádraig's brother), said Pól.

"We have 12 actors in total, five children and seven adults and three musicians. It's going to be outdoors on [local farmer] Donie Anderson's field. There is a concern for the weather, but we are using gazebos and will work with what we have."

Tipperary native Ó Meadhra, has been a driving force for the Irish language at a grassroots level in Tallaght since moving to the area in 2007.

Another fascinating detail to this play is that it features a much older style of the Irish language, as Pearse wanted the dialogue to be authentic for a middle-age time period.

This created a challenge for the actors, but one they rose to, according to Pól.

"The Irish is old, from the early 1700s. Some of the words and phrases I have never seen. I always struggled with Irish up until I was about 19/20 when I acted in an Irish drama, and learned words and phrases that 23



PERFORMANCE: Some of the cast from the play

years on I am still fluent in. The actors have adapted well to it, and TG4 were up on Saturday during our rehearsals."

The play features a king who has done a lot of ugly things and believes he is cursed after losing many battles, eventually approaching the abbot to seek a resolution to the problems that now afflict the nation due to his poor leadership.

Pól cites characteristic elements from the play of a "Christlike figure", which may have appealed to Pearse.

"The play was performed in 1912, and the next year, 1913, Pearse was brought into the inner council of the IRB. I imagine this would have been to the forefront of Pearse's mind at the time," said Pól.

Tickets for the 50-minute play are free but booking is on EventBrite and

donations for the group are gratefully accepted on the day.

It includes performances by kids from Scoil Santain, Coláiste de hÍde, and Gaelcholáiste An Phiarsaigh in Rathfarnham, with actors who come from different backgrounds from barristers to taxi drivers, along with musicians Éamon Galldubh and Martin Tourish.

Pól hopes they can take the production to other local venues including the grounds of Pearse's school St Enda's in Rathfarnham.

Parking will be available at Bohernabreena Upperlake Carpark, which is a 10-minute walk from the site of the performance.

Refreshments will be provided after the event in Café Goughie's (located by the carpark).



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Local history with Albert Perris



Albert Perris is a native of Tallaght and has been prominent in the promotion and preservation of Tallaght's History and Heritage for 25 years. He has worked in a variety of professional roles in the voluntary, community and social care sector, including Independent Social Researcher-publishing a number of Social Research reports in the late 1990s; CEO with Respond Support, Head of Services with Alone and National Manager of Specialist Services with SVP. 1999 saw the publication of "Since Adam was a boy: An Oral Folk History of Tallaght" (TWS), preserving for future generations, the oral histories and memories of some of Tallaght's oldest residents, collected over a two year period. The founder and Author of the popular blog, 'A Ramble About Tallaght', his articles on Tallaght have been read over 250,000 times. "A Ramble About Tallaght- History, People, Places", published by O'Brien Press (2023) is available on Amazon.com and in all good bookshops.

When Adam was a boy

An Oral Folk History of Tallaght", to mark the 25th Anniversary of their first publication back in 1999

The Memoirs of Matty Dunbar

Matty Dunbar was born in North Mayo in 1915 and came to Tallaght as a young man. He married Doreen Murray from Balrothery before settling in Bohernabreena. After serving his time as a boiler maker with Hubert's Engineering firm on Cork Street in Dublin, he worked in Woodtown and DeSelby quarries for a shilling an hour.

"When I first came to Tallaght there was still the remains of many little houses on the top of Tallaght Hill. They were the ruins of the weaver's cottages. A hundred years before my time a community of weavers had come down from the north and set up there. They would work away there for months, then go off around the country selling their wares. The Night of the Big Wind (6th January 1839) smashed all their looms, knocked down their houses. The next day they all packed up and left, never to be seen again. There was an awful hurricane that night, from what I heard. That was around the time of the famine (1847), many years before I was born.

Before I got a house in Bohernabreena I lived in Tin Town. Tin Town was all little wooden huts on the banks of the Dodder along the right hand side of the Bohernabreena Road; about a mile from Kennedy's Corner, not far from the strand where the Kearney brothers were hung. Bobby Douglas built Tin Town when the steam tram finished in 1932. He got all the carriages and sheds from the tram depot in Templeogue and set them up beside the river for the tourists to stay in during the summer. Then, when the tourists got browned off with them he let them out to local families for five or six bob a week, because houses were scarce at the time. Bobby Douglas made a grand job of them huts, great quality. There was no electricity in them as rural electrification hadn't come in at the time and a well would have to be dug if you wanted water as it wasn't piped. Of course the war was on by then. I remember the German planes coming over Ballinascorney Hill, on their way up to bomb Belfast. We could hear the roar of the engines at night!

My people were all Republicans. My mother's father, Grandfather Cuffe had been locked up for seven years for being a Fenian. It was his own fault really, he never agreed with anyone! Out to Van Diemen's Land, New South Wales, he was sent. I joined The Fianna as a young lad in Pearse St. Library, when we first came to Dublin. Out here Willie Gordon was the 'Head Buck-Cat' of The Fianna. His father was a Protestant down from the north. There was a big company of volunteers up around Killakee- "F" Company, South Dublin Brigade. Frank Welsh was the OC and Mick and Goss Carroll were the two principals. Jim Kerwin and Peter Kerwin were great IRA men, red-hot republicans. Peter lived up in the mountains. Firhouse was all IRA men but Tallaght only had one or two in it. Firhouse was a very rough area then. All along there you had the Blueshirts so there would always be trouble. The Blueshirts were everywhere at the time. I remember Jim Bagnall and Dan

Dunne tearing the shirts of each other, up on Kennedy's Corner. They set fire to Bagnall's shirt for not being a Republican. He was on the other side.

Another time there was a pitchfork battle between the IRA and Blueshirts down on Bloomfield Avenue. There were no guns used but every other weapon they could lay their hands on was used. It wasn't the official IRA, as orders were never given; just a group of lads who happened to belong to the IRA and sympathisers. Then of course other lads would have just joined in for the row! There were a lot of black eyes and broken noses that day. Some of the fellas were arrested and put up in the barracks in Mountjoy, but a lot of them got away with it. The court case for those arrested went on for ages. I remember going down to Howth for the case and it was adjourned to Rathfarnham. Then, it was adjourned to Lucan. It was a racket with the solicitors! They were making money for nothing every time the case was adjourned. The local people collected hundreds of pounds to defend the fellas involved. Mr. Herman Goode, the main solicitor, he did very well out of it all.

The Gilmore brothers were the head Republicans around here in the early days- George, Harry and Charlie. They were Presbyterians down from the north. The Special Branch was always after them because they had a big arms dump up in Massy's Wood in Killakee. They used to live up there in a bungalow for part of the year. One night the 'G' men, Cosgrave's men, came for George, Harry and Charlie. They had the whole place surrounded but they (Gilmores) still got away. Just as well, because the 'G' Men would be very rough if they got a hold to you!

The Gilmores had King Billy's head up in that dump for years. Someone cut the head off King Billy's statue in College Green and it ended up in their dump. That was well known. The dump was down under the river and could sleep five or six men in it, if need be. There was an auld Thomson Machine Gun, a few revolvers and a rifle or two in it. That was all I ever saw in it. There was a big section of the IRA around at that time, fifty or sixty strong. The used to drill all around there in Massy's Wood.

Lord Massy and his wife had a grand place up there at one time. He had gardens and glass houses; a fine place it was. I don't remember it in full bloom, it was on its way down as far back as I can remember. Massy wasn't an industrious man, too fond of the drink. He drank that place into the ground and gambled it away. When all the Lords were invited to the Coronation, Massy made a statement in the paper, that he couldn't go because he had no money. A lot of those Lords had no money, they were only given the title to keep them quiet. Massy was an old man by the time I knew him. Himself and the wife ended up living in the gate lodge. I often saw him in his last days, going around the grounds gathering bits of sticks for to light a fire. The whole estate had fallen down around them. It was said that Massy killed a man up there in the early days. A man by the



Matty Dunbar

name of Welsh was taking a short cut through his estate, from Rockbrook to Glenasmole, so Massy shot him dead for trespassing. Massy could do what he liked at that time, because we were still under the British.

Some people thought the place was haunted after that. That's baloney! When I was a young fella, before I was married, I was often up in that estate at all hours of the morning. Myself and a few other lads would light a fire up there and have a bit of a sing-song. There was nothing haunted about that place at all. That story only really caught on when the Restaurant opened! I remember when Massy died, I was working below in Butterfield Avenue. His body was being brought to Limerick to be buried, and we watched it pass. I never heard tell of the wife after.

I knew two fellas who lived up that direction, Ken and Derek Coard. Ken was a famous long distance runner and lived up there- one of the finest runners this country had at the time. Ken and his twin brother, Derek, were big shots up there. It is said that Ken was the first man to beat the great J.J.Ryan on his home ground in Tipperary. He ended up a broken man in the end. He had bought a new van with some of his winnings and ended up nearly killing a dozen people with the old one. He was bringing milk down to Hughes' Dairy one Sunday morning and the new van wouldn't start. So he loaded it all into the old van and set off down to Rathfarnham. Because it was Sunday morning, there was a mission on in the chapel in Rathfarnham. Ken was heading straight toward the chapel when his brakes went. The old van ploughed straight through the people. To make it worse he hadn't the old van insured, so he ended up broke, paying out compensation to people.

He brought all his trophies and cups he had for running, down to the Pawn (Shop) in Portobello, but he just couldn't do it! He turned around and brought them straight back home again. He never really recovered from it in the end.

Porter

Money was scarce for everyone at that time, but there was always plenty of entertainment. There was no shortage of pubs or dance halls around

here then. Mary-Martha and Gerty O'Neill had The Dragon in the village and Martin Molloy was at the other end. I think he had worked in Beggars Bush before coming to Tallaght. The O'Neills were terrible gits for watering down the porter. They used to pour out the drink from a big enamel Jug. We called that place "The pub with the net and wire head", because the drink was so watered down.

People by the name of Porters had the pub in Old Bawn, where Ahernes is now. That, like O'Neill's in the village, only had a six day licence so if you wanted a pint on a Sunday, and if you had the price of it, you would have to sneak into the back of Porter's Pub. He had sheds out the back, so lads could get a pint on Sunday morning without being seen. You could only get bottles of Watkins' beers there, because they didn't sell Guinness or anything else. Watkins had a big brewery at the end of Cork Street in town at that time.

Mick Delaney's pub was in Firhouse, between (W.D.) Hancock's House and Dr Swan's. Mr. Hancock had been a great historian. He employed a lot of lads on his estate there. Dr Swan lived further down past Delaney's. One night, before Christmas, all his fowl was taken, his ducks and geese. Someone wrote a letter after, and stuck it on his door. It read:

*"Dr Swan your hens are gone
Your cocks will crow no more.
You went to bed you sleepy head
And forgot to lock the door"*

Opposite Delaney's, near the banks of the Dodder, down O'Reilly's lane on the left hand side was 'Moscow' dancehall. It was called that because there was always a row in it! There were always great nights in Moscow. It was burnt down in the end because of the politics in Firhouse. Between the Blueshirts and the IRA, one crowd used it as a training hall and the other crowd wanted it. Someone wrote a poem about Moscow Hall.

Moscow

*They started a scheme in Firhouse,
the neighbours one and all
They all gave a little subscription,
in aid of a worker's hall*

*The hall it was bought in
Dollymount, the one that was on the strand*

*Lawlor's lorry brought it home and
Hanlons gave a hand.*

*The first night that it opened, there
was a terrible row*

*And who comes running down the
lane but little Joe and Scow*

*Beneath mossy banks and metal
planks and the Dodder flowing near*

*And Bottler's but on the other side
they filled the place with cheer*

Joe and Scow were good friends- Joe Carey and Scow Norton. Bottler's hut was on the other side of the Dodder. Bottler O' Beirne was a great fisherman on the Dodder. He used to bottle stout for the pub (Morton's- then McGarry's) facing his hut while he was fishing. He was a great man to have at a wake! He could tell yarns 'til the cows came home. At a wake, the fellas would play a game called "If you don't buy the fish don't maul it"- They would have an old wet cloth, pass it around and then slap a

fella across the face with it! I can't remember the exact rules.

A lot of lads from Firhouse would go to a dance hall in Rathfarnham called The Bluebird. It was up Butterfield Avenue, on the right-hand side near the village. Others would just go for a pint in Kennedy's on the corner (Old Mill). That became Bridget Burkes after. Jack Kennedy had that pub for years, but even before him, I think a man by the name of The Boss Lennon had it. He had been in America, and was said to have been involved in Tammany Hall and all that craic. His daughter married into the McKeons, cattle dealers on the Crumlin road.

The Stone Crusher

Facing Kennedy's pub on the corner, for years stood the stone crusher. There was a hundred small quarries around the hills of Bohernabreena and fellas would quarry the stone themselves and bring it down to the stone crusher on Kennedy's corner in a horse and cart. The two main types of stone were "Green Whinstone" and "Strand Green". "Green Whinstone" was the hardest stone so you would get paid more for that, about three and six pence. You could gather "Strand Green" all along the banks of the Dodder, so you wouldn't get as much quarrying that. Though it was a tough job a big crowd of men from Tallaght and Firhouse worked in the quarries. Woodtown, DeSelby and Ballinascorney were the three main quarries then. I worked under a Protestant, Dudley Dolan, in Woodtown quarry. He was the Head Buck-Cat in that quarry. It was all Protestants up there at the time. That was a rough auld job! DeSelby was more modern and better organised so you wouldn't be pushed as hard.

On the opposite side of Kennedy's corner, on the Bohernabreena road, was the winning post for the Point-to-Point horse race which came through Tallaght every year. One year, a chap from Knocklyon called James McGrane was retiring from the horses. McGrane went to Punctestown and Baldoyle religiously every year and kept an auld jumper by the name of "Rennie Small". Now because he (McGrane) was retiring, all the lads in the Point to Point decided to let him win the race! Of course no sooner had they decided to let him win, (when) the word got out, so everyone backed him! When the race got under way, McGrane was fields ahead of the pack and there was not one even trying to catch him. And by Christ, coming into the last, by the auld bend coming up to the winning post, off McGrane went off into a ditch by the side of the road! Oh there was cursing out of everyone because they all had him backed. Poor auld Jim. They had the race fixed for him and he still lost it!"

Albert Perris (Memoirs (Edited) as set down in recorded audio interviews over several days, with Albert Perris in Glenview Lodge Day Care Centre, Glenview, Tallaght, Co. Dublin in 1999. First published by Tallaght Welfare Society in "Since Adam was a Boy- An Oral Folk History of Tallaght (Perris, A., TWS, 1999).

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Scott Medal honours for the bravery of our heroic gardai

Ceremony took place at Garda headquarters, Walter Scott House on Military Road

By **Maurice Garvey**
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A RATHFARNHAM garda killed by the IRA in 1942 was among those awarded for their bravery during the Scott Medal ceremony on Monday.

Detective Sergeant Denis O'Brien was posthumously awarded the Gold Scott Medal following a horrific ambush outside his home.

On September 9, 1942, Detective O'Brien left his family home at Rathfarnham and got into his private car. As he drove down his driveway, three IRA men armed with Thompson sub-machine guns ambushed him. Two gunmen fired on him. He abandoned his car and moved towards the gate of his home.

Despite being outnumbered and under fierce attack, Detective O'Brien drew his firearm and discharged a number of shots.

As he attempted to escape the ambush, a fourth gunman further ambushed him. Detective Sergeant O'Brien was fatally wounded by a shot to the head.

One gunman was subsequently arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to death by hanging.

The ceremony to award deceased, retired and serving members of An Garda Síochána with Scott Medals for bravery took place at Garda HQ – Walter Scott House on Military Road, Dublin 8.

The Scott Medal is the highest accolade that can be bestowed upon a member of An Garda Síochána.

Presented by the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee and Garda Commissioner, Drew Harris – eight members were honoured for their bravery and courage shown in service.

A Bronze Scott Medal was awarded to two Clondalkin gardai who prevented a violent armed

robbery at an off-licence.

On March 27, 2013, Gardaí Niamh Connaughton and Warren Farrell were on patrol in a marked patrol van, driving down the Ninth Lock Road, Clondalkin, when they saw a white Ford Transit van pull up ahead of them outside an off-licence.

They observed two males run into the Carry Out off-licence with their hoods up and faces concealed. Garda Farrell brought the patrol van to a stop outside the off-licence and saw one of the men on top of the counter trying to prise the till open with a screwdriver.

The other male appeared to be threatening a female staff member at gunpoint.

Garda Connaughton and Garda Farrell entered the off-licence.

The male armed with a handgun jumped back over the counter and ran down an aisle on the shop floor, followed by his accomplice. Both gardai remained at the entrance to prevent both males from leaving.

The male with the handgun stood up from behind a pallet of beer and pointed his handgun at both gardai. The situation was volatile and both gardai feared for their safety and that of the public, inside and outside the premises.

Garda Farrell attempted to apprehend the male armed with the screwdriver, while Garda Connaughton deployed her incapacitant spray towards the male with the handgun, who grabbed hold of a customer and used him as a shield.

Garda Connaughton was violently assaulted when attempting to apprehend this male. Garda Farrell went to his colleague's assistance to restrain the male with the handgun. Both gardai eventually subdued the male, disarmed him and made an arrest. The male with the screwdriver who had managed to escape was later arrested.



HEROES: Garda Farrell, Assistant Commissioner Michael McElgunn, and Garda Connaughton and (inset) Meabh McKeown, receiving the Scott Medal from Garda Commissioner Drew Harris on behalf of her grandfather Sergeant Denis O'Brien

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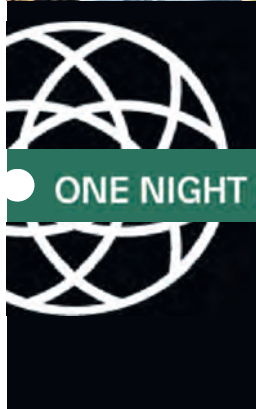
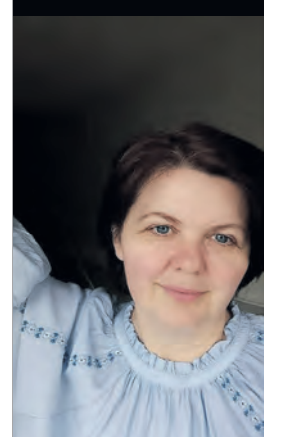
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Rutland Centre honours over 80 people who have reached significant recovery milestones



RESPECT: Sean Kealty received his 40-year medallion

AS PART OF Recovery Month, the Rutland Centre's annual Medallion Ceremony took place yesterday at Dublin's National Concert Hall.

The intimate and private event welcomed more than 80 individuals, their families and supporters who have reached milestones in their addiction recovery and reinforced the importance of a strong support system in the recovery process.

The event marked significant milestones of 1, 5, 20, 30, and 40-year anniversaries.

Honoured on stage was Sean Kealty from Crumlin, who received his 40-year medallion.

A recovering alcoholic, Sean worked with a variety of groups, including prisoners over the years, guiding them on their own recovery journeys.

He is a firm believer that if he can overcome his challenges, anyone can. Other recipients shared moving stories of their battles with addiction, while parents spoke about the support they received through The Rutland's Concerned Persons Group to help their children on the path to recovery.

One of the other recipients of the 5-year medallion was Chris Joyce from Galway, who recently celebrated five years in recovery from a gambling and alcohol addiction. Chris has become an inspiring figure both at the Rutland Centre and in the wider recovery community, recently organising a successful abseil fundraiser at Croke Park.

A dedicated GAA fan, Chris continues to apply the tools he learned at the Rutland Centre in his everyday life.

Sean, who lives in Crumlin with his wife and is a father and grandfather says: "Stepping through the doors of The Rutland 40 years ago was the single most important decision of my life. At the time, I was lost, struggling with an addiction to alcohol, which affected my wife and kids. But The Rutland gave me more than just a path to recovery – it gave me back my life and, most importantly, my family. Through their support, I found not only sobriety, but also a sense of purpose. Since then, I have helped others walk the same path. I have been in meetings where I see young men in the same place I was. If I can do it – then truly, anyone can."

Chris Joyce commented, "I'm a compulsive gambler and alcoholic. I remember when I entered the Rutland five years ago, I had the choice to go in over Christmas or on my birthday, which was coming up, and I chose Christmas – it was the best decision I ever made.

"I had to forego my beloved GAA matches for a period of time while in recovery, which was very hard, but The Rutland Centre gave me the tools I needed to rebuild my life.

"The recent abseil fundraiser in Croke Park was my way of giving back to the community that saved

me. I'm deeply grateful for the support I've received, and I hope that by sharing my story, I can inspire others to take that first step towards recovery."

The Medallion Ceremony offers a unique opportunity for recipients like Chris, Sean and their families to reflect on the progress made in their recovery journeys. It highlights the transformative role of the Rutland Centre in helping individuals reclaim their lives from addiction. This year's ceremony is particularly significant as it provides a space to celebrate the courage and resilience of those in recovery, while also raising awareness of addiction recovery in Ireland during September's Recovery Month.

Maebh Mullany, CEO of The Rutland Centre, said: "The Medallion Ceremony is one of the most cherished events we host. It showcases the profound impact that comprehensive treatment and continued support can have on individuals and their families. The medallions symbolise not just the passage of time, but the enduring strength and commitment required to overcome addiction. Each represents a profound journey of growth and transformation, offering a powerful moment of recognition for recipients, their families, and the community."

As one of Ireland's foremost addiction treatment centres, based in Knocklyon, Co Dublin the Rutland Centre continues to provide a wide range of evidence-based services to support individuals and families impacted by addiction.

In 2023 alone, the Centre recorded 5,213 bed nights, the highest on record, highlighting the growing need for comprehensive addiction treatment and support services in Ireland.

The Medallion Ceremony also serves as a reminder of the importance of addiction recovery services in Ireland, particularly as addiction becomes increasingly complex with rising cases of poly-addiction and gambling addiction. Recent trends in addiction further emphasize the importance of the Rutland Centre's services.

In 2023, 62 per cent of individuals presented with multiple addictions, a significant increase from 48 per cent in 2022. Furthermore, 20 per cent of admissions for outpatient services were related to gambling addiction. 16 per cent of its service users sought help for cocaine addiction, mirroring national trends of increased cocaine use.

Among service users with multiple addictions, 46 per cent identified cocaine as their second drug of choice. Addressing this, a dedicated resource for cocaine addiction is a key objective for the Rutland Centre. Alcohol addiction remains the most prevalent issue, with 65 per cent of in-patient clients seeking help for primary alcohol dependence.



What can you expect to see in the changes in the

Clondalkin Drugs and Alcohol Task Force strives for change

By **Stephen Farrell**

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A LOCAL drugs and alcohol task force held a community representatives' night last Thursday.

Clondalkin Drugs and Alcohol Task Force (CDAT) held the event in North Clondalkin Library.

The event, which was organised to promote the role of the community representatives, was a great success according to Cathy Martin, Prevention Officer with CDAT.

"It was a lovely night, it was great, the community reps got up and spoke

about what it means to be a community rep and the impact they have on their community," said Cathy.

On the night the community representatives showed a film about what it is like growing up in a community like Clondalkin. "The community reps created the film, which was launched last year, with an artist using an Arts Council grant, the plan will be to have it on the task force website," said Cathy.

The film screening was followed by a very engaging question and answer session.

"There was a really good question and answer session afterwards, there was a good discussion regarding the

“The whole point of being a community representative is to be a voice of the community . . . they identify any emerging trends and enable the task force to be more effective



VOICES: People attending the North Clondalkin community representatives night

'Solutions to addiction lie with the community'



SOLUTIONS: Noreen Byrne with Fiona O'Brien, Lynda Cunningham and Andrea Malone from Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force in North Clondalkin Library

How do you do to make the community?

impact of drugs and alcohol misuse, how the community reps work together and how they promote the work of the task force as well," said Cathy.

Information was also handed out regarding becoming a community representative.

"And one person signed up, which is great," said Cathy.

Several of the community representatives at last Thursday's event were previously studying community development.

"They are all now working in the Clondalkin community," said Cathy, who added that doing the community development course was not a pre-requisite for becoming a community representative.

"The whole point of being a community representative is to be a voice of the community. Two community reps sit on the board and represent the community, they assist the board and the taskforce from a community development standpoint and they identify any emerging trends and enable the task force to be more effective in its

response," said Cathy.

About twenty people attended the event including Councillors Shane Moynihan (FF), Madeleine Johansson (PbP), Linda de Courcy (Independent Ireland) and Glen Moore (Irish Freedom Party).

Those who wish to become a community representative can contact Cathy via email at prevention@cdatf.ie.

"I, or one of the community reps, will then give them a ring and will explain what being a community rep is all about. There is also a booklet which outlines the time commitment involved and how often the community reps group meet," said Cathy.



EAGER: Attending the event held by Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Taskforce

THE community is living through the negative consequences of drug use, so "solutions lie within communities", reports Stephen Farrell.

This is according to Noreen Byrne, a community representative with Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force (CDAT).

Noreen lives in North Clondalkin and has been involved in community projects for decades.

"For 30 years I have worked in community projects across Dublin city and parts of Dublin county involving addiction studies, training people who want to work in that sector," said Noreen.

CDAT itself runs an addiction services course.

"From that we got the Community Reps forum back up and running. Along with support from the Prevention Officer and the Rehabilitation Training Officer, we pulled a group together from a number of addiction studies courses," said Noreen.

While the community reps group

began in an informal way in 2019, in 2021 the group took a more formal approach.

"About three years ago we knuckled down, the film project started three years ago," said Noreen.

Community development is a key component of the work of the community representatives. "The Taskforce works from the community development perspective, that's where the community reps come in," said Noreen.

The North Clondalkin representative explained how working as a community representative can be transformative.

"More knowledge and skills move you into the political sphere, in the sense of the broader community aspect, 'what can I do to be part of change in my community?', building knowledge and understanding to support people in recovery, knowing and understanding the causes for addiction," said Noreen.



SUPPORT: Trevor Bissett, co-ordinator Clondalkin Drug & Alcohol Task Force in North Clondalkin Library

Celebrating the young people who make their area a better place to live

‘With potential to shape society, these are the leaders of our future’

OUTSTANDING community work done by local youth was honoured at the Dublin Metropolitan Region (DMR) West Garda Youth Awards, last Thursday, reports Stephen Farrell.

An Garda Síochána's local branch, in association with Cairn Homes, celebrated “young people who by their presence make their communities a better place to live in” with an evening ceremony at the Clayton Hotel in Liffey Valley.

James Casserly (18), from Lucan, received the “Individual Award” as he travelled the 32 counties of Ireland to show how accessible public transport is across the country.

James has cerebral palsy and polyarticular juvenile arthritis, and he is a keen explorer. Since 2022, he has been documenting his trips to shed light on what it means to travel as a wheelchair user. The NTA, the Department of Transport and the Minister for Disability, along with several public transport providers are now connecting with him to raise national standards on travel accessibility.

He is an FAI accredited football coach and his activism included being a speaker for the Ombudsman for Children and Sport Ireland, and at the European Parliament.

A “Special Achievement Award” was for Courtney Maughan, a member of the Settled Travelling Community who will likely become the first member of her family to take the Leaving Certificate Applied Exam in 2025.

A sixth-year student at Saint Dominic's College, Courtney has achieved a lot “against the odds and

in spite of her ongoing health issues,” said Inspector Aonghus Hussey from Lucan Garda Station, who attended the Awards.

In 5th year, she was an ever-present volunteer at the school Breakfast Club, starting each day very early and being helpful for others on top of studying.

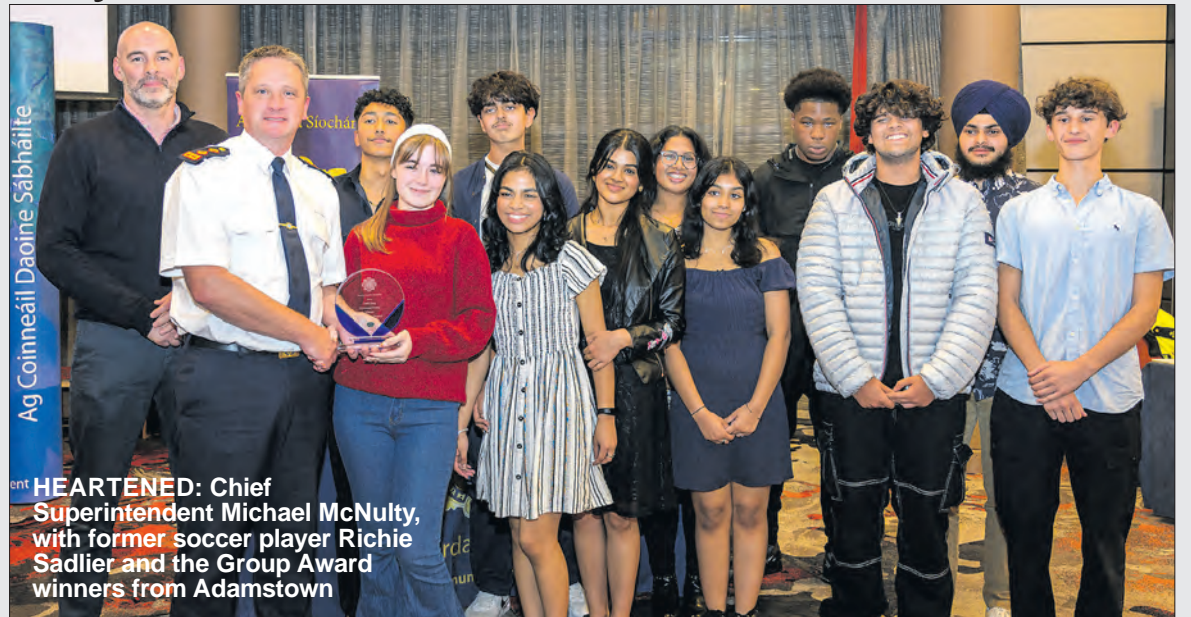
Kyra Flannery (15), from Cabra, was awarded a “Community Safety Award” for her initiatives related to water safety. A member of the Cabra Kayak Club since when she was 7, Kyra volunteered with Leinster Open Sea Swimming for the past two years in the role of a rescue volunteer and followed swimmers for support.

“Through her wins in the Junior Liffey Descent and also through her volunteerism in the water sports arena, Kyra is showing other young women the positive experience of being part of a club, what skills you can build, but also what fun you can have by doing something you love,” said Inspector Hussey.

The “Group Award” went to Adamstown’s “Big Tree Project,” a youth and arts group which offered the local youth a space to gather and come together over the past two years.

The group members, all in their sixth year, strongly call for more youth services and spaces in the area and they set up a committee to advocate for the local youth needs. They organised exhibitions, workshops, and film screenings while highlighting their perspectives as young people growing up in this area.

Two hundred people attended the Awards night and enjoyed its “uplifting” mood.



HEARTENED: Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty, with former soccer player Richie Sadlier and the Group Award winners from Adamstown

Garda Kevin Woods opened the evening and honoured the role played by families, communities, schools, youth and sports groups in supporting and shaping the good work of the 2024 Awards winners.

“It’s heartening to see so many young people involving themselves in activities locally,” added Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty, “With outstanding potential to shape and change society, these are the leaders of our future.”

Regional manager at Cairn Homes Brian Heverin, who took part in the awards ceremony, said: “With such a high standard of nominees, it was a difficult task to choose the award winners. It is good to know that the future is safe in their hands.”



ACHIEVEMENT: Courtney Maughan (centre) received the Special Achievement Award

Disability activist is honoured by Dublin West Garda Youth Awards

James documented his experiences with public transport across 32 counties

“I’m exceptionally proud of him,” said Lucan Councillor Vicky Casserly (FG) about her son being among the recipients of the Dublin West Garda Youth Awards, reports Alessia Micalizzi.

“He is providing thought-provoking, alternative solutions to travel, and he is contributing to creating a more accessible and inclusive community, with travel opportunities for everyone,” she added.

James Casserly, 18, was honoured with the “Individual Award” at the DMR West Garda Youth Awards last week.

Dealing with cerebral palsy and polyarticular juvenile arthritis, James always loved to travel and didn’t want to be held back by his condition.

He documented his experiences with public transport across the 32 Irish counties, to show how accessible it is for people with disabilities and wheelchair users like him.

After making everyone aware of how challenging that is, he was contacted by government bodies and public transport companies who asked him to work together to design a more accessible public transport network.

A disability activist and advocate herself, Cllr Casserly always supported his son’s initiative and passionate advocacy.

“It was a great honour to see his value and the value he is adding to the community recognised by An Garda Síochána. We are exceptionally grateful.”



GRATEFUL: James Casserly with family and members of An Garda Síochána

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Advertorial

The Local Enterprise Office, South Dublin encourages South Dublin students to sign-up for Ireland's Top Teen Enterprise Programme

SECOND level schools across South Dublin are being encouraged to sign-up for this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) which will see over 28,000 students nationally set-up and run a mini enterprise over the course of the academic year.

The Student Enterprise Programme has been a staple on the secondary school calendar in South Dublin for over 20 years with many students continuing their entrepreneurial journey long after they leave school, making their mark on the business world.

An initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices, the Student Enterprise Programme is the country's largest enterprise programme for second level students, with this year marking the 23rd year of the hugely successful programme. It has had over 400,000 participants since its inception. It's expected that almost 28,000 students from approximately 500 second level schools across the country will take part this year.

Students from 1st year to 6th year and from all school subjects can enter in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories. Participants will learn how to create and run their own business, picking up key skills along the way such as ideation, marketing, finance and sales.

The Programme is run through the network of Local Enterprise Offices, supported by Enterprise Ireland and the local authorities, with local coordinators in every area to support teachers and students through the year of the programme, which helps foster entrepreneurship in students and gives them key skills they can bring with them into later life.

South Dublin has had great success with the programme over the years. Last year, South Dublin was proud to have three fantastic enterprises representing the region at Nationals. The Senior Finalist was AI Study Buddy, from Greenhills Community College, which is an AI business which assists students enhance study efficiency through personalised learning tools.

The Intermediate Finalist was Blobs with Jobs from Loreto High School Beaufort was a creative product business designed and made by the students.

Finally, the Junior Finalist was SM Smelts from Scoil Mochua, Clondalkin was an eco-friendly hand soaps and candles business.

Tom Rooney, Head of Enterprise at LEO South Dublin says "The Student Enterprise Programme grants our secondary school students a firsthand taste of

entrepreneurship and the intricacies of managing their own enterprises. It serves as an eye-opener for students, teachers, and parents, offering fresh perspectives on the potential of entrepreneurship as a viable career path. Additionally, it

sheds light on the wide array of support services accessible through the Local Enterprise Office right here in South Dublin. We truly look forward to this year's programme and to the enterprises that await us."

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The Gooseberry Sawfly



DISTINCTIVE: Gooseberry Sawfly larvae often curl the end of their bodies into a little loop

SAWFLIES are a large group of insects related to wasps, bees and ants.

Their name arises from the egg-laying tube that occurs at the tip of the female's body, which she uses to cut into plant tissue to lay her eggs.

Anyone who has tried to grow gooseberry bushes will most likely know the Gooseberry Sawfly, although this general name is often applied to three related Sawfly species.

Adults of these Gooseberry Sawflies are not very noticeable.

They are weak fliers, with yellow-brown bodies and with see-through wings which are held folded over their backs.

In early spring, the female lays her eggs near a vein on the underside of newly growing gooseberry leaves. The hatched larvae initially look like tiny green caterpillars. They stay together as a group, and quickly begin to devour every leaf around them until they strip the stem.

The larvae shed their skins a number of times as

they grow, changing their body colour from the initial bright green to a lighter shade of grey-green, with raised black spots.

A narrow band of yellow occurs behind the head and close to the 'tail' end.

These larvae have a distinctive way of curling the end of their body into a loop as they feed and rest.

While the larvae can strip stems bare, the plant itself does not appear to suffer too badly.

Once the mature larvae have moved down the bush into the soil where they develop further into the adult form, the Gooseberry bush usually recovers and sends out new leaves.

Sawfly numbers are often controlled naturally. The larvae are a very important food source for birds and their chicks in early summer, and they are also targeted by parasitoid wasps who lay their eggs inside the larvae.

The unfortunate larva then becomes a wasp nursery, where the wasp's larvae grow and develop by feeding on the insides of the Sawfly caterpillar.



WEAK FLIERS: Gooseberry Sawfly adults are easy to overlook amongst the leaves



Poverty perceived through poems

Collected poems written by the young

TALLAGHT children and youth got on stage and explored the theme of poverty through poetry, in an event launched at the centre for Childhood Development Initiative (CDI), reports Alessia Micalizzi.

The publication "Perspectives on Poverty" collected poems written by Tallaght children and young people aged between 8 and 15 and gave a "deep and moving" insight into how they perceive and reflect on poverty.

The project has been developed by CDI under the guidance of poet and creative writing teacher Clifton Redmond, and it was launched during End Child Poverty Week 2024.

Three of the young poets – Nico, Hunter, and Kai – read their works aloud to an audience of 40 attendees on Tuesday, September 4, at St Mark's Family and Youth Centre in Fettercairn.

"I think poetry helped us express ourselves and our feelings about certain topics and show our creativity," said Nico.

"We were asked to create characters, put ourselves in their point of view, and use that as the basis for our poems," said Kai. "One character explored how we might feel if we were living through poverty ourselves."

CDI described it as a "special moment of shared creativity and reflection." The young poets' courage and honesty in opening up and sharing their thoughts were praised by both CDI and Clifton Redmond.

"I hope that all the children and young people who took part in the project are very proud of themselves," said Catriona Rogers from CDI's Board, who presented the books to all poets

following the reading.

"I loved working with these young people who had such enthusiasm to learn and share," said Mr Redmond, an Irish Chair of Poetry Award Recipient. "The process of writing these poems transformed them and had a lasting impact on me as well."

"Creativity is an invaluable way to tap into thoughts and experiences which we might otherwise find hard to articulate," he added.

As the event wrapped up, attendees enjoyed pizza and a chat.

Based in Tallaght but operating nationally, the Childhood Development Initiative works to break the cycle of child poverty and improve outcomes for children in disadvantaged areas of the country.

The idea for the publication came from their previous research into the experience of poverty, which already revealed insights from children, young people and their parents.

"Building on these findings, CDI recognised the need to delve deeper into understanding poverty and stress, and acknowledged the power of creativity to do so," said CDI's Pauline Minsky.

Staff and volunteers from Jobstown's Citywise Education and Tallaght's Foróige also took part in the project by supporting the young poets through the writing process.

"Youth work is all about finding ways to build self-esteem, independence, and critical thinking," said Andy Leeson from Foróige. "This poetry project was a new but very positive experience for the participants and gave them a great sense of achievement."

The publication was made possible



INSIGHTS: Clifton Redmond, Nico Barry, Tammy Fitzpatrick and Em Phelan – (inset) Jonathon Doyle (CDI) and Ultan Mac Mathúna (Dublin West Education Centre)

poetry

ng of Tallaght give a new insight into poverty



SHARING: Claire Bohan and Denise Lakes (CDI)

Free Information Day on diagnosis and support for dementia

INFORMATION DAY: Cathy McHale and (inset) Professor Sean Kennelly



A FREE INFORMATION Day will be held in Tallaght County Library on Tuesday, September 17, marking the 10th Anniversary of the Institute of Memory & Cognition at Tallaght University Hospital (TUH). The Institute includes Ireland's first ever Brain Health Clinic which diagnoses and treats dementia.

The free information day for the public will feature a variety of talks from leading national experts in the field. There will also be stands from relevant groups like the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland. The event takes place in Tallaght Library from 12noon until 5pm on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

The following short talks will begin at 3pm, on the day:

An Introduction to the Service (including its history and future plans) by Prof Séan Kennelly, (Director of the Institute of Memory & Cognition at TUH);

The Importance of Brain Health by Graham Knight (Advanced Nurse Practitioner);

What supports are available after a Dementia Diagnosis? by Cathy McHale (Advanced Nurse Practitioner);

The Evolution of the Hospital's Neurocognitive Service? by Emmet Kelly (Advanced Nurse Practitioner);

How the National Intellectual Disability Memory Service works – Evelyn Reilly (Advanced Nurse Practitioner);

An introduction to the Clinical Trials run at the Institute from Ruth Ennis, (Cognitive Clinical Trials Manager);

The event will also feature information stands from:

- The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland;
- The HSE Memory Technology Resource Room in Ballyfermot;
- The Integrated Care for Older Persons Team;

- The National Intellectual Disability Memory Service;
- Alone;
- The Community Guard;

- The Social Prescribers, South Dublin County Partnership;
- Ex Well Medical and Citizens Information Tallaght.

The Institute of Memory & Cognition at TUH has developed over the last ten years, providing a five-day Interdisciplinary Geriatric-Neurology Memory Service that sees 400 new patients annually. It also includes The Brain Health Clinic which treats 200 patients each year and the National Intellectual Disability Memory Service which cares for 150 new patients each year. The Institute also houses the

Cognitive Clinical Trials Unit at TUH.

Over the years the Institute has continued to increase its workforce and now has over 20 permanent staff with expertise in neurology and geriatric medicine, as well as nursing, social work, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, neuropsychology, and dietetics. All work together in a truly interdisciplinary fashion.

Professor Seán Kennelly the Director of the Institute of Memory & Cognition at TUH says: "I would like to invite anyone interested in this event to come along to find out more about our Institute. Since we began operating we have grown from a service that diagnosed 70 new cases per year in 2014, to one that is now Ireland's largest with over 550 new diagnoses per year. The other big change has been the application of biomarkers to support diagnosis.

"We can now measure the levels of proteins we know are responsible for Alzheimer's disease by doing a lumbar puncture. In 2014 we were doing these tests around 10 times a year and it could take four months for the results to come back. Last year we did almost 150, and through a new system validated within the laboratory in TUH, the results were back within two weeks."

CEO of TUH Lucy Nugent said, "I would like to pay tribute to my colleagues Professor Kennelly, Dr Fallon, and Dr O'Dowd and the entire memory service team who have collectively driven the development of our Institute for Memory & Cognition which continues to deliver excellent care for our patients. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate the growth and evolution of this important service at our hospital as it has continued to progress towards better earlier diagnosis, better treatments, and better care for people living with memory problems and dementia."

Since it began operating the Institute of Memory & Cognition at TUH has had 5,000 outpatient appointments.

A quarter of patients attending the specialist memory service are under the age of 65, and this has increased over the last 10 years.

Before the establishment of this clinic, younger people with memory symptoms had great difficulty accessing a diagnosis, and it could take years.

The average length of time between receiving the referral and seeing someone in the clinic is now around four months, and this can be within the month for urgent referrals.

Council continues to push for the opening of Lucan pool

Councillor wants to know if November is still the deadline for the opening of doors

By Maurice Garvey
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SOUTH Dublin County Council continue to “push everything” they can to have Lucan swimming pool completed as soon as possible, following numerous delays which have pushed back the project.

As previously reported, full details cannot be disclosed publicly by the council to councillors due to “sensitivities” surrounding a live contract.

At the council meeting on Monday, Cllr Paul Gogarty (Ind) wanted to know if the November deadline “last given to us” for construction of Lucan pool is “still the deadline or has it fallen back further.”

Gogarty previously stated that he believes the earliest opening for the pool “won’t be before January 2025” but “could be later still.”

In a briefing on his website in July, Gogarty said the project costs started at a €12.5m in the tender stage, but that it could cost in excess of €20m upon completion.

At the meeting on Monday, Cllr Liona O’Toole (Ind) said it “appears to anyone that may be looking in that there is still a lot to be done on it.”

“I am glad to say, we did walk through the main entrance, we did go through the turnstile. We have seen the pools completed as such and everything has literally come together,” said O’Toole of a recent site visit by councillors.

“Obviously we can’t wait to see the water and pool, but if you could just give us some update on that since Friday, we weren’t able to get a completion date on Friday.”

Cllr O’Toole also raised the need for discussion with the pool operator’s Aura Leisure around pricing structure amid concerns that prices will be more expensive in Lucan than in existing Tallaght or Clondalkin swimming pools.

Responding, SDCC chief executive Colm Ward said there is “still a programme for November” in relation to Lucan pool.

“Obviously, there is a lot of dependencies in that – interrogating the work of the contract around the sub-contractors on a regular basis to ensure delivery of that. I’ve said it here numerous times, we are pushing everything we can to get it done, but there are sensitivities around it and challenges around that that we are trying to address,” said Mr Ward.



AT SWIM: An artist's impression of Lucan Swimming pool

Two Paths Meet with Irish and Ukrainian art on Culture Night

SOUTH Dublin County Council Arts Office presents Two Paths Meet, a celebration of traditional Irish and Ukrainian art and culture, produced by Sofft Productions, for Culture Night 2024.

Starting at 2pm and running until late, Two Paths Meet offers a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy the folk traditions of both countries through art, music, poetry, and dance at Rathcoole’s The Old Courthouse as part of this year’s South Dublin Live programme.

Audiences will be treated to an incredible programme, including a special musical collaboration between two internationally celebrated artists – Ukraine’s first-ever female conductor Victoria Zhadko, and renowned Irish musician Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh (The Gloaming, This is How We Fly) at 9pm.

“Ukrainian and Irish cultures have so much in common, both beautiful and sad, that they can and must together, side by side, win their rightful place on the world cultural map. And my honour, right and honourable mission is to do everything in my power for this,” said Victoria Zhadko.

Enjoy live music from 2pm before exploring an exhibition by Ukrainian artist Alla Shmyhavska, showcasing her beautiful folk dolls that are an iconic representation of Ukraine’s cultural heritage (2.30pm).

Get moving with a Sean Nós Dancing workshop led by the talented Rónán Regan (5pm), and enjoy poetry and songs shared by Ukrainian poet Halyna Budilova (4pm) as well as enchanting sounds of Ukrainian folk musician Kseniya Rusnak (6pm).

Two Paths Meet also features live performances of traditional Irish music led by Tom Moran & Friends (8pm), a group of local musicians who are mainstays of traditional Irish music in South Dublin County.

South Dublin County Council Arts Office is delighted to bring these cultural events to the rich historic setting of The Old Courthouse.

The building was converted into a library in 1925, becoming a vibrant community hub until its closure around 1970. The Courthouse continued to serve as a community centre, housing the Rathcoole Players and became home to many art

exhibitions, community gatherings, music and theatre groups. This building has remained a key part of community life as an Arts, Culture, Literature & Heritage Centre.

“We are so excited to be curating this really unique event in the Courthouse in Rathcoole. Getting to re-establish spaces for cultural use has huge benefits for both artists and communities and we at Sofft are very excited to be lighting up this special building.

“From the beginning this meeting of music and culture from Ukraine and Ireland had huge potency and to see the artists programme, collaborate and create together has been so satisfying,” said Natasha Duffy, Sofft Productions producer of Two Paths Meet.

As with all Culture Night events, admission is free, but spaces are limited. Join us in South Dublin for a culturally rich event of art, music, and shared heritage!

“South Dublin County Council Arts Office is delighted to present ‘Two Paths Meet’ as part of the South Dublin Live programme this year. The Old Courthouse in Rathcoole village is the perfect venue for this celebration of the rich folk traditions of Ireland and Ukraine, and together with Sofft Productions we have gathered a wonderful group of musicians, artists, and performers together to celebrate Culture Night ‘24.” Gerry Horan, South Dublin Live Programme Manager.



DELIGHT: Two Paths Meet



COMHAIRLE CONTAE BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS

CISTE BONNEAGAR POBAIL 2024

Aithníonn Comhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas na hiarrachtaí atá á ndéanamh ag na heagraíochtaí pobail go léir atá ag obair le chéile ar bhonn leanúnach chun feabhsúcháin a dhéanamh agus a chur i bhfeidhm ar bhealach inbhuanaithe ionchuimsitheach chun freastal ar riachtanais a bpobal áitiúil.

Glacfar le hiarratais ar Chiste Bonneagar Pobail Chomhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas ón **Aoine, an 13 Meán Fómhair 2024.**

Is ciste de €450,000 é an Ciste Bonneagar Pobail lena gcuirtear deis ar fáil do Ghrúpaí Pobail (lena n-áirítear Clubanna Spóirt) cur isteach ar mhaoiniú, chun cabhrú leo an costas a bhaineann le tógáil Áiseanna Pobail nó áitribh atá ann cheana féin a nuachóiriú agus/nó a shíneadh, a chlúdach, measfar iarratais ó íosmhéid de €5,000 go dtí uasmhéid de €50,000.

Is féidir iarratais a dhéanamh ar líne ag www.sdcc.ie

An spriocdháta d’fhoirmeacha iarratais ar líne atá comhlánaithe ina n-iomláine do Chlár Ciste an Bhoneagair Pobail ná: **Dé hAoine 11 Deireadh Fómhair ar 4pm.**

Ní ghlacfar le hiarratais dhéanacha.

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND 2024

South Dublin County Council is conscious of the efforts of the many community organisations that work together on an ongoing basis to deliver and implement improvements in a sustainable and inclusive way in servicing the needs of their local communities.

Applications are invited for South Dublin County Council’s Community Infrastructure Fund from **Friday 13th September 2024.**

The Community Infrastructure Fund is a fund of €450,000 which offers Community Groups (including Sports Clubs) the opportunity to apply for funding, to assist with the costs of either constructing new Community Facilities or for the modernisation and/or expansion of existing premises, requests from a minimum of €5,000 up to a maximum of €50,000 will be considered.

Applications can be made online at www.sdcc.ie

The closing date for receipt of all fully completed online application forms for the Community Infrastructure Fund Programme is: **Friday 11th October at 4pm.**

Late applications will not be accepted.

Web: www.sdcc.ie



Gateway and path to healing

THE fourth series of public health talks hosted by the Academic Primary Care Collaborative Tallaght kicks off on September 19 with a talk by Prof Bill Phillips on the topic "Seeing Suffering – Gateway to Care and the Path to Healing".

The talk will take place at 2pm in the Russell Centre, Tallaght Cross. There is also the option of joining online.

Free help for stress in teens

A FREE event called Emotional Regulation which helps neurodivergent Teenagers/secondary School students when they feel overwhelmed, stressed-out or angry will take place in Jobstown Community Centre on September 19 from 10am to noon.

Dr Dorothy Armstrong (MSc PhD) is an Occupational Therapist who has worked with young people for over twenty years. She will be the guest speaker on the day. Dr Armstrong works to provide education and training in the area of youth, mental health and neurodiversity.

In memory of John Wilkes, who played a beautiful game

John brought success to a level other clubs could only dream about

TRIBUTES have been paid today to the legendary John Wilkes of Cherry Orchard FC who died recently, reports James Ffrench.

John, a former Irish Junior international manager, achieved tremendous success in the Irish game.

Having worked under Johnny Giles at Shamrock Rovers, he returned to Orchard in 1981 where he aimed to bring greater degrees of technical, tactical and conditioning levels to the junior game.

His success would be instant, as in his first season in charge in the 1981/82 season, together with his assistant Joe Healy, Orchard won four of the five competitions they had entered.

However, this was only the start of a long period of remarkable success for John and Cherry Orchard.

Himself and Joe Healy together would win over 40 major trophies in a stint lasting just under two decades as the management team of the club.

The many incarnations of John's teams would all differ in their own

unique way, but winning was a characteristic that all of his sides shared in abundance.

His success at that level caused other sides to evolve and rethink their approach, thus producing a golden era of junior football for anyone lucky enough to have played in or watched games during this time.

John was also always looking for ways to evolve his own football knowledge and improve his understanding of the game.

He travelled the world to watch the beautiful game, attending World Cups and European Championships even when Ireland had not qualified.

Through doing this alongside watching every detail and facet of games John garnered a remarkable memory for football facts and formations.

His funeral Mass takes place at 11 o'clock on Friday morning at The Church of The Assumption, Ballyfermot, followed by a burial at Mount Jerome Cemetery.



LEGEND:
The late John Wilkes

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AS PART of *The Echo* celebrating over 40 years, we're celebrating you, and local faces and places. Over the last four 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 **Geoffrey McCarthy**, manager of the Beacon of Light Counselling Service.



SPiRiT: Geoffrey McCarthy, manager of Beacon of Light

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The Echo – celebrating community for 44 years



THIS week in our 'Faces of the Community' feature, we shine a light on Geoffrey McCarthy, manager of the incredibly important and highly regarded Beacon of Light, which has been offering a source of light and hope to individuals and families in North Clondalkin for almost a quarter of a century.

Lifelong Clondalkin man Geoff, as we shall learn, is a man lead by two characteristics in his life. His entrepreneurial spirit, and his desire to help others.

He's also a man almost pathologically reluctant to blow his own trumpet, but never fear, *The Echo* is here to help him with that.

Founded in the year 2000 by the Order of St Francis, led by Clondalkin legends Sisters Carmel Earls and Patricia Kidd, Beacon of Light Counselling Service or, BLCC in Clondalkin has been offering high quality, accessible and affordable, professional counselling and training workshops to people in the Clondalkin area.

The service provides mental health support and positive interventions to assist children, adolescents and adults work towards healthy relationships with self, others, the community and the environment.

In 2009, a fresh-faced young man named Geoff McCarthy turned up at BLCC to take up a position as a volunteer student-counsellor.

Geoff tells me, "I had spent the best part of my twenties living abroad, notably ten years in the Balearic Islands, some time in the UK, and I had then taken a couple of years out to put on a backpack and travel the world."

"After that the feeling that I had to decide what I was going to do with the rest of my life took over, so I came home and studied psychotherapy, which had always interested me."

Just seven years later, Geoff had taken the reigns as CEO. One of the first things he then did was he devised, pitched to the board, and implemented his own programme, called The Breakthrough Programme.

As Geoff explains, "I did some research, and using data from Salesforce and the NOSP (National Office for Suicide Prevention), it became clear that anger management, suicidal ideation, addiction and anti-social behaviour were huge problems."

"These problems were most felt in, for the want of a better word, underprivileged areas such as ours in Clondalkin. I felt like The

Breakthrough Programme could make a real difference here and so far I'm delighted to say it has."

In his home life, Geoff is the proud father of a certain Amelia Lawless-McCarthy, and let me tell you, the apple didn't fall far from the tree there.

"Yeah, she actually won the tech category in Student Enterprise Programme, so I'm extremely proud of her. She's got a great head on her young shoulders."

In a piece of self-effacement reminiscent of her dad, she made it clear "Now don't get too excited, Dad, I only won the Tech category, not the whole thing!"

As for the future of BLCC, Geoff is under constant pressure to keep the doors open at the facility. Whilst the funding provided by the Order of St Francis and the National Lottery is invaluable in providing the basics, extra funding is desperately needed.

Dear reader, as someone who grew up a stones throw from BLCC's premises and was run over by a tipper truck in 1981 on the very spot they now occupy, I can tell you in all sincerity that Beacon Of Light and the Breakthrough Programme are an utterly crucial resource for the people of the unfairly-

maligned North Clondalkin.

As Geoff says, "To keep on providing the services we do and to grow on into the future, we desperately need some more investment. We're looking into it constantly but if anyone out there would be willing to help a crucial local organisation, we're all ears."

At this point, Geoff makes sure to fulsomely praise the staff and board members of BLCC. He thanks Clinical coordinator Joanne Kavanagh and Office Coordinator William Duffy as well as Board members Chairperson, Paul Kenny, Gerard Keegan, recently appointed Karen Hernandez, Julie Nicholson, Derry McVeigh as well as the redoubtable Sister Carmel Earls and the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia Sister Parish.

"At the moment, we can only take referrals from Clondalkin, but if we do manage to source the funding we need, who knows where the Beacon of Light will go in the future."

If anyone can make it happen, Geoff McCarthy can. He might even get Amelia to help too! For more information on or to donate to Beacon of Light, visit their website on beaconoflight.ie

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Take the time to smell the roses —and all the rest of the flowers

Learn about 'The Power of Flowers' at Old Bawn Community School

SINCE ancient times people across all cultures have had a huge attraction to flowers, using them as a medium to express sentiments of goodwill, love, beauty and sadness.



GOODWILL: Brid Kennedy

Flowers have been used since pagan times for celebrations and rituals as they have held special significance for the human spirit. There is evidence that they were given at funerals when the Neanderthals buried their dead.

Flowers are used to convey sympathy, contrition, romance or celebration such as pride and joy. Flowers are also used to express religious feelings – in some religions they are considered the direct route for spiritual communication.

Humans have always been strangely attracted to flowers even when they provide no physical sustenance. Many great artists used flowers to express life, e.g. Wordsworth's poetry on flowers and the poem *The Blue Iris* by Mary Oliver.

Shakespeare made many references to flowers in his writings. Monet and Van Gogh used the image of the sunflower for much of their artwork.

Humans have embodied flowers for their aesthetic qualities, e.g. stone drawings of flowers were found in ancient Egyptian graves 120,000 years ago, were used in festivals in Roman times, and silk flowers were created in China 2,000 years ago.

The diversity of flowers is astounding, varying in shape, colour, size, scent, with the way they interact with their pollinators.

Flowers are powerful in connecting people of all generations and demographics. They are 'cheerleaders and magicians'.

Flowers are a social equaliser – they touch people, and they change the energy regardless of age, demographic or wealth status, as everyone needs joy and beauty. Flowers are with us at the most important happy, beautiful and challenging times in our lives, being magical and healing.

Flowers often trigger our memories and are sources of remembering -- a way of recalling our wholeness, as well as awakening our inner power of recognition and consciousness.

Flowers have immediate and long-term effects on emotional reactions, mood, social behaviours and even memory for both males and females. Flowers can say things that we can't,



BEAUTY: Flowers express sentiments of goodwill

triggering an emotion or changing behaviour. When we receive a bunch of flowers for an occasion, it stirs an emotion within us.

In Victorian England, when many verbal expressions of emotions were suppressed, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu developed Floriography to send coded messages when sending flowers.

When sending certain types of flowers, the message to the person was in the type of flower chosen.

Flowers have a long history of use in traditional medicine. Twelfth-century mystic, Hildegard of Bingen, used flowering plants to heal. She said illness is related to suppressed emotions and by using our inner wisdom with specific flowering plants, it teaches us to open up to the spiritual forces within us.

Her model has much in common with traditional Chinese Medicine, Islamic medicine and Ayurveda, the traditional medicine of India.

Colour is a major determinant when people are selecting flowering plants or cut flowers. The presence and experience of colour are at the very heart of human life and each colour evokes its world of feeling and association.

It's the colour of flowers that has a strong visual component which activates the visual and other areas of

our brain, creating a stimulating, perceptual experience.

There is an endless range of flower colours from pure white to nearly black.

Light uses colour to adorn the earth with beauty, transfiguring everything it touches. Light is essential for the plant to blossom.

The smell of flowers has an intriguing ability to evoke emotions, memories, and visions and has played an important role in the world's spiritual traditions since the dawn of time.

The fragrance of essential oils from flowers is used in many spiritual practices, e.g. Shinto, Buddhism, and Native American rites through healing, prayer, and meditation.

A flower is energy and the energy they emit comes from their colour and essence giving off distinct vibrations of sound and light.

Each plant speaks to us through colour and sound vibrations that are specific to each energy centre within ourselves and are defined by the type of soil and climate it lives in. Plants release sound emissions from their different organs and during their different growth stages or in response to different situations.

Fertile soil, sufficient sunshine and water, and a sense of caring and understanding promote relevant

conditions for different varieties of flowers to bloom in their different seasons. Like flowers, we all need the right nurturing at every level to grow and bloom.

Seasons encourage us to embrace the struggle, the joy, the loss and the gain, the darkness and the light and to find in all of it growth opportunities. Seeds move through their life stages in an endless cycle of seasons and the cycle of seasons reminds us that the journey never ends.

In every seed and bulb is the promise of thousands of blooms. 'All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today' (Indian Proverb). The expression 'What you sow is what you reap', so if I want to create happiness one must consciously sow the seeds of happiness.

The seed needs the darkness to grow and when it is ready, it comes into light. No matter your beliefs or direction, you discover that growing is an act of faith; that taking the tiniest seed and placing it in the best possible soil, caring for it as it grows, and marvelling at the changes that come over it, gives us great reward while standing as a symbol of transformation.

Flowers such as dandelions, daffodils and primroses begin to bloom in Spring, offering signs of hope through their new life. Summer fills with an abundance of flowers of all

shapes, sizes and colours. Autumn is a season of great beauty and of decline, as summer's abundance decays towards winter's death. While flowers die, many of them resurrect again in the following spring or summer showing us that we all can come through dark times.

Humanity and flowering plants have evolved over the millennia. Flowers through their sensory arousal awaken us humans to the beauty that is an essential part of our innermost being, our true nature.

The colour, smell, taste and touch in particular of the flower captures our attention in so many ways as it resonates with something beyond us.

I am delighted to be delivering a ten-week course on 'The Power of Flowers' in Old Bawn Community School, Tallaght from Thursday, September 26, 2024.

My course aims to create awareness and support participants to explore the mystery, joy, colour and beauty of flowers and the impact they have on human emotions such as forgiveness, trust, resilience and love.

You are very welcome to enrol for this course by phoning the Adult Education Centre on 01 4526137 or visiting the website Thursday – Old Bawn Community School Adult Education (oldbawnadulthoodeducation.ie)

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Maldron Hotel secures 4-star status after €150k investment

Hotel at Newlands Cross employs 136 people with 85 per cent living locally

By **Stephen Farrell**
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THE MALDRON Hotel at Newlands Cross was awarded four stars in May and everyone there is delighted with the award, according to Suzanne McCabe, Sales and Marketing Manager.

“The entire team at the hotel is thrilled to see the hotel being recognised as a four-star hotel. Our team has always provided a four-star standard of service and we needed to invest over €150,000 in our product in 2023 to bring our product to a four-star standard. We changed signage, carpets, mattresses, televisions and changed the interior on our corridors,” said Ms McCabe.

The hotel has 136 employees, with 85 per cent living locally. “We have a fantastic team of people with a lot of our team members working in this hotel over 20 years,” added Ms McCabe.

Conscious of the role it plays in the community, the hotel sponsors a number of worthy local causes, including Clondalkin Tidy Towns, Bridge Club room hire sponsorship, Clondalkin Rugby club strips and Srúleen National School jerseys.

The hotel has an almost 30-year history in the locality.

“Bert Allen from Slaney Meats bought four acres of land here in Newlands Cross and began construction in 1995 of what was previously Bewley’s Hotel Newlands Cross. The hotel opened in 1996 with 258 bedrooms,” explained Ms McCabe.

As the years passed the hotel also grew.

“As the years passed an additional 39 rooms were added to the hotel. The hotel was a huge success in the locality and became a landmark for people to meet and socialise. Its iconic clocktower is visible to all from the N7 and was used as a talking point for many a weary traveller,” said Ms McCabe.

In late 2007 and early 2008, Moran Hotels bought the Bewley’s hotel Franchise and the hotel was renamed Moran Bewley’s Hotel



Newlands Cross.

In 2015 the hotel chain was then purchased by DALATA Hotel Group and renamed as Maldron Hotel Newlands Cross and has been operating as a Maldron ever since.

“Despite the changes in ownership down through the years, we remain a favourite with our local guests and our meeting rooms also remain a favourite with local businesses,” said Ms McCabe.



CRH complete final phase of European lime divestment operations for \$1.1 billion

A LEADING provider of building solutions announced last week that it had completed the final phase of its European lime divestment, reports *Stephen Farrell*.

Cement Roadstone Holdings (CRH), which has a corporate office in Rathfarnham and whose subsidiary Roadstone has a quarry in Belgard, Tallaght, announced on Monday, September 2 that the third and final phase of its agreement to divest its lime operations in Europe for approximately \$1.1 billion (€90,380) is now complete.

Lime has been used as a building material for thousands of years because of its unique properties. Lime is strong, durable and flexible, which means that it can withstand construction loads without breaking down. It is also breathable, allowing moisture to evaporate, reducing the risk of dampness and mould.

CRH employs approximately 78,500 people at approximately 3,390 operating locations in 28 countries and has market leadership positions in both North America and Europe.

It is also a Fortune 500 company,

with its shares listed on the New York and London Stock Exchanges.

At the beginning of August the company also announced its Q2 results. The company said that in the three months ended June 30, 2024 there were total revenues of \$9.7 billion (€7.7 billion), which were one per cent behind last year’s results and cited unfavourable weather in certain regions as one of the causes of this.

However, net income was recorded at \$1.3 billion (€1.17 billion) which was 8 per cent ahead of last year’s figures and which the company said

reflected “strong operating performance”.

CRH’s basic Earnings Per Share for Q2 2024 was \$1.89 (€1.70) while in Q2 2023 they were \$1.63 (€1.46).

The company also said that they were pleased to announce that they are raising their previous guidance for 2024, reflecting the strength of their financial performance, the positive underlying momentum in their business, as well as the positive contribution from recent portfolio activity.

“In Europe, we expect good

underlying demand in infrastructure and key non-residential markets, further supported by disciplined cost control,” the company said.

Also in August the company announced that it has completed the latest phase of its share buyback programme, returning a further \$0.3 billion (€0.269 billion) of cash to shareholders.

The total cash returned to shareholders under the ongoing share buyback programme is \$7.9 billion (€7.09 billion) since its commencement in May 2018.

Appeals to ABP on Search and Rescue Base at Weston after council decision

Devaluation of protected-structure home cited as one of the problems

By **Stephen Farrell**
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PLANS for a proposed Search and Rescue base at a Weston Airport have been stalled after appeals were lodged with An Bord Pleanála following SDCC approval for the development.

Objections have been lodged by several parties, including John and Michelle Colgan, 4 Cooldrinagh Lane, Lucan, Tony Doyle, Coneyboro, Celbridge, and Helen and John Shackelton, Long Acre, Coneyboro Celbridge.

The proposed development is for a Search and Rescue (SAR) hangar on lands forming part of Weston Airport at Celbridge Rd, Backweston, Lucan.

The proposed development will consist of a part single and part two-storey SAR helicopter hangar of 1,984.4 square metres to accommodate two helicopters, a maintenance store, workshop and facilities, operations rooms and offices, staff kitchen and accommodation for on-shift personnel. The hangar facility will also facilitate maintenance, repair, and overhaul activities for SAR helicopters only.



PLANS: Weston Airport

A single-storey structure of 48.9 square metres facilitating ESB substation, switch room, and security room is also proposed. Also proposed are 20 car-parking spaces, including EV charging and disabled parking provision and 17 bicycle-parking spaces.

Application for planning permission for the development was made in

December 2023.

In his objection to the development Mr Colgan wrote to the Planning Department of South Dublin County Council in January and said that he opposed "the subject of this planning application, principally on grounds of health, safety and the devaluation of our protected-structure home".

Mr Colgan also said that the small

aircraft that currently use Weston Airport "create disproportionately too much noise".

Mr Colgan adds that his family residence has been in Leixlip since March 1969, at first in a bungalow and since September 1991 in a near-300-year-old, slated protected structure which is adjacent to several slated, single-glazed protected structures.

Mr Colgan recommends the rezoning of Weston Aerodrome for housing or for offices and industry.

Helen and John Shackelton also have objected to the proposed development, in particular to the location and the type of development sought. They argue that "the proposed development in a location far removed from the existing facilities makes no sense whatever" adding that "any development of additional hangar space, if it is to be considered, should logically be adjacent to any existing structures on the site". They further argue that "the proposed location and size of these hangars will cause a serious visual intrusion in an existing rural area".

They also say that they "are situated to the west of the main runway, directly in the flight path of aircraft taking off into the wind" and are already "subject to extensive noise and disturbance from the existing activities".

They conclude that they have "sympathy for those with similar but probably greater problems with Dublin Airport".

According to An Bord Pleanála the case is due to be decided by January 8 next year.

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HIGH LEVEL: Staff from Henkel



Investors in Diversity Bronze for Henkel

HENKEL Ireland has been presented with Investors in Diversity Bronze. The commendation was presented by the Irish Centre for Diversity, who have developed the premier Diversity and Inclusion accreditation in Ireland.

The accolade acknowledges that Henkel Ireland, which has facilities in Tallaght and Ballyfermot, has established strong foundations that can be used to start embedding diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) into the wider organisation's systems.

This underlines the commitment the company has in placing DEI at the centre of its Irish operations.

Research from the Irish Centre for Diversity has found that while 90 per cent of Irish workers feel respected and valued by their immediate colleagues,

around half want their organisation to do more to improve diversity and inclusion.

Henkel Ireland has now started on its journey to achieving the highest level of accreditation.

The criteria for achieving this accreditation is rigorous, with organisations needing to show assessors that DEI policies are in place where necessary, that effective and clear communication regarding those policies has been delivered and that leaders have undertaken DEI training.

Through the process, the Irish Centre for Diversity not only provides an assessment on how thorough an organisation's DEI policies and processes are, but it also offers a clear and structured framework through which a company can transform its diversity

practices and culture.

Speaking about Henkel Ireland's journey to Investors in Diversity Bronze accreditation, Patricia Cullen, Director ACM Product Development, said: "It is a great honour for us at Henkel Ireland to be accredited with Investors in Diversity Bronze by the Irish Centre for Diversity.

"We appreciate the importance of diversity in the workplace and it is something we take great pride in. Our people are crucial to everything we do, and all of our employees should feel valued and welcome.

"Bronze accreditation is the first important step on our journey to achieve a Gold ranking and we are looking forward to continued engagement with the Irish Centre for Diversity."

Sadie's Secrets eyebrow tint takes off in top shops

Uniphar have distributed it across 50 pharmacies and Brown Thomas and Arnotts stock it

By **Stephen Farrell**

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"MY SON took one, I'll have to get another one."

This is what people are saying about Sadie's Secrets eyebrow tint product, according to its developer, Jill Keogh.

While the product was primarily developed for women as they get older, younger people are using it as well, including men.

"Younger people are using it as well, men are using it in their beards," said Jill.

Currently there are two products in Jill's range namely the coolant skincare stick and the eyebrow tint. Jill explained a little further how Sadie's Secrets came about.

"Another girl and I own a salon called Avail Hair and Beauty Salon, in the Avoca Building, Rathcoole but we closed in 2020 due to the pandemic. So during the lockdown I did a course run by Enterprise Ireland and KPMG. They encouraged me to think outside the box and I came up with the idea of a product range for older women," said Jill.

From working in a salon for 20 years Jill found that her clients felt there was not that many products for women when they got older.

It took approximately four years



GREAT IDEA: Jill Keogh applying the make-up

for Jill's idea to come to fruition and her products were launched in March.

While working from home for her Sadie's Secret business Jill also avails of the Avail Hair and Beauty Salon in Rathcoole to pack up orders and she also supplies her product to Avoca there.

"The Coolant skincare stick sold out quickly, we had 550 of them in the salon at Avoca, but they sold out over one weekend, I'm getting a larger order," said Jill.

The eyebrow tint has been even more popular.

"The eyebrow tint has sold out a good few times, it's available in Arnotts and Brown Thomas, and Uniphar have distributed it to 50 pharmacies. It's also available in six Avoca stores. It's a great success, I didn't think it would be as big a success," said Jill.

One of the attractions of this

product is that it means users do not have to go to a salon.

"People just want to cover grey and lighter hair without going into a salon, I just wanted to make it easier for them. As women get older they don't know what to get," said Jill.

As Sadie's Secrets has become so busy, Jill – who is the sole owner – is looking for someone to work full-time for her.

The beauty therapist has also stayed up to date with all the different courses that the Local Enterprise Office has available.

Jill's business is named after her granny, Sadie. "She's one of my number one clients," said Jill.

The Sadie's Secrets products will also be available in Avoca in Belfast and Uniphar will distribute them in Europe too, according to Jill.

"To go global is the dream," said Jill.

“ People just want to cover grey and lighter hair without going into a salon, I just wanted to make it easier for them. As women get older they don't know what to get . . . To go global is the dream

Nik's Tea shortlisted for organic food and drink producers award

BORD BIA announced the shortlist of organic food and drink producers for the National Organic Awards 2024, held in association with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to celebrate the achievements and high standards of the increasing number of organic growers, producers, and manufacturers in the country.

The winners of the National Organic Awards will be revealed at an awards ceremony that takes place on Thursday, October 17 in the Bord Bia Global Hub in Dublin.

Judges reviewed the shortlisted companies at the National Organic Food Fair which took place in Merrion Square in Dublin on Saturday. Judges included chef Clodagh McKenna, food writer Suzanne Campbell, chef Janine Kennedy, food consultant Annie Dunne, and retail expert John McDonagh.

The shortlisted companies were judged across seven categories including a new award for 2024, The Organic Sector Champion, which will be announced alongside the other winners at the ceremony in October. Among those shortlisted for the awards are Nik's Tea from Rathcoole.

Nik's Tea is an award-winning

supplier of bespoke and speciality teas from around the world. They are committed to an ecological production process & packaging plan and aim to create organic herbal teas that are healthy and full of exciting flavours. They are shortlisted for the Best New & Innovative Irish Organic Product for their Organic Cherry Spice Iced Tea.

Commenting on the selection of short-listed producers, Emmet Doyle, Organic Sector Manager in Bord Bia, said:

"The National Organic Awards is an opportunity to shine a light on the quality of Ireland's thriving organic sector and highlight some of the producers who continue to drive the sector from strength to strength. From speaking to our esteemed judges, the calibre of entries was excellent this year, which is reflected in the companies shortlisted. We would like to extend our congratulations to them, and thank all who entered this year."

Winners of the National Organic Awards 2024 will get a one-to-one session with Bord Bia's Client Capability team, who will help develop a bespoke package of supports to meet individual company needs up to the value of €5,000.



SHORTLISTED: Nicola Kearns from Nik's Tea

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National Transport Authority go-ahead for Belgard plans

Volume of buses set to increase from 22 to 49 per hour, with a layover on Belard Sq

By William O'Connor

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THE NATIONAL Transport Authority (NTA) has received planning permission for a development that includes the closure of the slip road from Belgard Square South onto the N81 to accommodate the increase in the volume of buses in the area because of the changes proposed under BusConnects.

THE NTA stated in its planning that the volume of buses is set to increase from 22 to 49 buses per hour and the plans lodged show a layover facility on a section of Belgard Square South, beside The Square, The Plaza Hotel and close to Tallaght Garda Station and will help facilitate the new development.

It forms part of Government efforts to improve public transport and address climate change nationally, supporting national strategies such as the National Development Plan 2021-2030 and the Climate Action Plan 2023.

The layover facility will be comprised of bus parking for 10 buses and welfare facilities for drivers.

The development consists of two separate parking areas with seven bus bays in the south layover and three in the layby to the north of Belgard Square South.

There will be one entrance point into the layover area located on the southern side of Belgard Square South.

This layover area will have two egress points with a right-turn ban in place. There will be a layby located on the northern side of Belgard Square South, across from the layover area.

The layover area includes a bus driver welfare facility comprising of two toilet units. The proposed development includes the closure of the hard shoulder on the northern side of the N81 to accommodate the realignment of the cycle track along the N81.

The proposed development includes all the associated works to facilitate the bus layover and welfare facility. The overall area of the site is approximately 0.7 ha.



CHANGES: The area at Belgard Square beside the Tallaght bypass and (inset) an artist's impression of the plans

Appeal by third party against crematorium at Esker Lawn

A THIRD-PARTY appeal has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála against South Dublin County Council's decision to grant permission for a new crematorium within the grounds of Esker Lawn Cemetery.

The Echo incorrectly stated in its report on August 29 that 51 appeals had been lodged with An Bord Pleanála against the council's decision which the paper is happy to correct.

Mary and Alec Birnie, from St Jude's Lucan-Newlands Road, Esker, have lodged the appeal against the council's decision.

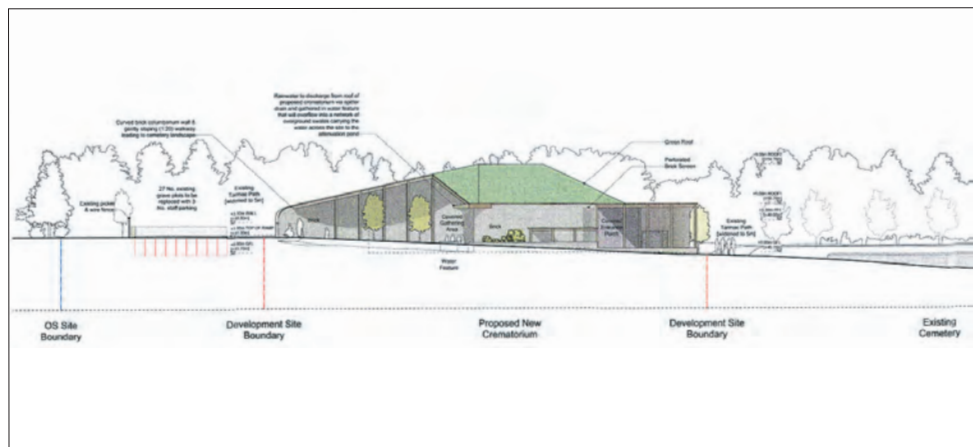
Applicant Esker Lawn Cemetery Limited lodged plans with the local authority for the construction of a new 485m2 crematorium within the grounds of Esker Lawn Cemetery.

The development also consisted of a congregation space, one electric cremator and associated plant and services spaces, and the provision of visitor toilets, and ESB

substation.

Also included in the plans are the provision of new car-parking area and minor adjustments to existing parking, resulting in the net addition of two parking spaces; amendments to existing site landscaping involving removal and reduction of existing hard surfaces and roadway surfaces and all associated works.

Proposals allowed for the construction of new landscaping works, including a contemplation pond, water feature, planted landscape berms and swale drains at the building perimeter and at the adjacent area designated for grave spaces under SD10A/0331 as part of a combined suds drainage and biodiverse planting strategy; temporary access for construction traffic to be provided from the eastern boundary, and the existing boundary treatment reinstated post construction.



PROPOSALS: An artist's impression of the plans

Permission given for 700 cost rental and social housing homes

Location of development will be beside Park West and Cherry Orchard Railway Station

By **Maurice Garvey**
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THE Land Development Agency (LDA) and Dublin City Council (DCC) received approval for planning application for over 700 cost rental and social housing homes in Cherry Orchard.

The application for the Cherry Orchard Point project, submitted to An Bord Pleanála last December, contains proposals for 708 units, on a 6.27-hectare site owned by the city council.

Plans include both housing and commercial units, and represents Phase 1 of a wider scheme for lands known as Site 4 and Site 5 in the Park West-Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan.

Overall housing capacity for these lands is estimated at 1,100 units.

The proposed Phase 1 consists of 547 cost rental and 161 social housing units while a further 400 homes and a commercial zone are planned for further phases.

The location is beside Park West and Cherry Orchard Railway Station, bound by Cloverhill Road to the north.

The apartments are proposed in 16 blocks contained within nine buildings, ranging in height from 4 to 15 storeys. They will include 28 studio homes, 263 one-bed, 368 two-bed and 49 three-bed apartments.

The homes are set to be A-rated and completed to a high standard, with heat pump systems, PV panels and quality insulation.

Plans to develop new homes at Cherry Orchard Point are proposed to combine with other public projects planned locally by DCC and included in the Park West-Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan, which was voted on and approved by Dublin City councillors in October 2019.

An Bord Pleanála said the development would “positively contribute to compact growth and would make efficient use of an appropriately zoned greenfield/brownfield site within the urban area of Dublin city.”

Dave Dinnigan, Director of Housing Delivery in Dublin City Council said: “The decision by An Bord Pleanála to approve planning for Phase 1 of Cherry Orchard Point is very welcome and will help Dublin City Council to expand its programme of mixed tenure delivery throughout the city with funding from the Housing for All Plan.”

Cherry Orchard Point is the largest joint project being undertaken by the LDA and DCC.



SOCIAL HOUSING: An artist's impression of the development planned for Cherry Orchard

Grange Backup Power puts in proposals for extension on power plant permission



EXTENSION: An aerial view of Grange Castle

GRANGE Backup Power Ltd has lodged an application with South Dublin County Council for an extension of duration of permission for a power plant, reports *William O'Connor*.

Located in Grange Castle Business Park, the new application is for a 10-year permission for the construction of a 115MW Peaker Power Plant in a single-storey building with a mezzanine level office and electrical control area.

This building will have a platform height of 17.52m, seven shafts with a height of 20.74m and two stacks with a height of 25m.

The development also includes water and fuel tanks with associated pump houses; one building consisting of a compact workshop and warehouse and a security area, with a height of 6.5m; site access and entrance gates; internal roadways and footpaths; security fencing; six car-parking

spaces, one of these is accessible, and appropriate landscaping all on a site of 1.23 hectare site in the north of Grange Castle Business Park.

The total gross floor area of the facility is approx. 3,583 sq m. This application relates to development which comprises of an activity which requires an Industrial Emissions Licence in accordance with the First Schedule of the EPA Act 1992 as amended.

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Construction of cycle lanes creating havoc for residents and road users in Firhouse area

Dear Editor,

I'M READING *The Echo* for the past thirty years or more.

I look forward to reading it every week and I'm happy that it covers stories of all descriptions both local and further afield.

Having said that I find it astonishing that there's no mention of all

those cycle lanes, particularly in our estate in Firhouse.

The cycle lanes are creating havoc for residents and road users during their construction.

The cycle lanes are as wide as the road lanes that are left for traffic.

I hear bus drivers in particular complaining about the little or no margin between buses when they

meet.

What really annoys me is that you'd be lucky to see any cyclists in the estate some days.

In another local area in Aylesbury similar-type lanes have been created by taking up to three metres off the road.

There's a grass margin of about three metres which I feel could have

been used which would have been less costly and would fulfill the requirements.

I'm told the works cost €1 million to complete per kilometre.

I could go on and mention Whitestown way which already had a double cycle lane, but they still decided to reduce the road space to create a new additional cycle lane.

Ninety-nine percent of the people I speak to are totally against all the unnecessary changes.

I feel if I was a journalist I'd be doing an article or more on this topic.

Yours sincerely,

Concerned Irish and Firhouse resident.

Leinster House bicycle shelter a 'complete waste of public money'



ON YOUR BIKE: The bicycle shelter that cost €336,000

Dear Editor,

A NEW bicycle shed has been installed within the grounds of Leinster House, a protected structure of national importance in keeping with the historic landscape of the national parliament, allowing for the storage of 18 bikes, has saddled taxpayers with €336,000.

The new shelter costs €18,611 per bike and €2,952 payable for archaeological services while €10,816 was paid for quantity surveying and "contract

administration services".

The archaeology involved the removal of two feet of earth making way for a plinth of granite to replace the tarmacadam. Notably, nothing surfaced underneath the bicycle shelter at the side wall of the basemented 19th century National Gallery.

Nearby an array of electric charging points has cost multiples of the bike shed bill. Ark Cycle Shelter has quoted €6,446.90 plus VAT for the installation. OPW revealed €22,282 was allocated for installation.

Because of its location the shelter required "several unique challenges" and "a protected structure of national importance". Kieran O'Donnell, Minister of State for the Office of Public Works (OPW) which should read the Office of Public Waste (OPW) ordered a review of the project – branded a pointless exercise as the damage done is irreversible.

Taoiseach Simon Harris said the costs are: "extraordinary, extortionate, inexcusable and inexplicable".

"This is the sort of thing that

rightly angers and annoys people." The Tánaiste called it "incredible", and Eamonn Ryan said it's "incredibly expensive". Helen McEntee said the cost is "astronomical" while Minister for Finance, Jack Chambers said: "It's a complete waste of public money".

The 'wheely expensive' shed has become a big attraction with photographers taking pictures through the perimeter fence.

Yours sincerely,
Gerry Coughlan,
Kilnamanagh.

Be very wary of authoritarianism!

Dear Editor,

RETIRED GP Diana Warner, "who worked for the NHS for 37 years, was found guilty of professional misconduct at a tribunal convened by the General Medical Council" in Britain lately.

She had participated in protests about climate change and suffered several jailings. The GMC tribunal ruled that "her decision to act unlawfully may lead to patients questioning her judgement as a medical professional." Hence her three-month suspension from the medical register.

This is an ominous reminder of the Berufsverbot operated in the then West Germany in the 1970s to get rid of any state employee showing opposition to the prevalent, hegemonic consensus on major political issues.

Several recent cases suggest this is coming back in Germany and is part and parcel of the moves to limit criticism of the state's *raison d'etat*.

If fascism is not at the moment on the cards, authoritarianism certainly is. We should be very wary of these developments wherever we live.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Doran,
Clondalkin.

Oasis ticket fiasco is not an isolated Ticketmaster event

Dear Editor,

OASIS fans buying tickets for Oasis's Croke Park gigs for €86.50 were faced with rebranded prices of €115.50 for the same ticket.

Regina Doherty, Fine Gael MEP, asked to investigate pricing deemed not "transparent advertising and certainly not fair to consumers". She added: "Every ticket for these gigs was always going to be 'in demand', so slapping an extra label and €300 on some standing tickets is just extortionate." The European Commission, said it was "aware of the concerns" about ticketing websites using dynamic pricing and was "monitoring the situation". It said the "imposition of excessive prices by a dominant company" would be in breach of EU law.

The Tánaiste said it was "quite shocking" to see how there was: "a kind of runaway inflation" with tickets going up to €115 for pitch standing.

There is still "time for redemption" for the organisers and promoters and he hoped they could reflect on what has transpired.

"There are a lot, a lot of disappointed people out there from the perspective of what they would see as price gouging," he added." In 2017, Ticketmaster said 'dynamic pricing' closed the 'pricing gap' that incentivised ticket-touting. Dynamic pricing will be a focal point in a broader review of consumer protection in ticket sales.

Ticketmaster's defence has done little to placate fans – many of whom are betrayed. Oasis ticketing fiasco is not an isolated incident.

Similar controversies were aired during Bruce Springsteen's 2023 US tour that saw tickets reach \$5,000. So, who's to blame for Oasis ticketing fiasco?

Yours sincerely,
Gerry Coughlan, Kilnamanagh.

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Dream Factory

FEATURING A SPECTACULAR CIRCUS AND ACROBATIC MAYHEM

By Ryan Butler

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'Dream Factory' is the eagerly-anticipated circus musical written by Cian Kinsella from renowned acro-comedy outfit Lords of Strut (RTÉ's Body Brothers; Britain's Got Talent semi-finalists), created with Jennifer Jennings (THISISPOPBABY) and composed by GMCBeats (Producer of The Spark, the recent internet hip-hop sensation).

A young girl, Breda Spring, becomes an unlikely leader against a sinister plot of ultimate destruction. The town of Ballyplastic is under threat from a villainous CEO and his maniacal boss, and Breda goes head-to-head with this despicable corporation whose greed and mania could destroy her town, the country... and possibly the world.

Featuring spectacular circus, acrobatic mayhem, and big banging musical numbers, Dream Factory sounds a warning bell about what can happen if we continue to destroy our natural resources. This epic tale will leave you sore from laughing, your feet itching to dance, and your heart full of possibility.

'Dream Factory' features a star-studded line-up of world-class actors, singers, dancers, acrobats, and puppeteers, including 'Múinteoir Ray' Cuddihy from RTÉ Home School Hub, Lachlan Chapman from the international doo-wop sensation The Overtones, and Ruth Berkely from Disney's Disenchanted, with multi-award-winning cult-cabaret legends Bourgeois & Maurice acting as script dramaturgs.

As an ecological parable focusing on greed, consumerism, and environmental destruction, writer Cian Kinsella says: "The show allows us to look at the effects of an extractive economy, gives us hope that we can find our way out of it, and inspires us to engage differently with nature. Within a quest fantasy, it pulls no punches while being entertaining, thoughtful, and very funny. It's about empowerment and agency."

The first circular economy musical produced in Ireland, the production is created using sustainable practices: repairing, reusing, and upcycling over 85% of all set materials, costumes, and props, in addition to sustainable codes of practice throughout. With multiple sustainability partners, including Circular Costume.

This week, we sat down with Jennifer Jennings to discuss the show, which will have its world premiere hosted by the Civic from September 21 to October 5.

What inspired this show?

I first met Lords of Strut in 2016, and we worked together on 'Riot', which headlined the



MAYHEM: A scene from the Dream Factory

Dublin Dance Festival in 2019. We also worked together on 'Absolute Legends' back in 2017/18 and toured the country multiple times. One day, we asked ourselves and discussed "What would an ensemble 'Lords of Strut' show look like?". It was a priority for us to have a fun set that the cast could enjoy performing on. We wanted to use this show as an opportunity to talk about climate breakdown but in a comedic way.

Have there been any particular highlights or challenges during the production?

We held a development workshop for the show in July 2021 in University Limerick; there were 15 of us, and back then, the world was still in lockdown, so it was difficult to work around that and make sure everyone could make it, as some lived at other ends of the country. Cian [Kinsella] brought in his friend Garry McCarthy [director of GMCBeats] to help. The show was not originally planned to be a musical, but Garry is such a creative guy that we were encouraged to lean more into a musical aspect.

Are there still nerves when preparing to

put on a show like this?

I wouldn't really say so; it's more excitement! Of course, it's a long process; this show has been in the works for the past five years, and you have to discover and open your mind to new aspects that could be incorporated into the show, such as circuits and dances, and figure out how they can be used. You always have to have one foot in front of the other. There are definitely a few challenges and curveballs along the way, but that's just part of it, and you have to be ready for that.

What drew you to the Civic?

I love it as a space! I remember watching 'Straight to Video' by Emmett Kirwan there and really enjoying it. After 'Dream Factory' was exhibited as a work-in-progress show in the Everyman Theatre in Cork back in January 2023, Donal Shiels [artistic director of the Civic] met us and was really supportive; he told us that he really enjoyed it and he would love to see if we could perform it in the Civic. I just thought it was the perfect place to premiere it, as

I grew up in Templeogue, and therefore, I have a special connection with Tallaght.

What is next for you?

We are currently putting together international tours and we are hoping to go on tour from February of next year. We will also be gearing up for the 'Beyond the Pale' festival in Glendalough Estate in Wicklow for June. So yeah, I'm a very busy woman at the moment!

Who would you like to thank?

Oh God, so many people! In this business, you have to do a lot of relying on the goodwill of others to get your ideas off the ground and actually make them happen! This show is five years in the making so many people will have chipped and added their two cents to help make it a reality. I would like to particularly thank Donal Shiels and everybody at the Civic for being so supportive and accommodating, and the arts council, particularly Bea Kelleher and David Purcell, for giving us the funding for it. This would not have been possible without them, and for their help, I am so grateful!

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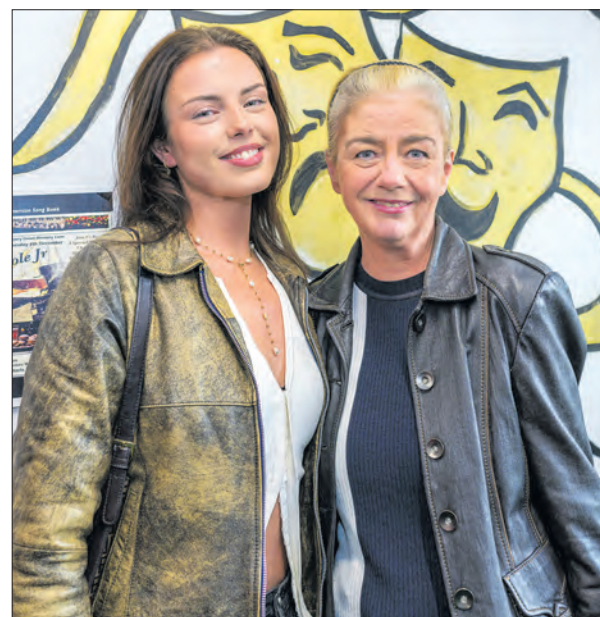
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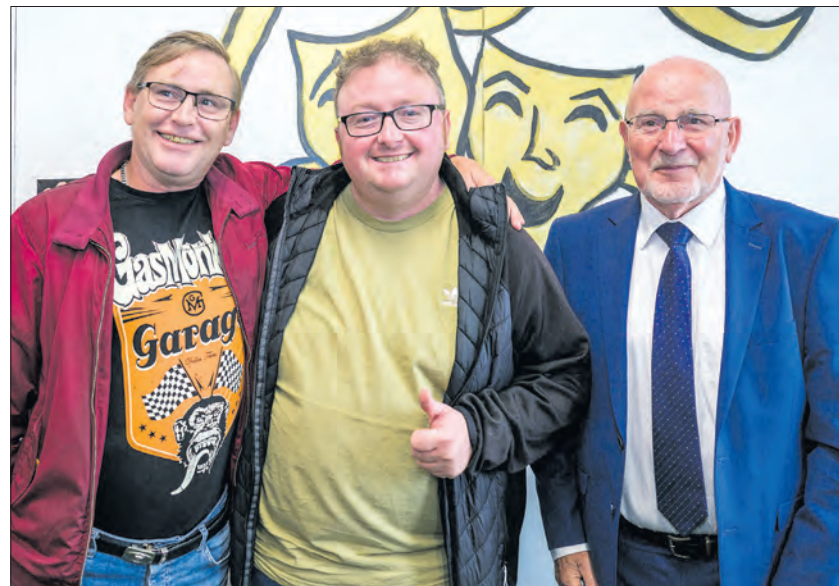
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Paddy and Darren with Seamus Massey (Chair)

“ Health is a priceless wealth. Invest while you can

Bryant McGill

Health & Fitness

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT FITNESS

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by Ursula Frawley / info@moveitfitness.ie

e've all heard it! The push and emphasis to move more and get more exercise seems to be always focused on 'getting fitter'! Yes - exercise will most likely improve your fitness and staying consistent and challenging yourself with exercise will improve your fitness! However, the results are far more high reaching than just fitness!!

Your health is your wealth

A recent study by the British Journal of Medicine has found two really interesting statistics about moving more. It seems from this study that if you achieve any amount of steps per day over 2,200, then you have lowered your chances of getting cardiovascular illness. However, the magic 'sweet spot' for gaining the most benefits compared to being sedentary, is to achieve between 9,000 to 10,000 steps on average every day.

So it seems that fitness is only one small part of the equation! You are gaining so much more in your health and preventing illness- all from simply moving on a regular basis.

Mental health - the power of the body & mind!

Did you know that another very recent study looked at 2,000 Americans and the impact that walking outside had on their mental health. A whopping 94% of the study participants said that just walking outside helped them to relax if they were stressed or anxious.

This free activity - simply walking - has so many positive impacts on mental health. A consistent pattern of moving every day can have a very positive impact on struggles you may be facing.

Sleep - nature's best medicine



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Sleep has such a positive impact on our immune system, cognitive function and overall quality of life. So many people will report to me their struggles with sleep and how much this impacts their lives and family. Exercise is a super way to regulate your circadian rhythm - your natural sleep and wake schedule. So get out in the fresh air, sunlight and get moving! Your sleep schedule will thank you for it!

These are just three ways that movement and exercise can positively impact your life - in more than just fitness! Enjoy the activity this autumn and reap all those great benefits!!

This article is not a substitute for medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Remember, always consult with your GP before embarking on any change in diet or new health & fitness regime.

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The Prendergasts at the Family Day



Des Mullally and Kevin Dorney



Mark, Alex and Emma

History Festival

BRINGS TOGETHER COMMUNITY PASSIONATE ABOUT LOCAL HERITAGE

By **Ryan Butler**
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THE first-ever Crumlin & Walkinstown History Festival was a resounding success, bringing together a community passionate about local heritage. Held, in the St Agnes Parish Centre, the event featured four captivating talks on various historical aspects of Crumlin, Walkinstown, and Kimmage.

The event was well-attended, with history enthusiasts and local residents filling the hall to capacity.

The festival kicked off with an insightful talk on the Iveagh Gardens, Crumlin Road, by Margaret Mason, highlighting its rich history and significance to the area.

Following that, Mark Humphrys led a fascinating tour of the Flanagan Estate that included the legendary Bird Flanagan and historic sites like Leicester House and Walkinstown

House. Liz Gillis gave a masterful presentation on the Women of 1916 and the significant role it played in the Easter Rising to finish off the afternoon.

The final talk delved into the intriguing story behind a photo of Padraig Pearse on Crumlin Road by Cathy Scuffil, sparking a lively Q&A session that allowed attendees to engage directly with the speakers.

Looking ahead, the group aims to build on this momentum by hosting more events that bring our community closer to its roots.

In October, the group is launching a website on the history of the River Poddle featuring photos, news articles and other resources.

It will be held alongside a free talk on the River Poddle from Cathy Scuffil in Walkinstown Library as part of the Dublin Festival of History. Keep an eye on their website, www.crumlinwalkinstownhistory.ie or on their social media channels for more info!

HERITAGE: Michelle Savage, a volunteer with the Crumlin & Walkinstown History Festival



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14:00 IVEAGH GARDENS, CRUMLIN - MARGARET MASON
The story of Iveagh Gardens, Crumlin Road as it nears its centenary.

14:45 THE FLANAGAN ESTATE - MARK HUMPHRYS
The Flanagan estate of Crumlin and Walkinstown. Including Leicester House, Walkinstown House and 'The Bird' Flanagan.

15:45 1916 - KIMMAGE GARRISON - DR ANN MATTHEWS
1916 Kimmage Garrison on Sundrive Road (Larkfield).

16:30 ONE PHOTO, MANY STORIES - CATHY SCUFFIL
How one photo in Crumlin tells many stories.

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Food with passion

DELICIOUS BEEF HOT POT & HERBY DUMPLINGS

by **john paul kennedy** / jpcooking@gmail.com



I really love this time of year and the change from summer to autumn, as it means i can conjure up delicious one pot stews and casseroles, that cook low and slow, but are bursting with delicious flavours. I like any stew or casserole, the longer it cooks the better the flavour and what i love most about them is; it's merely some prep upfront, bung everything into a pot and leave to cook away while you get on with your day. This recipe delivers everything i love about a good casserole and the addition of herby dumplings elevates this dish to another level. plus, everything is cooked in one large pot which means less washing up! how bad can that be!

Ingredients: (serves 4)

2lb piece of stewing beef, rib-eye or shin – something with some marbles of fat (best to source this from a good butcher)
2 large carrots, chopped and diced
1 chopped onion
2 tablespoons of fresh thyme leaves
600ml beef stock
200ml red wine
1 teaspoon of garlic powder

2 tablespoon of flour
Teaspoon of worcestershire sauce
Sea salt & ground black pepper

dumplings

250g self-raising flour
50g grated cheddar cheese
100g cold butter cubed
2 tablespoons of chopped parsley
100ml milk
Sea salt & black pepper

john paul kennedy is a Self-Taught cook and an avid fan of collecting cookery books with a passion for good old-fashioned home cooking. his passion for proper family cooking stems from his two grandmothers, who were both excellent cooks, one of whom was a trained chef. **jp** promises to bring us plenty of family-inspired recipes and tasty treats while showing us how to get the basics right

Method:

1. preheat your oven to 180 degrees / 160 fan. using an large oven proof casserole dish, add two tablespoons of olive oil and heat on a medium to high heat.
2. chop the beef into big pieces and cover evenly in flour, season with salt and pepper. add to the casserole dish off and brown off the meat. you may have to do this in two batches, don't overcrowd the pan or the beef will steam and won't brown off. remove the browned beef from the pan and set aside on a plate.
3. add the carrots, onion and garlic powder and cook off for about 5 minutes, then add the red wine and allow to simmer and reduce in half. return the meat to the pot, pour over the beef stock, worcestershire sauce, stir through, season generously with sea salt and cracked black pepper clamp on a lid and place into the pre-heated oven to 2.5 hours.
4. To make the dumplings add the flour, cheese and butter into a mixing bowl and using your finger tips rub through until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. add the parsley, season and pour in the milk a little at a time and using your hands mix together to form a dough ball. flip out onto a lightly floured surface and roll into a long sausage shape.
5. cut into 9-10 individual pieces and roll each one into a ball. remove the beef hot pot from the oven. Tear up the beef a little using two forks before and placing the dumplings on top and pop on a lid. pop back into the oven to cook for 30 minutes, then remove the lid and pop back in to cook for another 15 minutes to make the tops of the dumplings nice and golden. Scatter on some fresh chopped parsley, i love to serve this directly from the casserole dish at the table and ladle into my guests bowls.
6. Serve with some buttered cabbage, broccoli or peas – something green!



This is ultimate, one-pot seasonal cooking that is perfect for this time of year or those rainy days when you have nowhere to go but crave something comforting and delicious to kick back, relax and enjoy! The aromas as this cook, fill the house and are a warm inviting welcome when guests arrive. These dumplings are so easy to make and taste somewhat like a savoury, herby scones, perfect to soak up the gravy and delicious flavours from the beef hotpot! comfort, earthy cooking and food at it's very best. There were no seconds going when i served this for Sunday supper in my house!

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Open rehearsal session

HELD BY NORTH CLONDALKIN CHOIR IN ROWLAGH CHURCH

By **Ryan Butler**
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LAST week the North Clondalkin Community Choir held an open rehearsal session in Rowlagh Church for new prospective members," according to musical director Noel Collins.

"Five new prospective members eagerly showed up and expressed a strong interest in joining our choir." One younger candidate only recently moved to the area and heard about the choir on social media.

The open rehearsal began with a short talk about the choir in terms of how it came to be, the composition of the choir in terms of children and adults, in addition to the different genres of music that they perform. The choir chairperson, Barbara Fitzgerald Skelly, also spoke to each candidate in relation to the choir and membership.

One of the treasurers, Carol Mockler, was also on hand to discuss the membership fee, which is kept as low as possible to minimise any financial barrier a person may have when it comes to accessing professional music

tuition.

"Each new candidate was brought into one of our rehearsal rooms for an audition in front of me whereby they sang a number of scales and arpeggios," continues Noel. "Some even performed their own song that they had prepared in advance." The auditions went "very well," and there was "no difficulty holding a tune."

In addition to the open rehearsal session, Noel recently visited St. Mary's SNS Rowlagh on August 28, whereby he spoke to 5th and 6th class pupils. All pupils, irrespective of religious belief, were invited to visit the choir during their rehearsals on Monday evening. The feedback was positive, and many pupils expressed an interest in learning the ukulele along with the choir's younger members.

North Clondalkin Community Choir is planning an ambitious and energetic program of music for the New Term. They are eager to give back to the community in terms of using our choir to help support local charities. They are

also in the early stages of planning a choir trip to Tuscany in the New Year following on from their success in Rome and Assisi last March.



SESSION: An Open Rehearsal Choir was held by North Clondalkin Choir

An Ciúnas/The Silence

MARIANNE KEATING'S EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN RUA RED



EXHIBITION: Installation View, The Showroom.

Photo by Dan Weill

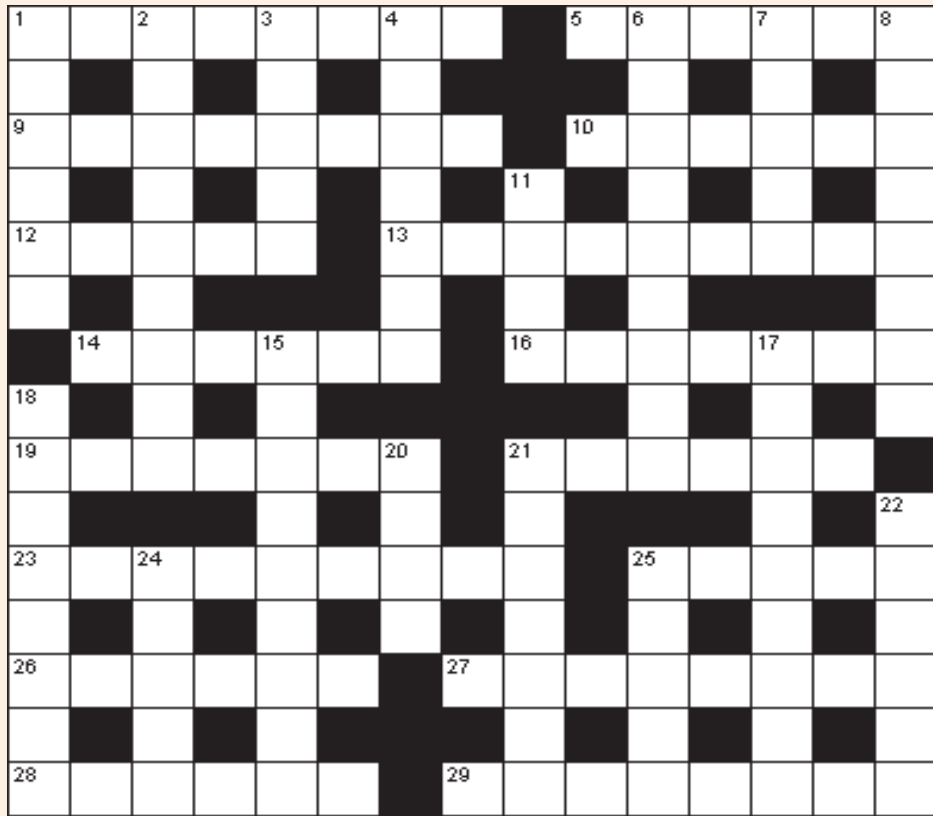
By **Ryan Butler**
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JOIN Rua Red for a late-night gallery tour of Marianne Keating's exhibition 'An Ciúnas / The Silence (2023),' a film installation that traces multiple trajectories of migration from Ireland to both Jamaica and Britain, from before the Great Famine of 1845-52 and up to the present day.

Marianne Keating is an Irish, London-based artist whose practice explores the largely overlooked histories of the Irish diaspora in the Caribbean, particularly Jamaica, and the enduring legacies of British imperialism.

The exhibition opens at 7pm on Culture Night (September 20), with the doors to Rua Red's galleries staying open until 10pm.

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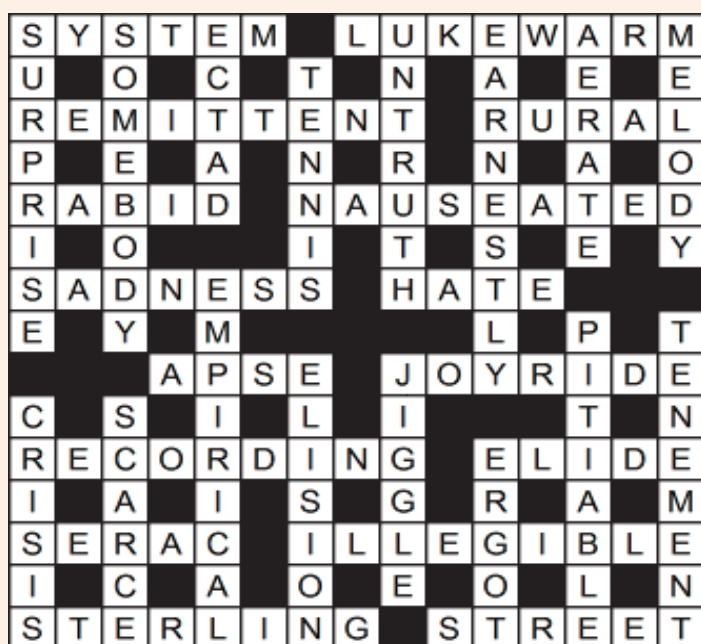
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- 1. Drink (8)
- 5. Watercraft (6)
- 9. A run-down apartment house (8)
- 10. Foot levers (6)
- 12. France's longest river (5)
- 13. Hold spellbound (9)
- 14. He defaces property (6)
- 16. Move or jump suddenly (7)
- 19. Nervous (7)
- 21. Frustrate (6)
- 23. Able to accomplish a purpose (9)
- 25. Hold 'em or stud (5)
- 26. A plan for attaining a particular goal (6)
- 27. Ringing in the ears (8)
- 28. Dissipate (6)
- 29. Languor (8)

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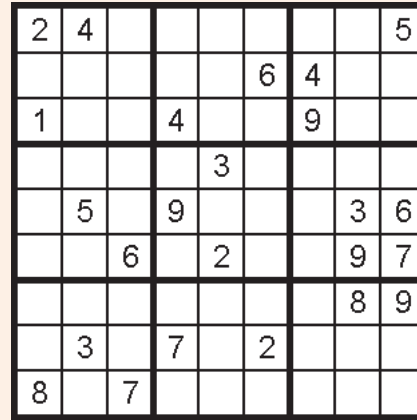
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- 2. Circulate fresh air (9)
- 3. China grass (5)
- 4. Refined (7)
- 6. Worthy of imitation (9)
- 7. Blunder (5)
- 8. Hearer (8)
- 11. Greek god of love (4)
- 15. Faulty (9)
- 17. Prankster (9)
- 18. Acted upon (8)
- 20. Sixty-two in Roman numerals (4)
- 21. Incapable of reproducing (7)
- 22. Kittenish (6)
- 24. Pieces of information (5)
- 25. Small amount (5)

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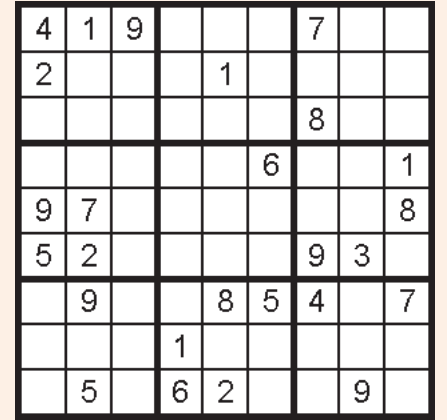


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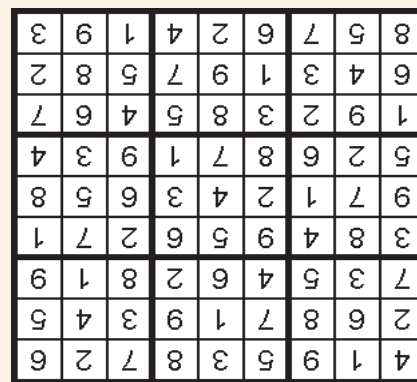
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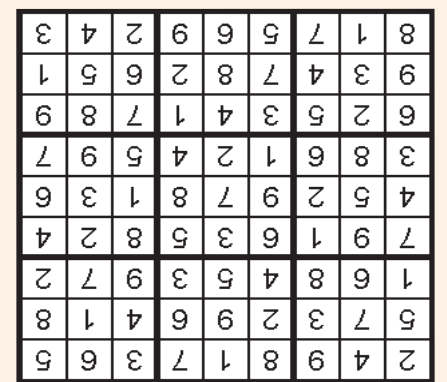
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ANSWERS



SUDOKU 2



SUDOKU 1

Poet's Corner

AWASH

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.

The city's awash
 With addiction
 Homelessness and crime
 The politicians do nothing
 But make promises
 All the time
 They are closing down the
 lanes
 To stop them dealing crack
 But that will just move them
 on
 The dealers will be back
 If the streets were your home
 Out in the cold and rain
 You to might turn to drugs
 To help deal
 With the pain

FLASH GORDON!

IS MISE BOK. IS FEAR DRAGAIN MÉ. TÁM DHÁ SCÓR GEIMHREAPH D'AOIS.

PRÍOSÚNACH AR FEADH SÉ BLIANA DE.

IOCANN LUCHT AN AIRGID AN GOBHARNOIR CHUN BREATHNÚ AR MO THROIDEANNA.

BA FEAR CRUA É SEO. BHÍ NA GLUAISTEACHTÁI AR FAD AR EOLAIS AIGE.

CHAILL SÉ ACH CAITHEANN SÉ SÚIL ORM FÓS.

AG IARRAIDH MÉ A LÉAMH.

BHUAIGH MÉ AR FLASH GORDON SA CHLAIS GHAFÁ, NÍ RAIBH SÉ ÉASCA.

TAGANN SÉ I MO DHIADH.

TÁ MO SCÉAL UAIHDH.

IS CUMA. IS É AN SEANSÉAL CÉANNA I GCONAÍ É.

D'EIRIGH FIR DRAGAIN AMACH IN AGHAIDH MING. BHÍ MÉ INA MEASC.

CHALLEAMAR.

SIN DEIREADH AN SCÉIL.

CUIRTEAR MUID IN ÉADAN A CHÉILE AR ATHIMIRT GO BÁS AN T-AM SEO.

ACH...TÁ CARA AG FLASH.

SHEOL SÍ SCÉALA CHUIG DUINE ÉIGIN LASMUIGH I RITH AN TROID DHEIREANACH.

RÉABANN SÉ A SHLI ISTEACH.

LE TINTREACH.

STOPANN FLASH. IARRANN SÉ ORM TEACHT LEO.

TUGANN SÉ A LÁMH DOM.

NÍL LÁMH FEICTHE AGAM ACH DORN LE SÉ BLIANA.

GLACAIM É.

AN CHÉAD CHLÁR EILE: MIC NA BHFOLA RÍOGA.

THE PHANTOM

CREATED BY LEE FALK

HUNGRY, DARLING? I'VE GOT BABUDAN'S FAMOUS WATERBUCK KILISHI... YOUR FAVORITE!

DEVIL'S, TOO...

MONSTERS AND MEN DID BATTLE HERE!

SOME OF THE FINAL BATTLES WAGED IN THE TEMPLE, I'D SAY.

AHEAD, WE'LL SEE THE REMAINS OF MEN WHO DIED WHILE THEY STILL HAD COMRADES LEFT ALIVE TO ATTEND THEM.

WHAT BECAME OF THAT ANCIENT PRIESTHOOD?

BEATS ME...

I SUPPOSE THEY DIED OUT OVER TIME AND SIMPLY STOPPED COMING HERE FROM THE EUROPEAN CAPITALS WHERE THEIR SECRET ORGANIZATION ONCE EXISTED.

I'VE NOT SEEN EVIDENCE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PRIESTHOOD JOURNEYED HERE IN MODERN TIMES.

AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE MEN THE 3RD PHANTOM ENCOUNTERED HERE IN 1624 WERE THE LAST OF THEIR KIND.

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 10-2-22

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS **POPEYE** BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

OLIVE, I YAM GONNA GIVES YA AN UNFORGETTABLE DATE!

ALL OF OUR DATES ARE UNFORGETTABLE.

IN SOME CASES, DESPITE MY BEST ATTEMPTS.

WHY ARE WE OUT HERE, POPEYE?

A LOVELY NIGHT AT SEA WIT' A FULL MOON IS THE PERFECT TIME AN' PLACE T'TELL YA SOMETHIN'.

TELL ME WHAT?

OLIVE...

POPEYE, ARE... ARE YOU-?

YES, OLIVE. I'M TELLING YA WEREWOLF MERMAIDS IS REAL!

HUH?

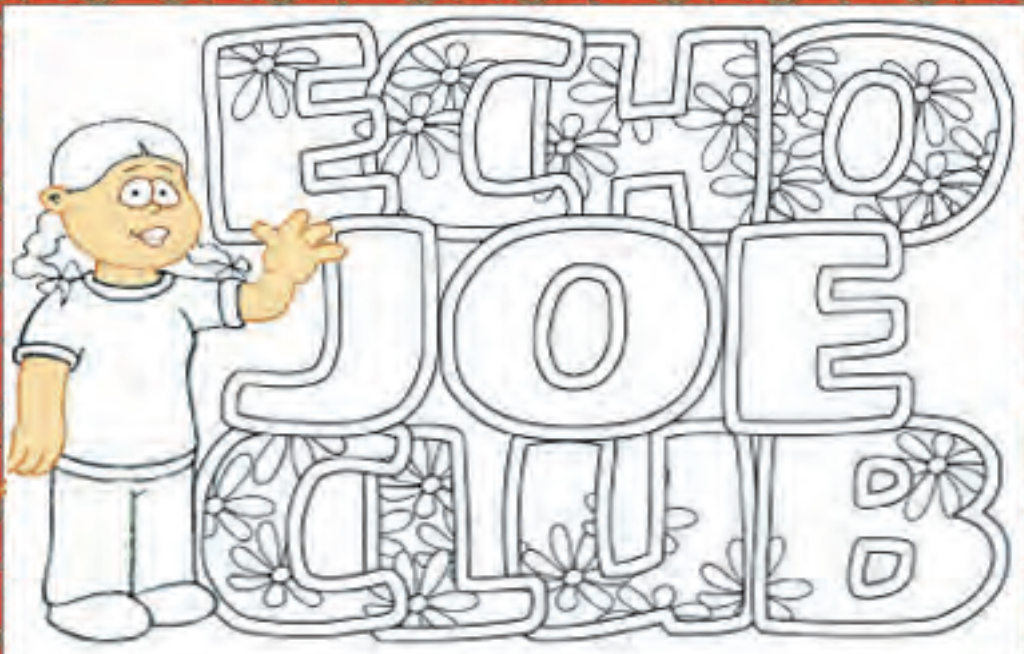
Awoooooooo!

THEY CALLS THEMSELVES "FURMAIDS"!

KIN YA IMAGINE ANYTHIN' MORE MAGICAL?

NOT ANYMORE.

Tallaght Academy of Sequential Art



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A Word with Echo So...

WORD PUZZLE

CLUBBERS, HOW MANY WORDS (TWO LETTERS OR MORE) CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE ABOVE WORDS?

5-20 pretty good! 21-35 excellent! 36 and over - you do realise these have to be real words, don't you!

1	14	27
2	15	28
3	16	29
4	17	30
5	18	31
6	19	32
7	20	33
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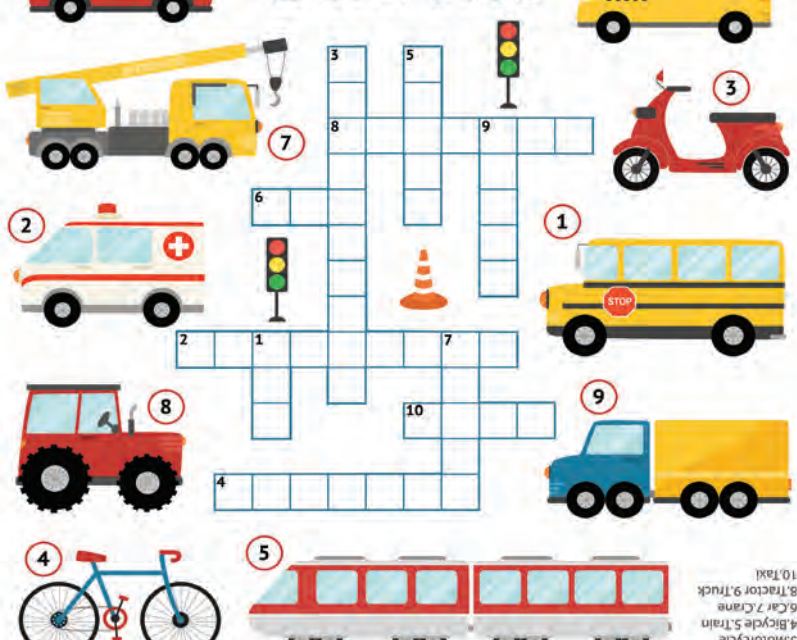
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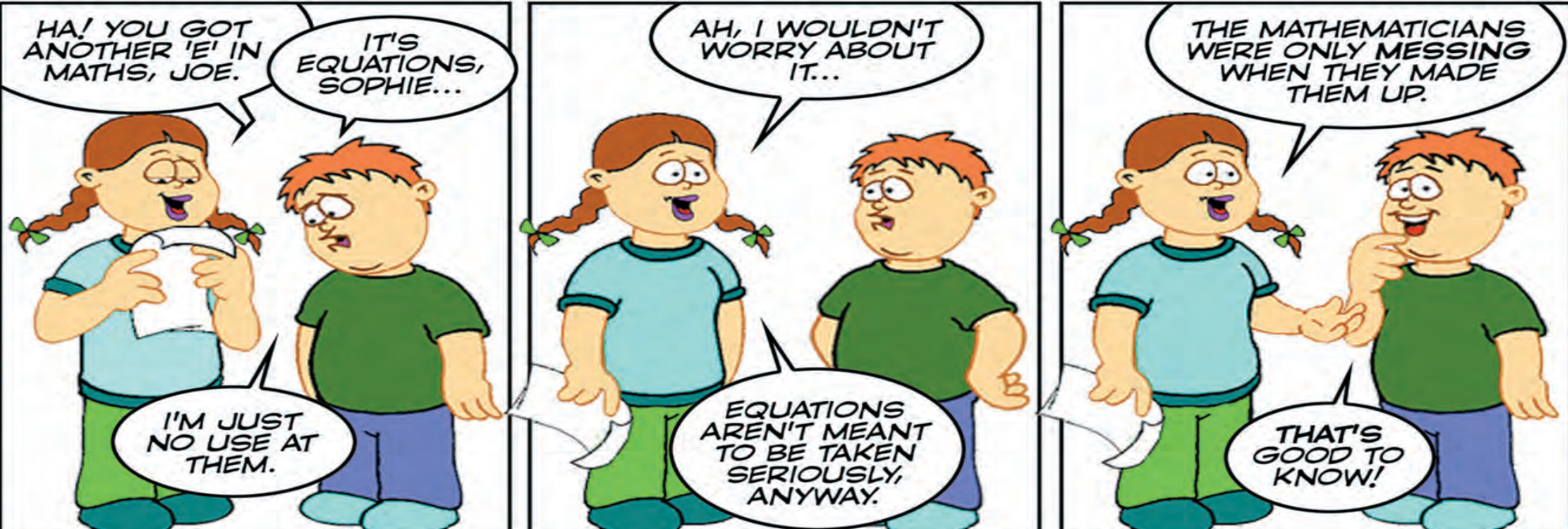


ANSWER: 1. butterfly 2. mosquito 3. caterpillar 4. ladybug 5. fly 6. bee 7. centipede 8. spider 9. dragonfly 10. ant 11. worm 12. moth

Vehicles



ANSWER: 1. Bus 2. Ambulance 3. Motorcycle 4. Bicycle 5. Train 6. Car 7. Crane 8. Tractor 9. Truck 10. Taxi



HA! YOU GOT ANOTHER 'E' IN MATHS, JOE.

I'M JUST NO USE AT THEM.

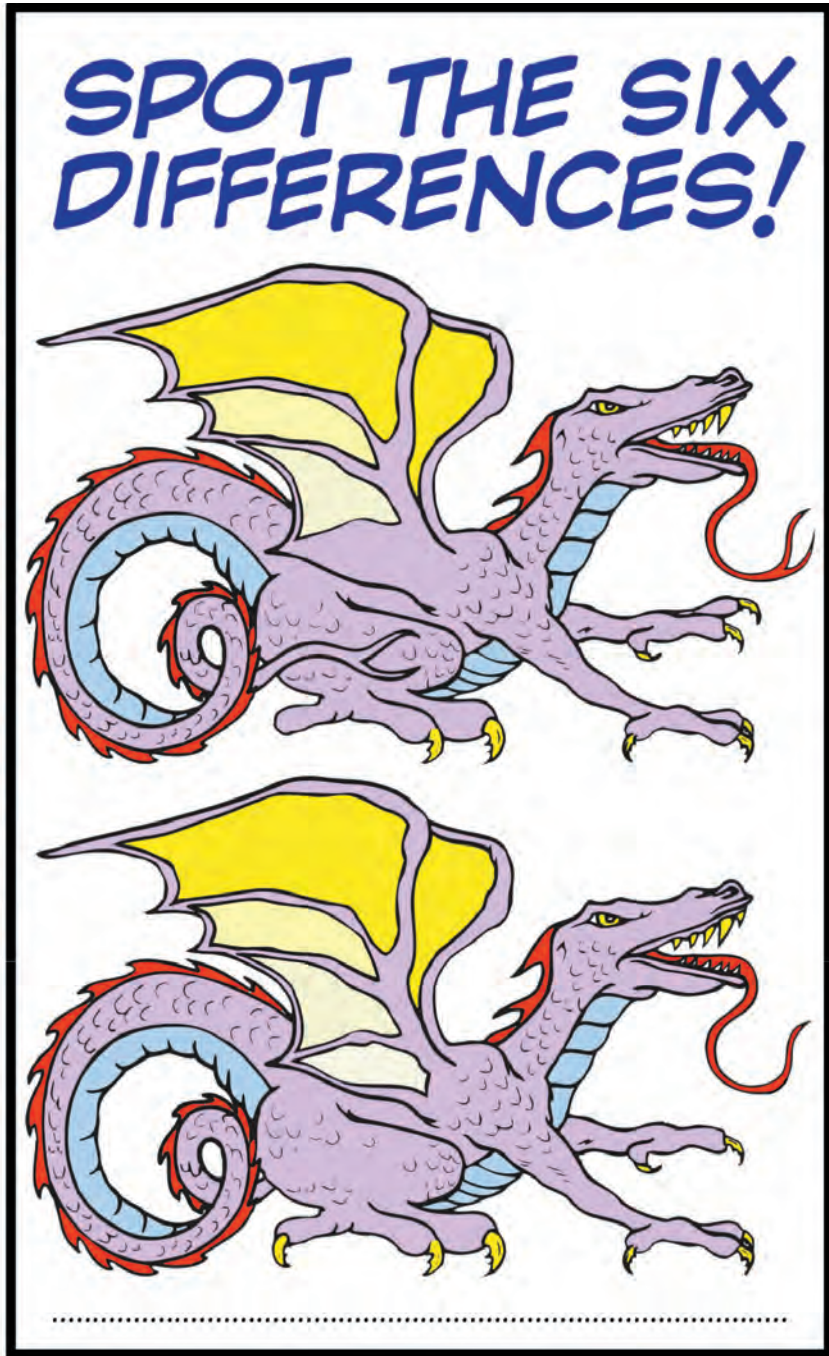
IT'S EQUATIONS, SOPHIE...

AH, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT...

EQUATIONS AREN'T MEANT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, ANYWAY.

THE MATHEMATICIANS WERE ONLY MESSING WHEN THEY MADE THEM UP.

THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW!



LETTER LINK LOG-JAM

A MISSING LETTER ON EACH ROW FINISHES ONE WORD AND STARTS THE NEXT...

BUT WHAT ARE THE LETTERS?

LEA		ATE
EDI		AKE
YAW		OTE
NOS		ASY
KER		ARN
TUR		ORK
EAR		EAT
SAI		OSE

the missing letters: F, T, N, E, B, F, N, L.

winner

Lauren Kate Fitzpatrick age 8, is this week's winner of The Echo Joe Club logo colouring competition. Kate, your prize will be on the way to you soon. All entries stay in so you have another chance to win!

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Glenasmole NS - First day at school



St Mary's NS, Saggart - see more pictures on page 70

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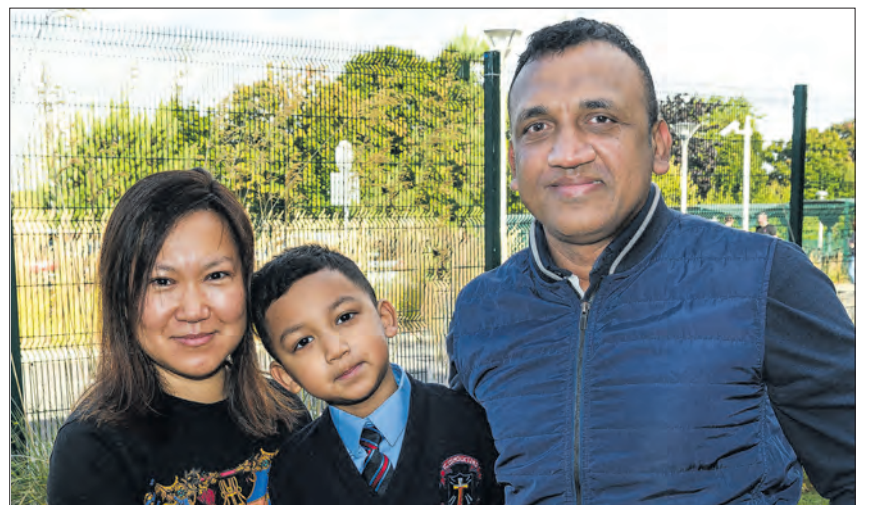
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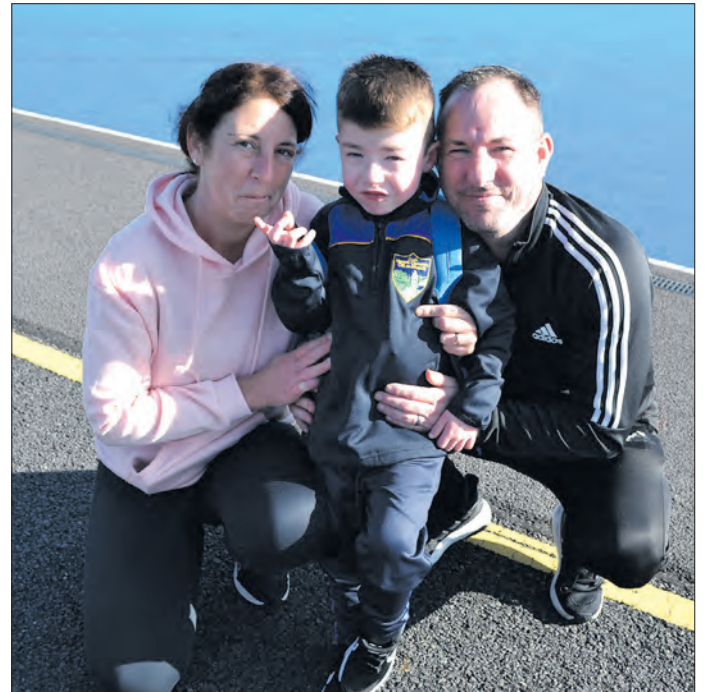
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St Martin de Porres, Old Bawn - First day at school





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Firhouse Educate Together - First day at school





Scoil Íosa, Tymon North - First day at school



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Bishop Shanahan, Templeogue - First day at school





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Scoil Santain, Avonmore Rd - First day at school





Citywest Educate Together - First day at school



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St Mark's NS, Springfield - First day at school





Tallaght Community NS - First day at school



Gaelscoil Lir, Citywest - First day at school



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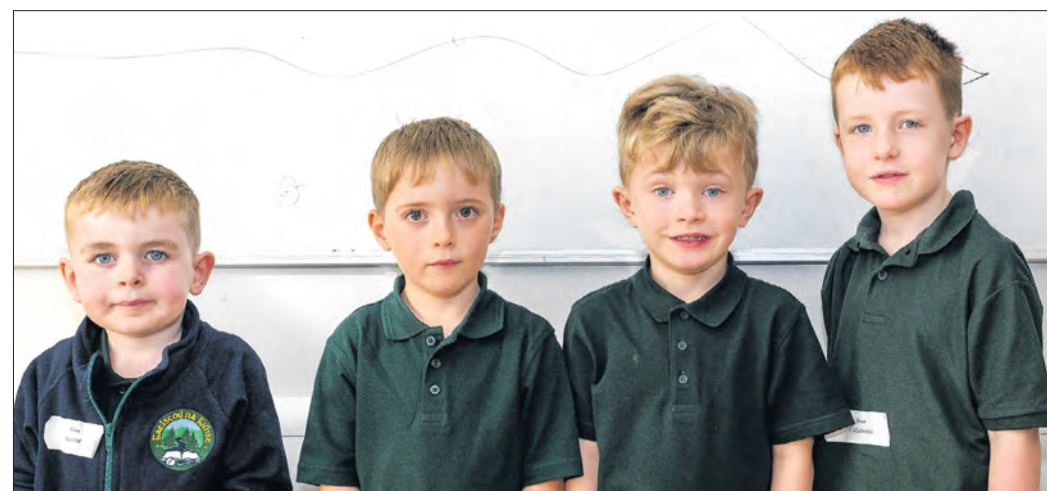


St Martin's, Brittas - First day at school





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ANNIVERSARY



Callery, Sheila
10th Anniversary away from home occurs 13th September. Late of St Maclruan's Park.

Mam

No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you,
No words can heal our heartache,
Or stop our fallen tears,
Or take away our memories,
Of a mother we loved so dear,
We wish that we could see you,
Sitting in your chair,
We wish we could come home,
To find you waiting there,
We never ask for miracles,
But today one would do,
To have the hall door open wide,
And see you walking through,
We know you walk beside us,
And when our lives are through,
We pray that God will take our hands,
And bring us home to you.
Love and miss you, your heartbroken children Stuart, Niall, Barry, Julie, Carl, Alison and Tracy, Sons and Daughters-in-Law. xxxxx

Nanny

We know a smile we'd love to see,
A voice we'd love to hear,
We know a hand we'd love to hold,
We know a heart, a loving heart,
That's thoughtful kind, & true,
We know them all & love them all,
Nanny, they belong to you,
We think of you in silence,
And often speak your name,
Although we have such precious memories,
Life will never be the same.
Love and miss you from all your Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren. xxxxx

NOVENA

Thanksgiving Prayer

O mother of Perpetual help with grateful hearts, we join you in thanking God for all the wonderful things he has done for us. God our Creator we thank you for the gift of life and all the gifts of nature, our senses and faculties, our talents and abilities. We thank you for creating us in your own image and likeness and for giving us the earth to use and develop to rule and control. Despite our failures you continue to show your love for us by increasing the life of your spirit in us. Finally we thank you loving father for giving us Mary, the mother of your son to be our mother of Perpetual help. We are grateful for all past favours received through her intercession. We pray that these past favours may inspire us to greater confidence to seek the aid of our Mother of Perpetual help Amen. G.R.

ANNIVERSARY/ BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Hardiman, John
6th Anniversary away from home. Also remembering his 44th Birthday which occurs 17th September.

Son

We thought of you today,
But that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too,
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
All we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame,
Your memory is a keepsake,
From which we'll never part,
God has you in his arms,
We have you in our hearts.
Happy 44th Birthday. Love and miss you always, From Mam, Paul, sisters Lisa and Jennifer, brother Shane, daughter Katelyn, sons Jordan and Jake, Nieces, Nephews and all extended Family and Friends.

NOVENA

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel
O, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, Fruit of the Vine, splendorous 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 herein 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 succour me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power, O, show me here you are my mother. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. Amen. C.F.

NOVENA

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ANNIVERSARY



Kavanagh, Michael
You are dearly missed on your 3rd Anniversary away from home.

One night I dreamed I was walking,
Along the beach with the Lord,
Scenes from my life flashed across the sky,
In each I noticed footprints in the sand,
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
Other times there was only one,
During the low periods of my life,
I could see only one set of footprints,
So I said, "You promised me, Lord,
That you would walk with me always,
Why, when I have needed you most,
Have you not been there for me?"
The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."
Missed by all your friends and family you left behind.

NOVENA

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ANNIVERSARY



Reid, Austin
Remembering Austin on his 6th Anniversary, occurred 11th September. A wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and Friend to many.

Always a smile, instead of a frown,
Always a hand, if someone was down.
Always true, thoughtful and kind,
Wonderful memories you left behind.
Eternally missed by his ever loving wife May and his adoring Family.

ANNIVERSARY



Furlong, Kathleen
1 Year Anniversary of Kathleen Furlong.

Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.
Missed by all her children Lorraine, Peter, Philip, Paul and Joanne, sadly missed by all family, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Daughters-in-Law, Brothers, Sisters, extended Family, Neighbours, Friends and Molly.

NOVENA

9 Day Novena to St. Anthony.
St. Anthony, I resort to thy protection and aid, as proof of my affection and faith, I offer this candle which shall burn every day. Please comfort me in my difficulties and through thy living in the house of my Saviour, intercede for me and all those I love so that we may always hold God in our hearts and be provided for in our necessities, I beseech thee, St. Anthony, to have infinite pity in regard to the favour I ask of thee (here mention your favour). Please help me to overcome all difficulties which I now leave at thy feet. 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Mary's, 3 Glory Be to the Father's. This novena should be said for 9 days in succession. Each day a candle should be lit and a copy of this prayer left in the Church to help another soul in distress and to increase devotion to St. Anthony. This miraculous Saint grants everything no matter how difficult and before the termination of the nine days. But even if your request is granted, the Novena must be fulfilled. Holy St. Anthony pray for us. H.P.

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ANNIVERSARY



Glass, Colette
13th Anniversary away from home occurs 16th September. Late of Avonmore Park.

Mam
*If there really is a heaven,
We know that's where you'll be,
Still caring very much for us,
Your precious family,
Because you always put us first,
For that was just your way,
We still miss your smiling face,
Far more than words can say,
Just how much you mean dear Mam,
And how life is so unfair,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to live without.
Sadly missed, loved always
Colette, Tina & Brian. xxx*

Super Nan
*Time passes, memories stay,
Never forgotten, especially today.
Love, hugs & kisses from
your Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren. xxx*

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Comerford, Eileen
Remembering a loving Wife, Mother and Nana whose Birthday occurred 9th September 2024. 2nd Birthday away from home.

*Your name is often spoken,
We talk about you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
You know you never will,
No words or verse could ever say,
How much we miss you every day,
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
We love you too dearly to ever forget.
Also remembering her husband Patrick and son-in-law Emmett.
Loved and remembered every day, Sandra, Martina, Brenda, Sean and Sinead, John, Damien, Paul and Sharon, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.*

ANNIVERSARY



Davis, Winnie
In loving memory of Winnie Davis. 3rd Anniversary away from home. Late of Avonbeg Road, Tallaght.

*You can only have one mother,
Patient, kind and true,
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus take this message,
To our dear mother up above,
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.
Sadly missed by her loving family, Carmel, Michael, Grant, Michelle, Adam, Shannon, Rachel and Lily.*

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Hopson, Mary Ellen
Whose 97th Birthday occurred 9th September. 3rd away from home.

Birthday in Heaven Mam
*Whispering to the heavens,
On your special day,
Hoping our love reaches you,
In some magical way.
A heavenly birthday,
We imagine with glee,
You're smiling and joyful,
As happy as can be.
In our hearts your memory we treasure,
Love for you that knows no measure.
Love always from your daughters Bernie, Ann, Pauline and Sharon xxx and all your Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. xxx*

ANNIVERSARY



Smyth, Sammy
In loving memory of Sammy Smyth whose 12th Anniversary away from home occurs 13th September 2024.

*Thinking of you
Sammy/Dad/Grandad,
But that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday,
And the day before that too,
We'll think about you tomorrow,
And as the years come and go,
We'll think about you forever,
Because we love you so.
Deeply loved, sadly missed
and always remembered by
his loving wife Carol,
daughters Dawn, Sharon,
Tracey and Tammy, Sons-in-Law and Grandchildren.*

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NOVENA

Miracle Prayer
Dear heart of Jesus I ask you this special favour (mention one) take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen. say this prayer 3 days promise publication and favour will be granted never known to fail. M.H.

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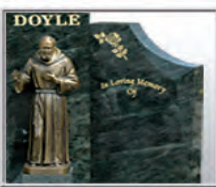


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South Dublin County Council

Eithne & Martin Dorgan are applying for permission to construct a single storey side and rear extension (total extension area = 77.4) with internal modifications and all associated site works and all associated site works. Permission is also sought to demolish part of the existing house that juts out (lean-too) (5.1sq m) to the rear of the existing dwelling at 10 Haydens Park Close, Lucan, Co Dublin, K78NH50. 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.

South Dublin County Council

We, Julie Murphy and Pat Boland Intend to apply for Permission for a Development at, 67 New Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 Eircode D22 PA03. The development will Consist of The demolition of the Existing sub-standard porch And the demolition of the existing sub-standard single story extension At rear and the Erection of a two storey Extension to The front, side and rear and a single Storey extension to the rear. Also the erection of a Two Car garage and garden tool store at the rear And the widening of the existing Vehicular entrance. This application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am – 4pm, Mon-Fri, and a submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.

South Dublin County Council

Further Information

Mr. & Mrs. Henry O'Kelly have applied for Permission for The demolition of an existing bedroom extension and creation of a single storey extension, including mezzanine, providing living, kitchen, dining and bedroom accommodation. The removal of the existing rear flat roof and part removal of the existing pitched roof and replacement with a new pitched roof with internal alterations to the existing house to create a master bedroom suite and all associated external works. At Beechlaw, Kilakee Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16. Planning Register Reference: SD24B/0266W refers. In this regard note that Significant Further Information has been furnished to the Planning Authority and is

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South Dublin County Council

We, Stephen Perkins and Deborah O'Reilly are applying for Planning Permission for the development of a domestic extension at San Antone, 6 Old Bridge Road, Butterfield, Dublin 16, consisting of the demolition of the single storey kitchenette to the rear, and the double storey wall to the side, and the construction of a new double storey extension to the side, and a single storey extension to the rear, consisting of a new Kitchen, Living Room and Laundry on ground floor and an extended Bedroom on first floor, with all the associated internal modifications and ancillary works. 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.

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Tristan Dunne is applying for permission for retention of a pedestrian/vehicular gate assembly at front of house, 2m high x 6.4m wide, at 49 Grange Manor Drive, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16. 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.

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Planning permission sought for to remove the existing garage to the side of the existing dwelling & replace with a new extended ground floor extension with a new first floor extension over with tiled roofs to match existing to the side of the existing dwelling; internal alterations to include new attic conversion and associate site works at 54, St. Bridgid's Road, Clondalkin, D.22 for Albert & Breda Fitzsimons. 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.

South Dublin County Council

We Fergal McDonnell and Gabriela Pramparo are applying for retention permission for a front single storey porch and change of part brick finish on front elevation to full render finish and permission to widen the vehicular access to our property at 16 Orlagh Grange, Knocklyon, Dublin 16. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday. A submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the Application.

South Dublin County Council

Pointvale Ltd, intends to apply for planning permission at this site: Unit 12, Robinhood Industrial Estate, Robin Hood Road, Dublin 22, D22E894. The development will consist of: Part two-storey and first-floor extension to the front and side including new door and stairwell for access to offices on new first floor. 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. 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/0239 Additional Information Applicant: Campus Oil Retail Limited Location: Lands at Kingswood Truck Wash, Old Naas Road, Kingswood Cross, Dublin 22 Description: Additional 2no. fuel pumps and 2 no. islands. Retention permission is also sought for works completed. The completed works consist of the installation of 4 number underground fuel tanks (each fuel tank has a capacity of 75,000 litres and store HVO and BIO fuels), including a network of pipes and inspection manholes. These new tanks are located below ground in the Southeast corner of the site.	26 Aug 2024 Permission and Retention	Location: Bus Stop No 4762, New Nangor Road, opposite 11 Mill Ct Drive, Deansrath, Clondalkin Dublin 22 Description: To erect a new stainless steel and glass Bus Shelter 5.2m x 1.85m x 2.8m high with 1 no. double sided LED illuminated advertising display, along with all associated site works and services	drainage details, new foul connections into existing sewer. Modifying existing vehicle access position to Butterfield Park. Reduction in height to a section existing boundary wall from 2.6m to 2.1m, removing existing vehicle access from Butterfield Close. All in the former side garden of 60 Butterfield Park Rathfarnham Dublin D14 Y165
SD24A/0033 Information Applicant: Conor Kelly Location: Tri Ceide House, Brittas Road, Saggart, Co. Dublin. Description: Erection of a slatted livestock shed which will include slatted tanks, a creep area for calves and walkway, centre feed passage, manure pit, concrete yards and ancillary works.	28 Aug 2024 Permission Additional	SD24B/0243 Information Applicant: Tony and Alice Forshaw Location: 30, Glendoher Close, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 Description: The construction of a new 2 Storey extension to front/side. and a single storey extension to side/rear of the existing dwelling and all associated dwelling and all associated site works	SD24A/110W Application Applicant: Sarah & Phillipa Kelly Location: 16, St Rita's, Corrig Close, Greenpark, Walkinstown, Dublin 12, D12 P6F9 Description: Full Planning Permission for a proposed new dwelling to side of existing dwelling, as well as demolition, alterations and extensions to the existing dwelling. The works will include the following: 1. The subdivision of the site to provide for a new adjoining 139.64m2 two storey dwelling, including revised car parking, access and connection to all services. 2. The demolition and removal of single storey extensions to side and rear of existing dwelling measuring 52.97m2. 3. The provision of a new single storey 26.2m2 extension to side and new single storey 6.8m2 extension to the rear of the existing dwelling to replace areas demolished. 4. A new vehicular entrance and layout to accommodate both proposals. 5 Connection to all services and all associated site works.
SD24A/0098 Information Applicant: The National Transport Authority	27 Aug 2024 Permission Additional	SD24A/0206W Application Applicant: Rory Kelly Location: 60, Butterfield Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, D14 Y165. Description: Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings previously associated with 60 Butterfield Park. The construction of a detached 5-bedroom, 2.5 storey house with accommodation in roof including dormer windows to side and 2 roof lights on other side. Including all associated site works, landscaping, SUDS	

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'For me Tallaght Stadium is a wonderful stadium'

Ireland U21 manager Jim Crawford who is from Tallaght



Stadium played hosts to its first international U21 game in two years

TALLAGHT Stadium played host to a first Ireland U21's game in two years on Tuesday night, reports James Ffrench.

That game, also held in September, likewise finished level as Ireland drew 1-1 with Israel in the first leg of their playoff for the 2023 U21 European Championships.

The players may have changed from that side Jim Crawford led out with hopes of qualifying for a first tournament at this level, but the strong

Tallaght representation has remained.

Current St Patrick's Athletic player Joe Redmond and former hoop Mipo Odubeko both featured that night, alongside Tallaght native Jim Crawford of course. On Tuesday night, former Moyle Park student and Shamrock Rovers player Sinclair Armstrong netted his sixth goal for the u21's, while another local hero in Aidmou Emakhu also featured off the bench.

Both players now ply their trade in the

English Championship, for Bristol City and Millwall respectively, with Armstrong already a fully fledged Ireland senior international after making his debut in September last year.

Although the result on Tuesday was a frustrating one for Jim Crawford and his young side, he was happy to be back leading the side out in Tallaght regardless.

"I love being back in Tallaght, I love the place and the people that are around here as well."

"For me Tallaght Stadium is a wonderful stadium, a wonderful place.

"Some of the lads have obviously played here before, it's a decent surface that lends itself to the group of players we have."

With two games to go in the group, Crawford remained optimistic about qualification for a maiden u21 finals.

"It is what is now, Tallaght is done and we're down in Cork in a few weeks' time."

Frustrating night for U21s after finishing deadlocked with Latvia

IRELAND slipped to a 2-2 draw against Latvia after a frustrating night in Tallaght on Tuesday.

Sinclair Armstrong's early strike was cancelled out by a Latvian goal against the run of play on the stroke of half time with Ireland falling behind then on 62 minutes, before an instant response from the left foot of Sean Roughan made sure Ireland left with something.

With a relatively small crowd of 953 in attendance, Jim Crawford's side started on the front foot and after two minutes Andrew Moran found

space to cut back for Ollie O'Neil whose shot was blocked.

They wouldn't have to wait much longer for their opener and after 15 minutes they went ahead through the perseverance of Sinclair Armstrong.

After latching onto a lofted pass, Armstrong shook off his man and saw his shot saved by the Latvian keeper-O'Neil's rebound was blocked and fell back into Armstrong's path who made no mistake on the second attempt.

As the first half progressed, his compatriot on the opposite wing Rocco Vata grew more and more into

the game.

On 37 minutes, Vata picked up the ball just passed the halfway line and drove at the Latvian defence before unleashing a vicious strike which struck the right-hand post and bounced out.

However, there would be a sting in the tail just before the break, with Latvian left back Ralfs Maslovs going on a mazy run past a couple of Ireland players before squaring for Kaspars Anmanis who dispatched the finish past Josh Keeley.

The second half began with an early

patch of Ireland pressure, winning three corners in the same number of minutes.

But once again, Latvia would strike out of nothing as after Moran shot wide from close range, Latvia went up the other end and put a seemingly harmless cross into the box, but Keeley failed to deal with it, parrying it straight into substitute Ivans Patrikejevs path who converted.

This served somewhat of a wake-up call for Ireland, as they responded instantly when Moran carved open the Latvian defence with an incisive

through ball to Sean Roughan who finished excellently to level matters.

Ireland pushed for a winner through the substitutions of Aidomo Emakhu and current hoop Johnny Kenny, with Anselmo Garcia McNulty's header wide the final chance and act of the game. Irish players looked dejected after the final whistle, but qualification remains in their hands.

Jim Crawford's side welcome third place Norway to Turners Cross next month, who they sit two points ahead of, before travelling to Italy to face the Azzurri.

Enjoying the Slade Valley Golf Classic on Saturday



Rosario, Jeanette, Anne and Mary



Tom Costello receives the winners trophy for the Slade Valley team competition from main sponsor Joe Mulvey



Brendan Maguire, Barney Kavanagh David Kelly and Paul Kavanagh



Mick Finnerty, Maria O'Dwyer, Mary Mulroy (Captain) and Aidan Knight



The winning ladies team, Catherine Dunne, Helen Goodall, Pam Harrington and Dympna Wilson



Damien Ryan, Maria Boylen, Helen McCoy, and Derek Ellis



Jim Bowen, Harry MacSweeney (Captain), Jim Lyons and Gerard Owens



Derek Nicholson, Paul Byrne, Brian Murphy and Gerry O'Halloran



Frank Courtney, Eddie Loughlin, Noel Larkin and Michael Loftus (President)



Jim Clarke, Ronan Flynn and Peter Glynn



Sandra Rothwell, Anne O'Shea and June O'Dwyer



Margaret O'Connor, Marie Moffett, Jo Clarke and Pat McDonnagh



Mick Davy, Frank Casey, Paddy Plunkett and Bernard Bermingham



Tom McGovern, Derek, Martin and John Gatley

Athletics

Lucan Harriers Five-Mile Road Race success



Participants of the Lucan Harriers five mile road race

The Lucan Harriers A.C. Five-Mile road race took place last week incorporating the Dublin Five-Mile Road Championships.

There was a great buzz on the track on a dry Sunday morning with the juveniles kicking things off with a number of races on the track.

The Five-Mile race kicked off with 524 people making their way along the flat course which includes a one-mile section run along the beautiful Grand Canal. There was a newly added water station halfway along the course. The race finished with a lap of our tartan track.

The winner Efreem Gidey (Clonliffe Harriers) smashed the course record in 22:57. The first female winner was Faye Dervan of Dublin City Harriers in 28:06.

Well done to all those who got PBs John Rabbett, Ian McLean, Declan McManus, Laura McManus, Marta Cieniuch, Heather MacDonnell and Anita Hogan.

A big congratulations to our couch to 5 mile group who have been training all summer for this race.

Boxing

Jobstown secure titles



Three U18s champions Ava McCabe, Adam Olanyian and Tiffany Spencer



Sienna Fitzpatrick won the Emerald Box Cup



Jobstown winners of the Emerald Box Cup

JOBSTOWN boxing club had a hugely successful weekend at the Emerald boxing Cup and the U18 National Championships.

Adam Olanyian won the 92kg U18 Irish title, Tiffany Spencer won the 48kg u18 national title, her second of the year, while Ava McCabe won the 44kg Irish national bout.

At the prestigious Emerald Box Cup, Olanyian won the

92kg title after a walkover, and will now head to Montenegro in October as part of the u18 Irish World Championship team.

Josh Olanyian will head to Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the U22 Irish World Championship squad after he defeated his English opponent to capture the 75kg title.

The D24 boxing club had four other winners at the tournament which was held in

the Tallaght Leisure Centre, Brodrick Abudoire won the 63.5kg title, Luke Mulhall captured the 52kg title, Sienna Fitzpatrick won the 60kg bout while Brandon Geoghegan captured the 60kg title after defeating his English opponent.

Geoghegan had three bouts across the weekend and also picked up the best male youth individual boxer award at the tournament.

Preparations for both the u18 national bouts and the Emerald Cup had been ongoing for eight weeks prior to both events.

Seven coaches volunteer at the boxing club, Head Coach James Gray, Amanda Spencer, Carl Gray, Colm Fitzpatrick, Robbie Williams, Stephen Kavanagh and Vinnie Mulhall.

Jobstown boxing club has 45 national titles and 5

European medallists in the past 10 years, a fantastic achievement for the club.

The success the boxing club achieved certainly wouldn't be possible without the hard work of the coaches, and also Performance 24 gym which sponsored both Adam Olanyian and Brandon Geoghegan for their strength and conditioning in the build up to both boxer's respective bouts.

Kickboxing

Siblings pick up medals at WAKO C'ships

THREE Lucan siblings have returned from the WAKO World Kickboxing Championships with a remarkable five medals, reports James Ffrench.

Amy Wade (17), Ryan Wade (15) and Abbie Wade (12) managed to

reach two semi-finals and two finals altogether at the Championships which were held in Budapest, Hungary.

Amy picked up two medals including a silver medal in the junior female kick light 55kg category and a

bronze medal in the junior female light contact 55kg weight class.

Ryan fought in the younger junior full contact ring fighter 57kg category, picking up a bronze medal after narrowly losing to a polish fighter.

And finally, Abbie became world champion in the younger cadet point fighting 42kg category, while also picking up a bronze medal as part of the Ireland younger junior point fighting team.

77 Irish fighters took part in total for the Irish squad in all divisions and weight classes at the event, with 34 medals brought home altogether.

Over 3,000 athletes from 68 countries took part at the prestigious tournament, which ran from the 23rd August to the 1st September.

The three Wade's have been in preparation since March for the competition, training six to seven times each week over the summer at KKC (Korean Kickboxing Club Cabra).

They have their two brilliant coaches Darren Doherty and Nicholas Duffy to thank, and also Clayton Liffey Valley hotel, Lucan district credit union and Mizzoni's pizza who kindly sponsored them throughout their training.

Rest and recovery will now be on the cards for the three siblings after a hectic summer.

The three siblings also do Taekwondo, with Amy and Ryan both holding double blackbelts in the Korean martial arts.

They will look to add to their success at the National Taekwondo Championships later this year.



Ryan Wade in action at the WAKO World Kickboxing Championships



Ryan, Abbie and Amy Wade with their titles



St Peter the Apostle took part in the blitz in Monastery



Clonburris

Round Tower GAA Club Schools blitz



Gaelscoil Cluain Dolcain



Sacred Heart, Srulleen



Gaelscoil Na Camoige



St Joseph's, BNS, Boot Road



Sacred Heart Srulleen



St Joseph's



Clonburris



Gaelscoil Na Camoige

Horse Riding

Success for Harper at inaugural dressage

EIGHT-year-old Harper Halpin achieved success at the inaugural Dressage Ireland National Youth Championships which took place recently.

Halpin won the mini trail blazer section at the event which was held at the CoilOg Equestrian Centre in Killeage, County Kildare.

The criteria for entering the competition was each participant had to get three qualifying scores at registered shows by two different judges between the 1st of January 2024 and 11th of August.

The results from the Saturday and Sunday competition were combined to determine the winners of each competition.

Harper won the competition on the Saturday with a score of 72.78% and then on the Sunday she achieved a score of 72.5%.

Elle Jordan, who uses Rathfarnham Equestrian yard alongside Halpin also participated at the competition in the mini trailblazer section and finished third overall out of the thirteen participants.

Next up on the dressage calendar for both are the winter shows which will be coming up soon with Halpin also currently playing football and hurling for her club Thomas Davis.



Harper Halpin during the inaugural Dressage Ireland National Youth Championships



Hurling

Ballyboden man part of Dublin hurling management

NIALL Ó Ceallacháin has been announced as the new Dublin senior hurling manager for a three-year term.

The decision to ratify the Na Fianna man was made by the Dublin County Board on Tuesday night.

He replaces Mícheál Donoghue who stepped down after two years in charge and was recently appointed as Galway senior hurling manager.

Ó Ceallacháin will oversee an all-Dublin management team which includes David Curtin of Ballyboden St Enda's, Donal McGovern of Kilmacud Crokes and Nigel O'Hara of Na Fianna.

All three have also been appointed for a three-year term.

The Na Fianna native is currently managing the club's senior hurlers as they aim to make it back-to-back Dublin Senior Hurling titles.

He led them to their first title ever last year when they beat Ballyboden St Enda's by sixteen points, before narrowly losing to O'Loughlin Gaels in the Leinster club championship final.

Na Fianna had suffered back-to-back final defeats to Kilmacud Crokes prior to their success in last year's championship, but they are now looking to make it back-to-back title wins themselves.

Ó Ceallacháin's side topped their championship group ahead of Crokes this year, and now wait to see who they will face in their semi-final.

Hockey

New season starts for Glen's with victory over Weston

THE new season has begun for Glenanne Men's 1s hockey team as they kicked off their Leinster League Division campaign with a 3-2 defeat away to Weston at St Andrews on Tuesday night, reports

James Ffrench.

The men's side come into the season amidst a raft of personnel and management changes, alongside a change in the division they will compete in this year.

Glenanne won the EY League when they beat Three Rock Rovers Hockey Club in the 2017/18 final and finished third on goal difference in last season's campaign but have controversially withdrawn

from the league this year.

Graham Shaw and Shane O'Donoghue who formed the coaching team for the Men's 1 team last season have both left their post, with the former Ireland Women's Hockey

manager taking a step back from coaching while O'Donoghue has joined Avoca as an assistant coach.

There has also been a heavy turnover of players within the Glenanne squad, a number of players have departed the club with seven new players having joined the squad for the upcoming season.

Gary Shaw, who scored both goals for Glenanne on Tuesday night, has taken the lead on coaching the team this season in their wake.

They will participate in Leinster Division One for the up coming season, which runs until December.

Following the conclusion of the provincial season at the end of the year, the top three teams from Leinster Division 1 along with the best teams from the rest of the provinces join up to form the EY Second Division.

Those who finish in the top four will form an end of season round robin stage, with the top two teams gaining promotion to the EY League.

Glenanne's Men's 1's will also participate in the Irish Senior Cup, the oldest senior cup competition in the world.

The club has four women's teams competing in their respective competitions this season as well.

The Women's One's team finished 3rd in Leinster Division One last year and will aim to better that this season and return to the EY League.

Mark Lambe's side will kick off their season away to Corinthians Hockey Club in St Columbus College on the 14th September.



Glenanne's Gary Shaw was in action File Photo by Pat Kehoe

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GAA

Crunch games for local senior hurling teams



Ballyboden St Enda's and St Jude's will both be in action this weekend

THE final round of the group stage in the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Senior One Hurling Championship takes place this weekend.

After a pulsating 1-16 to 0-19-point draw against 2022 Dublin champions Kilmacud Crokes in the last round of action, **Lucan Sarsfields** face Na Fianna this weekend knowing their place in the quarter finals is already secured.

A win against the reigning champions will secure top spot in group one for Lucan and automatic passage to the semi-final of the championship. Sarsfields lost out to Na Fianna last year at the semi-final stage, on a scoreline of 0-14 to 0-18.

A similar situation is at play in group two of the hurling championship, with **Ballyboden St Enda's** also guaranteed a quarter final place after a 2-24 to 1-15 victory over close neighbours St Jude's.

Boden face Craobh Chiarain in their final group match this weekend, with just the order of second and third place up for grabs.

A win for St Enda's will secure second place in the group and a quarter final matchup against third place from Group 1, anything less than a victory and Boden will have to rely on Whitehall Colmcille failing to pick up a result against St Jude's to finish in

second.

Despite their failure to pick up a victory in the championship yet, St Judes can still progress to a quarter final if they defeat Whitehall and Craobh Chiarain fail to beat Ballyboden.

In the Intermediate Championship, it is still all to play for heading into the final round of fixtures.

In Group 1, **Commercials** have already topped their group with a game to spare following a 4-22 to 1-17 victory over Lucan Sarsfields last week and will head into the semi-finals full of confidence.

They face Good Counsel Liffey Gaels in their final group match this weekend.

Winless St Mark's can still progress to the quarter finals of the championship if they manage to beat Lucan Sarsfields and top of the table **Commercials** defeat Good Counsel.

In Group 2, first, second and third place is still up for grabs heading into the final round of fixtures.

Naomh Olaf currently sit top of the group, with **Round Towers Clondalkin** in second who can leapfrog them if they manage to get the better of Olaf this weekend.

Kilmacud Crokes and St Maurs face off in the other final round fixture with Maurs needing a win to progress to the quarter final stage.

Late points secure c'ship title for Jude's

Tussle for the ball, action from the Dublin LGFA Go Ahead Ireland Junior G Championship
Final Photos by Maurice Grehan

Lewis the hero with late scores for St Jude's

TWO late points deep in injury time, from player of the match Ava Lewis, secured the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin LGFA Junior G title for St Jude's on Friday evening in St Margarets GAA club after beating Na Fianna 1-9 to 0-11, reports *Nigel McCarthy*.

The large crowd in attendance on what was a sunny autumnal evening, were treated to an enthralling, robust contest with the result very much in the balance until the final whistle.

There was nothing between the sides at the break as they headed to the dressing rooms with the game level and although both St Jude's and Na Fianna enjoyed spells of dominance in possession in the second half, a combination of good defending, some misplaced passes in attack and narrow wides insured that the result would go right down to the wire.

St Judes came flying out of the blocks from the throw-in and opened the scoring inside the opening minute with a converted free from Micah Collins.

The sides were level three minutes later thanks to a fine point from the right-hand side from the impressive Brieghe Mac Oscair.

In the seventh minute St Jude's pressured the Na Fianna kick-out, turned the ball over and a shot from Micah Collins dipped just under the crossbar and over the fingertips of Na Fianna goalkeeper Keepa Farrell for the games first and only goal.

The Mobhi Road outfit responded to the setback moments later with a point from Michelle Nolan after a goal effort from midfielder Mary O'Connor was blocked. Na Fianna won the resultant kickout and worked the ball down the right, the ball was played inside towards Eimear Ní Chearbhaill who was unlucky to see her palmed effort at goal go

narrowly wide.

St Judes were dealt a blow at the end of the first quarter when Leisha Kennedy was forced off with an injury and was replaced by Isabel Kelly.

Na Fianna grabbed the next score after good interplay between Brieghe Mac Oscair and Eimear Ní Chearbhaill with the latter popping over a nice point. But St Judes finally ended a twelve-minute barren spell with a point from the ever dangerous Ava Lewis.

A point from Na Fianna's Brieghe Mac Oscair and a converted free from Niamh Kerr left two between the sides with five minutes to the break. St Jude's thought they had extended their lead when captain Aoife Rockett palmed to the net, but after consulting his umpires, referee David Maguire chalked off the goal for a square ball.

In first half injury time points from Brieghe Mac Oscair from a free and one from open play from Eimear Ní Chearbhaill insured the sides would go in at half time all square with the score 1-03 to 0-06.

The opening exchanges in the second half were dominated by Na Fianna and they took the lead for the first time in the game a minute after the resumption with a superb point from Brieghe Mac Oscair. But the Glasnevin outfit failed to add to their total despite enjoying the bulk of possession for the opening ten second half minutes.

Niamh Kerr drew the sides level in the 40th minute from a free after second half substitute Siobhan McNevin was fouled. Ava Lewis pounced on a loose pass from the Na Fianna defence, resulting in a goal for St Jude's.

A converted free from Mac Oscair and a nice point from Aoife Rockett, put three between the sides with twelve minutes of

normal time left on the clock.

The frantic, robust nature of the game continued relentlessly, Na Fianna enjoyed another possession purple patch and two converted frees from Mac Oscair left the bare minimum between the teams with time running out.

But there was still plenty of drama left, there were numerous stoppages in the second half for injuries which led to a whopping thirteen minutes of injury time added on by the referee and five minutes into that added time another successful free attempt from Mac Oscair tied the scores yet again.

A brilliant sideline strike from St Jude's Pam Kavanagh found Ava Lewis deep in the Na Fianna half, the full forward drove towards goal brushing aside attempted tackles and popped the ball over the bar. Seconds later the clinical forward struck over another excellent point to put two between the teams.

Na Fianna pushed hard in the closing stages to drag themselves back into the contest and despite having an extra player after St Judes Holly Murphy was yellow carded late on, a converted free from Mac Oscair was the only score they could secure before time ran out.

ST JUDE'S: Keela Farrell, Shauna Brady, Emily Brady, Kerrie Galvin, Elisa McGowan, Pam Kavanagh, Leisha Kennedy, Hazel Turner, Kellie Donnelly, Jennifer O'Neill, Niamh Kerr, Aoife Rockett (C), Micah Collins, Ava Lewis, Eimear Joyce.

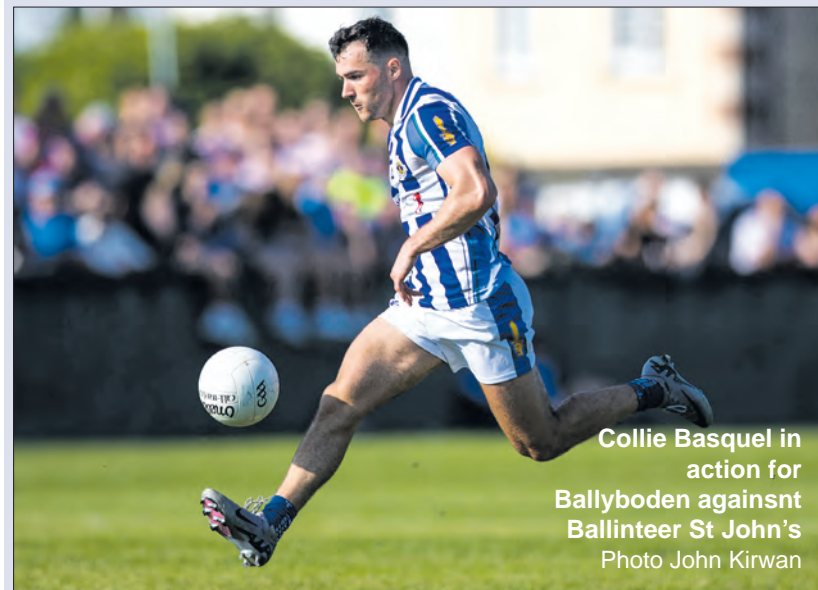
SUBS: Isabel Kelly for Leisha Kennedy (14), Holly Murphy for Shauna Brady (HT), Siobhan McNevin for Eimear Joyce (HT), Maeve Joyce for Holly Murphy (Blood Sub 65), Holly Murphy for Maeve Joyce (73), Maeve Joyce for Siobhan McNevin (77).

REFEREE: David Maguire (Thomas Davis)



Dublin LGFA Go Ahead Ireland Junior G Final, St Jude's team celebrate their victory

Ballyboden secure place in the last eight of c'ship



Collie Basquel in action for Ballyboden against Ballinteer St John's
Photo John Kirwan

BALLYBODEN have secured their place in the last eight of the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Senior One Football Championship after a 4-13 to 2-08 win over Ballinteer St John's.

Boden will now face reigning Dublin and Leinster champions Kilmacud Crokes in the quarter finals.

Cuala play Castleknock, Na Fianna face Clontarf and Ballymun Kickhams play St Vincent's in the other three ties.

St Enda's knew that only a win over Ballinteer at the weekend would guarantee progression to the last eight of the championship, but they were made to work for it by St John's.

The sides were level at the break, 1-06 to 2-03.

Two Daire Sweeney goals within the

first fifteen minutes of the second half would settle the game for Ballyboden, with the South Dublin club outscoring their opponents 3-07 to 0-05 points in the final thirty.

Sweeney finished top scorer on the day for Boden with 2-4, with Ryan O'Dwyer notching 1-4 and Dublin Senior Footballer Colm Basquel adding 1-03 as well.

There were also strong performances from James Holland, Ross McGarry and Galway Senior Footballer Cein Darcy on the day.

Their confirmed last eight clash with Kilmacud is a repeat of last year's county final, with Boden looking to avenge the eight-point defeat they suffered at the hands of Crokes in the 2023 decider.



Aoife Rockets, captain St Jude's receives the cup from Joe Keane

Joe McNally Masters comes to St Anne's

The Joe McNally Invitational Masters Football 7s tournament takes place on Saturday, September 14 at St Anne's GAA club Bohernabreena, reports James Ffrench.

McNally, also known as "Big Joe", is no stranger to success being an All-Ireland winner himself, but puts the success of the tournament down to the demand which exists for it.

"The idea was to get lads back playing football and having the craic.

"There is a big community of lads over 40 which would have played football with and against each other across the country, in Australia I know they have done something similar.

"One of our ex-players is actually playing in Liverpool and he's bringing his GAA club over for which is brilliant."

"It's a great family day out, and it allows lads who wouldn't have seen each other for years to catch up as well.

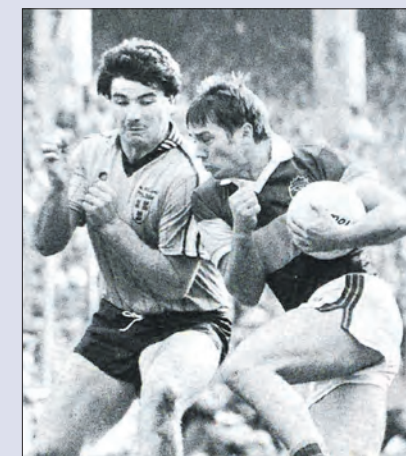
"The year before last, both games in the semi-finals went to penalties so the atmosphere that day was brilliant."

This year's iteration will be the fourth instalment of the tournament, with 24 clubs from around Ireland and the UK set to take part.

Teams participating range from St Mark's, St Kevins and Thomas Davis to Drumbaragh Emmets of Meath.

John Mitchel's GAA Club of Liverpool will be taking part for the first time in the competition, with the club one of the oldest of its kind in the UK.

The three previous winners of the tournament are Baltinglass of Wicklow in 2019, St Mary's of Saggart in 2022



Joe McNally in action for Dublin battling with Kerry's Páidí Ó Sé

and Riallaid of Kilkenny in 2023.

Players participating in the invitational must be born in 1984 or before.

Registration begins at 10am on the day with the games commencing at 11am.

14 players will be on the field at all times during each match, seven per team with a maximum of 12 players allowed per squad.

Each game will last 15 minutes altogether, seven and a half minutes each half with substitutes allowed to roll on and off.

Entry fee on the day is €250 which includes a food and drink voucher along with entertainment in the clubhouse.

Soccer

Dillon on fire for Ireland U19s

SHAMROCK Rovers player Cian Dillon has enjoyed a brilliant week playing for the Ireland U19s, picking up three goals in two international fixtures against France and Kazakhstan respectively.

Dillon featured off the bench in the first fixture of the camp against France and made a significant impact when he came on.

With Tom Mohan's side 2-0 down, Dillon scored a penalty to drag his side back into the game.

Despite the match finishing 2-1 to the French, Dillon and his team performed admirably and, on another day, could have very easily picked up a result.

After an impressive performance in the opening fixture, the 18-year-old started against Kazakhstan

in the second game of the Slovenia Nations Cup.

St Patrick's Athletic Luke Kehir gave Ireland the lead after seven minutes and just four minutes later Dillon doubled the lead after a Ryan Kelly header hit the post, falling to Dillon to chest home.

Kazakhstan pulled one back on the half hour mark but Dillon would put the game beyond doubt 10 minutes into the second half.

A long over the top ball was expertly controlled by Aaron McLaughlin who set up Dillon to audaciously lob the keeper and seal the victory for Tom Mohan's side.

Ireland drew 1-1 with the hosts Slovenia on Tuesday in their final game of the tournament.

Shamrock Rovers player Cian Dillon had a brilliant week for Ireland scoring three goals
Photos by Robert Goggins



GAA

Lucan, Jude's and Davis crash out

LUCAN Sarsfields, St Jude's and Thomas Davis have all crashed out of the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Senior 1 Football Championship after the weekends final round results.

Sarsfields were already succumbed to bottom place in Group 2 and the relegation playoff regardless of their result against table toppers Na Fianna.

They lost out 1-20 to 4-11 to the Dublin 9 club who now face Clontarf in the quarter finals.

St Jude's knew only a victory against Clontarf would secure their place in the last eight prior to their meeting and they started the better of the two sides last Saturday.

Points by Liam Connerton and Dublin 2024 senior football panel member Kevin Lahiff gave Jude's

the start they needed before three Kieran McKeon frees and a Matthew McMahon score saw Clontarf take control of matters.

A Charlie Meehan strike in the 19th minute gave Clontarf the first maximum of the game and they wouldn't have to wait much longer for their second.

Jack McCaffrey made one of his characteristic lung bursting carries up the field before finding Matthew Barrett with an inch perfect pass who confidently finished past Brendan Flynn in the Jude's goal.

The Templeogue club responded with a goal of their own through the impressive Connerton, but two McKeon frees pushed Tarf out ahead 2-08 to 1-05 at the break.

Jude's battled hard in the second half, holding Clontarf scoreless for

the first 18 minutes of the second half.

Tarf managed to maintain their lead and finished the last quarter strongly through points by McKeon, John Hanley and Conor Rooney before McKeon converted a penalty with the last kick of the contest.

Thomas Davis have also crashed out of the championship but in the most unfortunate of fashions after they were pipped on head-to-head by St Vincents who progressed to the last eight in their place.

Davis knew they had to better Vincents result to guarantee a quarter final spot which they failed to do as both fixtures in Group 4 ended level.

In Senior 2, Round Towers Clondalkin secured their senior

status with a 0-16 points to 0-12 victory over Whitehall Colmcille.

Templeogue Synge Street and St Marys are both through to the quarter finals of the championship and they will face St Brigids and St Oliver Plunkett's in their respective ties.

Templeogue had already secured top spot in the group and played out an 11-goal thriller against St Maurs at the weekend which finished 6-8 to 5-11.

St Mary's knew a draw or a victory would send them through and they achieved the latter with a 1-14 to 0-14 win over Parnell's.

In the Intermediate Championship, St Anne's secured a quarter final place and top spot with an impressive 2-15 to 0-09 victory against O'Toole's.



Cian Murphy makes a block for Thomas Davis against St Vincent's
Photo by Eamonn O'Callaghan



Action from Lucan Sarsfields against Na Fianna
Photo by Eamonn O'Callaghan

Rovers play host to Sligo in Tallaght

SHAMROCK Rovers return to league action this Friday night as they welcome high flying Sligo Rovers to Tallaght Stadium.

Both sides come into the game in mixed form.

The Bit O'Red sit third in the Premier Division but have won just one of their last three games, which was a most recent 2-0 victory at the Showgrounds against Waterford.

Sligo may sit third, but their fellow Westerners Galway United find themselves just a single point behind them with a game in hand.

The hoops sit sixth in the table having won one game in their last seven, and one in their last four

games in the league.

A Dublin Derby defeat at Dalymount Park just before the international break will have stung Stephen Bradley's side, but they will look to make amends for their mixed league form this month with no European fixtures scheduled until the 3rd of October.

Although sitting sixth in the table, Rovers are just four points off their opponents with two games in hand.

Bradley will have to make at least one change from the Bohemians game with Lee Grace suspended after his red card in the 2-1 defeat.

Kick off is scheduled for 7:45 in Tallaght.

St Pat's continue good run of form

ST PATRICK'S Athletic continued their good form with a 2-1 victory away to Dundalk last Thursday night.

Dundalk, who failed to pay their player's wages last week amidst the club facing 'financial difficulties', started the better of the two sides and after just two minutes they took the lead.

A long throw in was flicked on by centre half Hayden Cann and Eoin Kenny, son of Stephen, nodded the ball past Joseph Anang in the Pats goal.

Pats almost responded instantly when Joe Redmond's long clearance ran all the way through to the Dundalk keeper Felix Goddard, who kicked the ball straight to Brandon Kavanagh and his audacious lob hit the post and bounced out.

Goddard again was at fault with his distribution when his clearance only found Chris Forrester, but the Lilywhites keeper managed to scamper back to his goal in time to save comfortably.

Up the other end, Dundalk's second-best chance of the opening 45 came on 16 minutes when Ryan O'Kane knicked a long bouncing ball ahead

of Pats right back Axel Sjoberg and drove at the goal but his left footed shot was well saved by Anang.

Pats started the second half determined to find an equaliser and they would find it on 54 minutes, as Brandon Kavanagh's free kick eventually bounced towards Tom Grivostoi who improvised with an audacious scissors kick to equalise.

Stephen Kenny's side were now firmly on top and found their winner with just under 23 minutes of normal time to go.

Jake Mulraney found a bit of space to send a testing delivery into the box and it was met by substitute Mason Melia to head into the Dundalk net.

That was the 16-year-old's fifth league goal of the season and his second in back-to-back games against Louth opposition.

There was a late penalty shout by Dundalk which was waved away by referee Damien McGrath.

The win closes the gap on fourth place Galway United to four points, with the Westerners holding a game in hand.

Next up for Kenny's side is fifth place Waterford at Richmond next Friday night.

Soccer

Rovers too good for Bohemians

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HAVING held title contenders Shelbourne FC to a 1-1 draw on August 31st, Ken Kiernan's side were never going to be easy pickings for the Tallaght tiki-takas and the visitors intentions were clear from that first blow of the whistle.

Sarah McKeivitt, Katie Malone and Antea Guvo pressed Maria Reynolds and Savannah McCarthy in the pocket facing the South Stand, hunting for a goal early doors.

The attacking triad oozed quality on the counter.

Opting to allow a throw-in to run beyond her tall frame, Guvo spotted Malone pedalling ahead and threaded the ball through.

Malone, wide to Fiona Owens at her shoulder, triggered a master stroke, swinging the ball smoothly into the bottom left hand corner of Amanda Budden's net.

Budden on the restart was vociferous.

"Let's go now!" The Douglas native roared in an attempt to jilt the Rovers Women from their shell-shocked state, catching the attention of one spectator who jumped to attention.

Bohemians sensed that there was a second in the offing and like a Boxer eyeing up a winded opponent, drove on for the kill, their attackers surrounding Reynolds, McCarthy and Herron in what was an ominous contrast to the clear blue sky.

Rovers, despite the ongoing threat of a quality counter pushed on towards the North Stand.

Alannah McEvoy almost secured a second for Bohs but the velocity behind her darting run would sky the ball over the crossbar.

Rovers would level the match in the 26th minute, Joy Ralph dancing past three before letting fly into the bottom right hand corner.

Less than a minute later, O'Gorman would edge out Tiegan Ruddy and Shauna Carroll to tap in an absolute scorcher of an in-swinging cross from Lia O'Leary to give Rovers the lead.

Bohemians belief remained however and they pushed on for the leveller but Fiona Owens would secure an extra cushion for her teammates.

As Kelly's throw out spun through the air, Owens raced to pickpocket it from McEvoy and dinked it over Kelly's head in what was a sublime first goal for the fan favourite.

The second half was less frenetic than the first, but eventful nonetheless.

"Stay high!" Kelly instructed her outfield players, conscious of the pressure Shauna Carroll (who showed her pedigree at left back) was under as Owens toyed with the number 19.

Zambra would put the contest far beyond Bohs reach with just under twenty minutes left to play, unleashing an exquisite missile off her left boot that rattled under the lip of the crossbar before bouncing inside Kelly's line.

Emily Corbet made her appearance alongside Melissa O'Kane in the 68th and would net the 5th.

The former Wexford Youth sharpshooter shone in moments on the right wing and demonstrated her flair to tear away from Ruddy in the 86th.

The game ended 5-1 to the Rovers Women, who have now extracted six points from Bohs this campaign.

The Hoops next welcome Sligo Rovers to Dublin 24 on September 14 at Tallaght Stadium

You can read more about the Rovers Women via Christine's blog: www.roverswomenfanzone.com

Pea's turn attention to the league

PEAMOUNT United's UEFA Women's Champions League qualifying journey came to an end last Saturday as they fell to a 2-1 loss to Osijek.

The Irish champions took the lead through Dearbhaile Beirne in the early moments of the game, but two second half strikes within four minutes of each other from the Croatian side was enough to secure the victory for the hosts.

Having won the Irish Women's Premier Division last season, the Peas entered the Champions path at the first qualifying round stage, a four-team mini tournament held in Osijek, Croatia last week.

Peamount won their opening group game 2-1 against Belarusian side Dinamo Minsk on

Wednesday after an extra time winner from Kerri Letmon.

Had United won on Saturday they would have progressed to the Women's Champions League second qualifying round and would have been just one two-legged tie away from the UEFA Champions League proper, a state no Irish club has ever participated on.

The Dublin side will turn their attentions to domestic matters now with just five games left in the Women's Premier Division Season.

They sit in fifth position, 15 points off Athlone in top spot having played a game more.

James O'Callaghan's side welcome seventh place Bohemians to Greenogue this Saturday at five o'clock.



James O'Callaghan's side will turn their attention to the league on Saturday when they welcome Bohemians to Greenogue

Tamhlacht clock up second win

TAMHLACHT FC clocked up their second win of the season when they travelled to Dolphin Road to face Rialto FC, in this UCFL Division 2 encounter, and ran out comfortable 6-3 winners.

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If I was to sum this game up in two words they would be Eoin Moore as he proved to be the man-of-the-match, when he ran the midfield and smacked home five second half goals to seal the points.

A terrific feat by any stretch of the imagination and Tamhlacht look like the side to beat in this Division, even if we are only two games in.

They have strength in all departments and, really, their only worry on Saturday was that they seemed to fall asleep when they should have had the

game in the bag.

The visitors started like an express train and were a goal up inside three minutes, when Conor Murphy slipped the ball across to Jamie Smullen for a chance he would never turn down.

By the 15th minute the game should have been over, as Tamhlacht created chance after chance but just couldn't add to their tally.

If anything it gave Rialto some hope and, after surviving the onslaught, they gathered themselves and by half time were 2-1 in front, as Matthew Furey and Keith Hogan both found the net.

However, soon after the restart the Moore show began when he picked the ball just outside the area and planted a beauty into the corner of the net.

Five minutes later they were back in front when Brandan Brooks set up Moore for his second of

the morning, and before Rialto could recover it was 4-2 when Moore nodded home at the far post to complete his hat-trick.

Moore was on fire and there was no surprise when he netted his fourth, and although Hogan pulled one back for the home side, there was still time for Moore to bag his fifth with the last kick of the game.

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Tamhlacht FC's Eoin Moore looks for options before he is closed down by Rialto FC's Luke Hudson



Tamhlacht FC were comfortable winners over Rialto FC Photos by John Mooney

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