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Over €30m in funding will 'aid the transformation of Tallaght'

Delivery of projects will have a knock-on influence on Cookstown Industrial Estate

By Maurice Garvey

OVER €30m in council government funding for regeneration projects in the Tallaght area will be announced by the Dublin City Council (DCC) in a report to be published in the coming weeks. The funding will be used to support a number of projects in the area, including the development of the Innovation Hub, the delivery of the new Tallaght Town Centre, and the delivery of the new Tallaght Town Centre.

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“Once completed, the area will become an attractive mixed-use residential and employment-led neighbourhood with distinctive...”

Irish Distillers planning for Fox and Geese bottling facility extended for three years

Irish Distillers Limited (IDL) has announced that it has extended its planning application for the new Fox and Geese bottling facility in the area of the Fox and Geese site in the Tallaght area. The extension of the planning application is for a period of three years, from 2021 to 2024.

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INSPIRING: Comedian Al Porter gave a powerful talk at the Recovery Month walk this week

Comedian Al Porter gives powerful talk at Recovery Walk

By **Alessia Micalizzi**
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“I WAS suicidal, and had no friends left,” said comedian Al Porter as he opened up about his addiction in a powerful speech for Recovery Month Walk.

After his rise to fame as a comedian and radio host in his early 20s, Porter had to take a step back at 24-years-old as substance abuse negatively impacted his behaviour within the industry and his reputation.

“My life had become centred around the next drink. I had vodka in the shower in the morning,” he confessed to his audience in Fettercairn Community Centre, as they attended the last Recovery Month event on Monday, September 30.

“Everywhere I went I would think ‘can I drink there?’, ‘Would people notice that I’m drunk?’,” he said, adding that drugs and wild parties also became part of the picture.

“And when I gave up, and I finally decided to change, for the first years I was at rock bottom. I had been in a psychiatric hospital because I was suicidal, I hadn’t worked in three years.

“I had no friends left, people wouldn’t ring me anymore because they knew I wasn’t going to meet them and that I didn’t want to talk.

“I had no perspective of future. The dream had become a total nightmare.”

Showing to the community that he was struggling in the same way every person

suffering from substance abuse is, he then highlighted how important it is to let go of other people’s opinion when going through recovery.

“For a while I had a good reputation, and I loved it.

“Then people felt I was a bad person and that something happened to me that I couldn’t fix. But that’s not true.

“Reputation is just an imaginary reflection, you know you, and you know what you are capable of.

“I decided I wasn’t going to turn my life around so that other people’s opinion on me would change. You do it for yourself.”

“Don’t get some ideas in your head, like ‘he’s better at recovery than me.’ What does that even mean? You’re not in a competition.”

Porter’s words are in line with the focus on challenging the stigma around addiction and recovery promoted by Tallaght Alcohol and Drug Task Force during Recovery Month.

“Most of the time we hear ugly words are used to describe people dealing with addiction,” said TADTF co-ordinator Grace Hill at the Recovery Month launch. “But it doesn’t have to be the end of your life.”

“You can get out of it, and there are positive things about recovery, like being able to go back into your community and help other people who are in the same situation you were in.”

Porter added that while “it’s okay to have a little bit of shame remembering things we



SUPPORT: Al Porter with Grace Hill from TADTF

have done and people we let down,” the past can’t be undone and what matters is “to make sure it never repeats itself.”

Back on stage and sold-out shows since 2022, Porter is grateful for his life having been “course corrected,” as he said at the Recovery Month Walk event.

“At that age I thought it was great craic, I felt like I had the world at my feet.

“When they called me out for poor behaviour, I didn’t know how to respond. Seven years later, I look back on that and I think they were right in expecting more from me.”

“I remember thinking for ages, ‘Next time I’ll do better’, ‘Next time I won’t mess it up’, but the best realisation I had was that there is no next time, and that the right moment for us to change is always ‘now’.”

“Recovery is possible, and change is possible. Let’s allow ourselves to have the life we know we can have, now,” he concluded.

After acknowledging the hard work made by TADTF staff, South Dublin volunteers, and all the different services co-operating with them, co-ordinator Grace Hill thanked South Dublin County Council for the support and seconded Porter’s words.

“What we are doing is working for a lot of people, so we will keep doing it,” she said, as she recalled a former service user, Mark, who recently thanked her for “saving his life.”

“Another reason why we have to keep doing it is because there are so many ‘Marks’ out there, and we can show them that support is there for them, and that recovery is possible.”



GRATEFUL: Al Porter with Vanessa, Carla and Stephen

Squatters moved from vacant Esso site in Tallaght village

Tents, clothes line, trollies, rubbish and at least five people on the site

By **Stephen Farrell**
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THE site of a former filling station which had been used by squatters for over two months was cleared on Tuesday morning.

Workers were on site at the controversial Esso filling station in Tallaght village where an encampment had become established since mid-July, as reported by *The Echo*.

On Saturday the site was observed to be in a very unkept condition, with trollies, rubbish, hoarding which was down and damaged, tents erected, clothes hung on a line and at least four or five people present.

At last week's Tallaght area meeting Councillor Teresa Costello (FF) said she was "livid" at the lack of action regarding the Esso site, which continues to attract anti-social behaviour, and she also asked South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to consider purchasing the former Ulster bank building.

"The list of issues can be as long as my arm," she said. "Elderly constituents are afraid to walk through the village."

"What's going on at the Esso site would not be going on in any other place of this county," she added.

ACTION: Workers cleaned up the controversial site in Tallaght village on Tuesday



In July, Tallaght Community Council (TCC) voiced their concerns that tents had appeared on the site and that boundaries around the site had been breached.

"The site was not properly secured for some time. The main gate had no locking mechanism and the northern wooden fence into the Focus Ireland apartments was broken creating another access point into the site," a spokesperson for TCC said.

"There has been a marked increase in open drug dealing on Main Street,

close to the Esso site, the illegal consumption of alcohol and loitering beside the AIB ATM, and public spaces are being used as a toilet. It is causing growing public safety and public health concerns for those living and working in the area as a result," the spokesperson added.

With no improvement to the situation TCC again voiced their concerns to *The Echo* in August, saying that the encampment and anti-social behaviour in the area "cannot be allowed to become the norm".

A further concern was the possible increase in the number of people who were staying on the site.

"Given the dense overgrowth on the vacant site, it is impossible to say how many people exactly have set up tents here. The gardaí and SDCC have all responded to this reported issue. Those present on the site have been offered emergency accommodation and all but two refused it," a spokesperson for TCC said.

When contacted by *The Echo* in August, a SDCC spokesperson said:

"The Esso site in Tallaght is on the Derelicts Site Register since February 23, 2024. A section 11 notice under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 has been served on the landowner. Homeless services have visited those on site and have offered alternative accommodation. SDCC are continuing to monitor the site."

The Esso site has lain idle for several years and has been raised at council meetings many times where suggestions for it to be brought back into use have been routinely voiced.



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€55,000 provision for new dog park

PROVISION of a new dog park will cost €55,000, local representatives were informed last week.

A request from Councillor Jess Spear (PBP) to install a dog park in Ballymount Park was made at the Council meeting for Tallaght last Monday, September 23.

Councillors were informed that the request has been listed for consideration for inclusion in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme, for implementation in 2025.

The cost of the project would be approximately €55,000 which would include fencing, gates, bin and bench, according to the Council.

The draft improvement works programme for 2025 will be presented to the area committee meetings in January 2025 and the countywide programme will then be presented to the meeting of the County Council in February next.

Plans for memorial plaque to honour Tommy Gilson

‘Real champion’ Tommy passed away in 2020 and left a lasting legacy

By **Stephen Farrell**
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“HE WAS a fantastic community activist and a real champion for the people.”

This is what Councillor Louise Dunne (SF) told her colleagues at last week’s Tallaght council meeting as she sought the installation of a memorial plaque on a bench along Jobstown Stream in honour of Tommy Gilson.

“He worked in the addiction services, he has left lasting legacies where he has improved the lives of multiple families and their children in the Jobstown area and he holds a real place in my heart and I’ll never forget him for all that he did for Jobstown,” said Cllr Dunne.

Tommy passed away in 2020 and left an indelible mark on the community through his work as founder and manager of Jobstown Assisting Drug Dependency (JADD) alongside his wife Chrissie.

“He often said it, ‘people can become products of their environment’. If you are living

in an area that is unkept and neglected you’re not going to really give a damn about it,” said Cllr Dunne.

The Sinn Féin representative went on to explain why she chose Jobstown stream as the location for a memorial to Tommy.

“One of the areas that he advocated for was the Jobstown stream ... and now it has come to fruition. ... it’s an absolutely fantastic amenity, ... to celebrate all that Tommy Gilson was to Jobstown and to leave a memorial on Jobstown stream that he advocated for so many years to be improved,” she said.

Cllr Dunne explained further that people are no longer accepting of anti-social behaviour in their areas.

“We see that [people reclaiming their area] now ... when a small minority are breaking trees or spray painting, people are coming out and saying ‘... we’re not having this’,” she said.

“The reason why I’m looking to have a plaque on one of those benches is when the work first finished we know that they tried to set the benches on fire, they

were spray painting the play space. Everyone knows Tommy Gilson, every family in Jobstown knows Tommy Gilson, every child knows Tommy Gilson and it would be a real memorial to him, and the reclaiming and people respecting the area when they see a plaque,” said Cllr Dunne.

The Tallaght-South representative had already liaised with Tommy’s family regarding their opinion on this proposal and whether it would be ok if she brought the motion forward, to which they replied that they would be delighted for it to happen.

Chair of the meeting, Councillor Mick Duff (Ind) said of Tommy that nobody did more for Jobstown than anyone he could remember.

“He was a committed and dedicated advocate for Jobstown, he never saw the bad in Jobstown in any make, shape or form. He never spoke badly of his area, he always spoke positively about his area and he understood that one day they would overcome this and the Jobstown stream is evidence of that ... I know that Chrissie,



ACTIVIST: The late Tommy Gilson

young Tommy and the rest of the family would be delighted, absolutely thrilled ... nobody deserves it more ... the number of times we asked him to slow

down and to step back a wee bit, he just wouldn’t ... I think every tree, stone and otherwise in Jobstown will scream his name,” said Cllr Duff.

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Square Post office to move to new unit in November

Move is due to the Tallaght branch being acquired by a postmaster earlier this year

By Alessia Micalizzi

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THE POST office in The Square will move to a new unit within Dunnes Stores at the shopping centre's second floor, on Monday, November 4.

Over the first weekend of November, the doors of the ground floor post office will be closed for good, and the service will restart on Monday, 9am, in the new location.

"It's a super bright and modern purpose fitted office, all set to greet our loyal Tallaght customers," a spokesperson for An Post told *The Echo*.

The move is due to the Tallaght An Post branch being acquired by a postmaster earlier this year, which will now run the premises and the services and decided on the relocation.

A long-standing social hub for the community, The Square post office being privatised or relocated sparked different opinions around Tallaght, but An Post ensured the service won't be affected.

"The change in business model of the offices will not in any way change the range or extent of the services offered by An Post," a spokesperson told *The Echo* in February.

"We remain committed to providing our customers with the highest level of services for the future."

The spokesperson added that if



SOCIAL HUB: The current Post Office in The Square will close at the start of November

anything, premises and facilities "have been improved."

A different situation could be faced by the post office staff, who would no longer be directly employed by the

public sector if they were to take up posts in the new location, and after decades of service might see their pensions affected.

Alternatively, they'd have the option

to be redeployed in other post offices within the Dublin city network, which are still run by An Post.

In February, there were less than 40 branches run publicly in the whole

country.

In April, People Before Profit TD Paul Murphy and other campaigners delivered a petition with almost 2,000 signatures to the General Post Office on O'Connell Street, opposing the Tallaght post office being contracted out to a postmaster.

"The people of Tallaght need more and better public services, not privatisation and cutbacks," said Deputy Murphy.

"Workers in Tallaght post office have contacted me to complain that An Post are not being honest with them about plans to privatise Tallaght Post Office," he added.

"If they don't want to work in the new privatised post office, the only other option they are being given is redeployment elsewhere with An Post, regardless of their personal circumstances in relation to access to suitable transport, with no redundancy option being offered."

Speaking of the services, costumers will be able to access financial services at the new unit in The Square.

Besides An Post's banking, agency banking services will be available for Bank of Ireland and AIB customers over the post office counter.

"Access to the post office is as easy as it was in the previous location," added An Post spokesperson. "It will be accessible from the Level 2 car park."

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Reports of man with firearm threatening people

GARDAI are investigating a public order incident involving a suspected firearm outside a licensed premises in Rathcoole on Saturday.

Gardai responded to reports of a man armed with a firearm on Main Street Rathcoole, threatening three individuals at around 10pm. When Gardai arrived, those involved had left the area and no firearm was recovered, or no reports of injuries was reported.

A statement released by gardai said: "At approximately 10:00pm, Gardai responded to reports of a male armed with a firearm threatening three individuals during a public order incident outside a licensed premises on Main Street in Rathcoole, Co. Dublin. On arrival of Gardai, those involved had left the immediate area and no firearm was recovered. It is understood that no shots were fired and there were no reports of injuries".

Investigations into the circumstances surrounding the incident are ongoing and Gardai are appealing for witnesses to come forward. They are also asking anyone with camera footage, including dashcam recordings from Main Street, Rathcoole, between 9.30pm and 10.30pm, on Saturday, September 28 2024, to contact them.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Clondalkin Garda Station at 01 666 7600, the Garda Confidential Line at 1800 666 111, or any Garda Station.

Plans to use Crooksling for international protection

Department says facility is 'required by reason of an emergency'

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The Dept planning notice is a change of pace from recent IP sites, where planning permission has been exempted in order to

provide accommodation at former office or industrial buildings, while modular homes for Ukrainians were built on agricultural land in Lucan.

Latest figures by the State indicate the bill for accommodating refugees is €5m per day.

Meanwhile, companies accommodating Ukrainian and IP applicants have been paid hundreds of millions.

Citywest Hotel was paid more than €20m by the State in the three months to end of June,

according to new figures.

Cape Wrath Hotel Ltd, owned by Tetrarch Capital has been paid more than €36m since the start of the year for accommodating services.

Guestford Ltd, owner of the Red Cow Moran Hotel was paid €8.5m, and approximately €9.5m the previous quarter for accommodating IP's.

The Red Cow Moran Hotel rooms have been fully booked out for IP accommodation since early 2022.

Meanwhile, at the September

23 Tallaght area meeting, Cllr Paddy Holohan (Ind) asked how many IP applicants are placed in the Tallaght area.

In response to Cllr Holohan, SDCC said there are "currently 776" IPAs accommodated in the Tallaght area.

"I'd have more questions to that response," Holohan told *The Echo*.

"Number one being what happens when the temporary emergency planning legislation that has enabled the department to accommodate temporary protection and IP applicants in communities expires in December 2028?"

"Communities deserve respect and transparency which I believe there has been a huge lack of surrounding the IPAs system."

In May, a 'secret meeting' was held over the news surrounding IP accommodation at St John's House in Tallaght.

It was eventually held online instead of in-person and featured officials from the Dept of Children, and a selection of council staff, elected representatives, and gardai.

"How they dealt with this is very poor in my opinion," said Holohan.

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No plans for the redevelopment of St Dominic's Hall in the village

Landmark building owned by Dominican Order was destroyed by fire almost two years ago

By **Stephen Farrell**
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THE site of a landmark building burnt down almost two years ago remains derelict with no plans for redevelopment.

This is what Councillors were informed of, concerning St Dominic's Hall, Tallaght Village, which was destroyed by fire in November, 2022, at last week's Tallaght Council meeting.

The property, which is located beside the Dragon pub, was re-inspected by South Dublin County Council (SDCC) on August 12.

The report of this inspection noted that the property remains in a derelict condition, within the definition contained in the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

Furthermore, SDCC are in consultation with the owner of the property, the Dominican Order, Tallaght Priory, with the most recent correspondence issued on September 6.

The Council await a response to this correspondence which requested an update and the owner's proposals to maintain the site in a clean and tidy condition pending any redevelopment.

The council informed Councillors that it will continue to correspond with the owner and monitor the site.

In April the Council reiterated that it would be very happy to support the Dominican Order regarding the rebuilding of the hall, as reported by *The Echo*.

Senior Planner, Eoin Burke then said that the question about how long before the Council would have to



DESTROYED: St Dominic's Hall in Tallaght Village was destroyed by fire almost two years ago

intervene if there were no improvements made to the building "is a tricky one because it's not a derelict structure, so you are probably into derelict sites, so we'd have to look at that ... I'm not sure we are at that position yet".

St Dominic's Hall is more than 100

years old and has over the decades been home to many different community uses and activities.

This November 27 will mark the second anniversary of the fire. Five units of Dublin Fire Brigade rushed to Tallaght Village, after volunteers carrying out a clean-up in the area

smelt smoke and called 999, as reported by *The Echo*.

Units from stations in Tallaght and Dolphin's Barn attended, with the assistance of a turntable from Tara Street, and Tallaght Village was also closed while firefighters battled the blaze.

No injuries were reported during the fire, which firefighters prevented from spreading to nearby buildings including the Dragon pub.

After the fire, members of the community expressed their sadness over the loss of the building, with many hoping it could be restored.

Women's homeless team are 'truly inspirational' after winning trophy

BEDLAM at Dublin Airport on Monday, as family and supporters welcomed Ireland's women's team home, who brought a trophy from the Homeless World Cup (HWC) in South Korea, reports *Maurice Garvey*.

Coached by Walkinstown's Mary Byrne, the girls in green defeated the USA 5-2 in a Trophy Stage final on Saturday, capping off a memorable week in which they scored 42 goals across 10 games.

Speaking to *The Echo* ahead of the tournament at the Maldron Hotel in Tallaght two weeks ago, Byrne said the team had been training three days a week "which is as fit as we can be" and praised the "strong bond" exhibited by the group.

The third place finish is one better than the team's fourth place finish at last year's HWC in Sacramento.

Although the Irish men's team left Seoul without a trophy, they enjoyed a fantastic group stage, winning seven of their eight games, including memorable victories over Brazil, Zimbabwe, Australia, Scotland, and Finland.

While the men's team reached the

quarter finals for only the fourth time in 20 years, they lost out in the knockout stages, and finished eight overall following defeat against Northern Ireland in their Trophy Stage Final.

Irish Street League CEO Chris O'Brien, who travelled with the teams to the finals, said: "It is truly inspirational to see how these 15 people have transformed their lives through football. They have experienced so many hardships in their lives yet they are representing their country on the world stage and doing themselves, their families and friends and the nation proud.

"All the hard work that these fantastic men and women have put in over recent months paid off in how they performed over the 10 games in the tournament and they fully deserve every single plaudit that might come their way."

O'Brien congratulated all the players, coaches, volunteers, sponsors and individuals who helped Irish Street Leagues stay operational and expressed the possibility of hosting the HWC in Dublin in 2028.



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Likely source identified to pollution at River Poddle

Source in Cookstown identified after pollution incidents in Bancroft Park

By **Stephen Farrell**
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A LIKELY source for recent pollution to a major waterway has been identified by the Council.

This is what Councillors at last week's Tallaght Council meeting were informed of, regarding pollution incidents in the Bancroft Park area of the River Poddle.

Following extensive investigation from the Water Pollution section, a likely source was identified on August 7, in the Cookstown Industrial Estate area, according to the Council.

The property was recently redeveloped and new operations had been undertaken at the site.

Following engagement with the property owner, South Dublin County Council (SDCC) issued instruction to cease the offending activity immediately and carry out prescribed corrective measures.

The property owner has cooperated with the SDCC instruction to cease the activity and ensure the necessary requirements are put in place to



INCIDENT: The cloudy water in the River Poddle earlier this year

prevent such pollution incidents from reoccurring. According to the Council, since engagement with the property owner, SDCC has not received any additional reports of pollution incidents in the Bancroft Park area of the River Poddle.

In recent months, the council received several reports of pollution incidents in the Bancroft Park area of the River Poddle. The location of the reported incidents is near a surface water discharge point,

that has an extensive upstream catchment area, which includes industrial areas around Airton Road and Cookstown Industrial Estate.

The reported pollution incidents were sporadic, and of short time duration, according to the Council. In conjunction with a large surface water catchment area, identifying possible sources of the pollution was difficult.

In August *The Echo* reported once again on the issue of

pollution in the Poddle in Bancroft Park, having previously reported on it in February.

In August a park user, Brian MacCormaic from Cairde Pháirc Thigh Motháin described the pollution as "disgusting" and "frustrating" to *The Echo*.

Issues with the Poddle running through both Bancroft and Tymon parks being polluted on an almost weekly basis have gone on for several

years.

The sight of the water being milky white is a frequent source of frustration for people in both parks.

Mr MacCormaic said he witnessed the pollution appearing yet again in the Poddle in Bancroft Park on Wednesday morning [August 7].

"In recent weeks it hasn't been so frequent, but this morning, it was really bad again," he told *The Echo* that Wednesday.

"The biggest concern I have is that the water runs through the playground in Tymon Park and it goes over stepping stones there where the children are encouraged to play. And the wildlife must be affected. The lake itself on the Tymon North end of Tymon Park has been seriously damaged, and the water in it is stagnant – it smells disgusting."

In February repeated discolouration of the Poddle flowing through Bancroft Park was described as looking "nuclear" by Catherine Whelan, a local resident and park user, who claimed the waterway was being "neglected", as reported by *The Echo*.

Return scheme bin

COMMUNITY groups can get a 320l return scheme bin for free to raise money for their activities, while also doing their part for the environment.

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People's Art & Craft Fair

A PEOPLE'S Art & Craft fair takes place at the end of October in Lucan.

People's Art & Craft Fair takes place at Canon Despard Centre Chapel Hill, Lucan, on Sunday, October 27 and Monday, October 28, from 11am - 5pm.

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Children raise €150 for new goalposts

IN SAFE HANDS: The children celebrate playing with their new goalposts

Money raised after goals in housing estate were vandalised and destroyed

A GROUP of children raised €150 and got two new football goals for their estate after theirs was vandalised and destroyed, reports *Alessia Micalizzi*.

About a hundred houses in Sundale Parade, Tallaght, surround a green area used by children of the estate to play football, regardless of age, gender and nationality.

According to resident Tanya Kelly, who lived there for 17 years and has a 7-year-old boy, the space is considered a "safe area for children between 4 and 15", as they can play on their own while also remaining in their parents' sight.

Tanya said this wasn't the first time their goal was vandalised, and that two weeks ago the last set they had was gone.

"They would play all day long, but everyone else can access it," she added, not being sure of who's behind the vandalism. "It was a real shame, we had to collect the broken pieces and children could have been harmed."

She praised the children's reaction instead, as they showed initiative and "wouldn't just expect parents to buy a new goal for them."

About 20 of them went door-to-door asking residents for a small contribution for a new goal,

so that they could keep playing as they always did. With the €150 they raised, they were able to get two new goals, and will have a proper football pitch.

"It gave them a huge sense of achievement and pride," said Tanya. "They have used them every day since we got them."

"It's good to see the whole community is involved in preserving what's theirs."

However, vandalism and anti-social behaviour incidents keep being reported in the area.

Just a few weeks ago windows were broken, and a fire was lit in Mac Uilliam estate, a stone's

throw from Sundale Parade.

That's why residents call for a permanent pitch structure installed in the green area by South Dublin County Council.

"It would probably still be vandalised, but we'd like to see something that is harder to break into pieces," said Tanya.

"I know this might sound like a small space, not worth working on. But it's as beneficial to our children as any other proper playground in the area.

"It brings them together, it's a great way to play and integrate."



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€154.4 billion ‘firm footing for the future’

Gardai welcome the ‘biggest annual budget in An Garda Síochána’s history’

By **Maurice Garvey**
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A BIG Budget but many feel more could have been done to support the most vulnerable in Irish society, from young to old.

Budget 2025 sees expenditure of €154.4 billion, an increase of 6.9% on last year.

Announced on Tuesday lunchtime by Minister for Finance Jack Chambers and Minister for Public Expenditure Paschal Donohoe, it is a multi-billion Budget which arrives ahead of an impending General Election.

The timing and the allocation of funds, despite in some cases record payouts [a social protection package of €2.7bn] has many critics.

“Will it affect the health and housing crisis? No it won’t,” said Sinn Féin deputy leader Pearse Doherty in the Dáil directly following the announcement on Tuesday.

“You treat the Irish public with contempt with every project big or small. That is what you get when you have FF/FG in office for 14 years,” said Doherty.

Labour Party’s Spokesperson on Finance Ged Nash said “Ireland of 2024 is a country of winners and losers.”

During the announcement Minister Chambers said the €3.3bn Budget will put the country on a “firm footing for the future.”

Chambers said that the USC rate of 4% will be reduced to 3% - the second consecutive reduction to this rate.

He also noted the recent Apple tax judgment and it is “imperative” that it is not used for day-to-day expenditure or to narrow the tax base.

Reacting to the VAT rate for the hospitality sector remaining at 13.5%, Adrian Cummins of the Restaurants Association of Ireland said on social media: “Hundreds of



food-led businesses now at risk of closing.”

Gardai welcomed the “biggest annual budget in An Garda Síochána’s history” which includes recruitment of 1,000 gardaí and up to 150 garda civilian staff.

A garda spokesperson said funding will go towards initiatives such as speed safety cameras, digital evidence management, while the increase in overtime funding will “enable us to enhance

visibility and target operations at key crimes.”

TD Paul Murphy (PBP) blasted the budget as “no country for young people.”

“Even with a €25 billion surplus, this Government is leaving young people behind and sending them the message to emigrate,” said Murphy, citing cuts to Jobseekers Allowance for under-25s high among his hit list.

AsIAm, Ireland’s Autism

Charity welcomes “some of the measures” in Budget 2025 but is concerned that the budgetary measures “fall short of what is expected.”

Meanwhile, ALONE, the charity which enables older people to age at home, says that while increases to the State pension are welcome, the Budget has “not gone far enough in supporting older people, particularly those who are living alone.”

Vine Group harvest festival this weekend

THE Vine Group’s “Euchariston” harvest festival will be back for its seventh year to “celebrate the community and all it has to offer.”

The weekend-long festival will kick off on Friday, October 4, with an opening ceremony in Killinarden Sacred Heart Church at 7:30pm.

Throughout the evening, community groups will be on hand to give information about what they do and how to get involved in their work.

Saturday, October 5, is set to be the festival’s busiest day, with three events scheduled all taking place in Sacred Heart Church.

The blessing of pets and animals at 11am

will be followed by an international concert at 2:00pm, and an international food fair will call for the community to try treats from all over the world from 3:30pm.

A ceremony mass in the Sacred Heart will conclude the festival, on Sunday, October 6, and will be followed by more refreshments and entertainment.

“The Euchariston harvest festival is a celebration of the community, and all it has to offer,” said Tallaght Vine Group chairman Joe Geoghegan.

“It was conceived with the idea of celebrating the local area and shining a spotlight on all the positive things it has to offer, like our local groups and activities.”

The annual festival has been taking place in

a different parish every year, including Fettercairn, Jobstown, Belgard, Springfield, and Brookview, and usually “a couple of hundred” turn out throughout the three days.

The same attendance is expected this year, with the international food fair event encouraging the increasingly diverse local community to come together.

“We’ll have Irish, Filipinos, Africans, and many other nationalities celebrating together,” said Joe.

Euchariston events are free and open to everyone, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact vinemass@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page “Euchariston”.

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Budget giveaway kicks off general election race

TUESDAY saw the delivery of the last budget of this government and the first for recently installed Minister for Finance, Jack Chambers TD.

For political anoraks Budget Day is a little like Christmas Day – there tends to be more anticipation in the lead up, while the day itself can be a bit of an anti-climax, as most people know what it will contain.

That said, it is difficult to overstate the importance of a State being able to show that it can manage its own finances wisely and prudently and that it plans appropriately for the future.

Unfortunately this is something that the Irish State has not always excelled at.

If one looks at the current geo-political state of the world, it does not bode well economically.

The war between Ukraine and Russia does not appear to be coming to an end in the short term at least and may unfortunately continue for several years.

Similarly, the conflict between Israel and Hamas appears to be equally if not more intractable with the potential to develop into a regional war.

And so as a result of conflicts and poverty around the world many people are deciding to look elsewhere for a better life, including Europe.

Despite the negative economic outlook, the government have published what some may term ‘a give-away budget’, which many economists believe is not advisable.

While all of the above play important factors on the potential economic outlook for Ireland, the ordinary mam and dad, single person and elderly person want to know what the bottom line for them will be at the end of the month, the week and in some instances the day.

For them there are some welcome measures in the budget including full-time childcare costs to be reduced by over €1,000 in the National Childcare Scheme, the reduced nine per cent VAT on electricity and gas extended until April 30, 2025 and the Department of Housing allocated €7.8 billion – including €2 billion for the construction of 10,000 social homes.

However, those who work to help the less well off have commented that many of the measures in this budget are one-off measures and do not address the root causes of some of the inequalities and flaws in our society.

In times past there was pressure on the government to keep the increase on the price of cigarettes as low as possible.

Nowadays the opposite is the case, with the excise duty on a pack of 20 cigarettes to increase by €1, bringing the price in the most popular price category to €18.05.

In a further sign of the times a domestic tax on e-cigarettes will apply to all e-liquids at a rate of 50 cent per ml of e-liquid.

As the typical disposable vape contains 2ml of e-liquid, the new tax will bring the price to €9.23 including VAT.

Notwithstanding all of the above, some would say that a major motivation for many of the measures in the budget is the pending General Election.

Given the generous nature of the budget it may play a central role in its outcome.

Gardai investigating serious assault

GARDAÍ are investigating an incident of assault, which occurred at a location in Tallaght on Monday evening.

Emergency services rushed to the scene at around 10pm last night and treated a man in his forties for serious injuries.

Gardai are investigating the incident and confirmed to *The Echo* that: “Gardai are investigating an incident of assault, which occurred at a location in Tallaght, Dublin 24, on Monday 30th September 2024 at approximately 10.10pm.

“A male (40’s) was conveyed to Tallaght University Hospital for treatment for serious injuries.

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“The scene was preserved for technical examination”.

Gardai say investigations are ongoing.



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NEW GENERATION TREE: At the ceremony outside St Colmcille's Church



Jubilee mass to celebrate 50 years of Knocklyon parish

'New generation tree' planted outside St Colmcille's church as a good wish for the parish

By **Alessia Micalizzi**
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OVER 500 people attended a Jubilee mass in St Colmcille's Church on Sunday, September 29, and celebrated 50 years of Knocklyon parish.

"People who now live somewhere else came, and also new young families who just moved," said Lisa Quinn O'Flaherty from the Parish Pastoral Council.

A good wish for the parish future was made by planting a "new generation tree" outside the church, with seeds coming from a chestnut known to be the oldest tree in Knocklyon.

After enjoying the two parish choirs singing together and a play by the parish children's drama group, participants moved to St Colmcille's primary school to have coffee and cakes made by parishioners themselves.

An arts and crafts section and a photo station for families were the final touch and allowed participants to bring nice memories home from the community celebration.

"It was a lovely day for everyone," said Lisa, "A way to catch up with the community and old friends."

Lisa grew up in Knocklyon and moved back there to settle down with her family. "It's a lovely place to raise kids. I couldn't imagine living anywhere else."

"There's a huge sense of community here and between the church, schools, activities and sports clubs, there is something for everyone.

"Thanks to new families moving here, we are seeing many children running around which is great," she added.

The mass was just the beginning of Jubilee celebrations and will be followed by many events throughout the year such as a literary festival, community walks, art exhibitions, workshops by parish groups and a bingo.

On Friday, October 18, Alisha Weir of Matilda the Musical Fame will join Knocklyon Jubilee concert in St Colmcille's church.

Knocklyon parish was established in the early 70s by the nearby operating Carmelite order

following the construction of hundreds of new houses in the area.

From its first settling on Ballycullen road, the parish then took its name from St Colmcille's Well.

Following the opening of today's St Colmcille's church and the establishment of the first schools in the area, Knocklyon identity was forged and the parish keeps thriving 50 years later.

The Jubilee mass was celebrated by Bishop Donal Roche, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, the parish priest Father Cyril Ming Ma, and the parish curate Father Adrian Boysala, with priests who formerly served the parish and priests from partner parishes also attending the service.

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Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents and family members, is hosting the event.

The one day 'in person' workshop is for front-line professionals or personnel who are in contact or supporting family members who have experienced a bereavement in traumatic circumstances.

This workshop is open to gardai, PSNI family liaison officers, emergency responders, funeral directors, emergency departments medical staff, social workers, chaplains/clergy, and anyone working in an organisations in contact or supporting bereaved families.

Anyone interested in attending can register on the link www.eventbrite.ie/e/supporting-families-through-grief-loss-and-trauma-one-day-workshop-tickets-1007529276187.

There is a registration fee of €10, which includes refreshments, lunch and course handouts.

As there has to be a limit for the number of places, Anam Cara encourage people to register as soon as possible.

For further information contact info@anamcara.ie or phone 4045378.

The workshop will take place in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Newland's Cross, on Thursday, October 24, starting at 9am.

705 illegal dumping cases are investigated by council

127 fines and 22 notices are issued for the county up to the end of August

UP TO the end of August 2024, the Council's Litter Wardens have investigated 705 reports of illegal dumping in all areas of the county, reports Stephen Farrell.

127 fines and 22 notices were issued up to the end of August for the county.

Statistics are not currently recorded by local electoral area (LEA).

All reports of illegal dumping and littering, in any area, are investigated by the Council's Litter Warden Service and all dumped material is searched for evidence.

Where evidence is found, the appropriate enforcement action is taken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended.

Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to polluters is contained within the dumped material, with personal information having been removed or shredded, according to the Council.

Councillors were told that South Dublin County Council is considering installing CCTVs in Montpelier Estate, Jobstown, following continuous reports of illegal



INVESTIGATED: Up to 705 cases of illegal dumping has been reported in the county since the end of August

dumping, as reported by *The Echo*.

Similarly Dublin City Council announced in August that CCTV cameras are to be installed at bring centres in an effort to crack down on illegal dumping, as reported by *The Echo*.

Meanwhile according to the Council, a village cleansing programme is ongoing in all town and village centres daily Monday to Friday and also on Sundays.

Existing cleaning schedules are reviewed and modified regularly, planned and

scheduled clean-ups of areas prone to repeated littering / dumping incidents is ongoing, and there is continuing liaison with community groups for Clean-Up collections.

Regard is taken of reports / survey findings e.g. IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter), and resources as available and appropriate are applied, according to the Council.

An ongoing proactive anti-litter and anti-illegal dumping campaigns are delivered as per the Eastern Midlands Waste Regional Waste Management

Plan and the South Dublin County Council Litter Management Plan.

Some examples of the proactive initiatives that have been previously promoted/carried out include bulky waste collection pilots, bulbs not bonfires Halloween campaigns, Halloween campaigns involving tyre retailers, hazardous wastes collections and bring bank monitoring programmes.

Some other proactive initiatives carried out include the National Spring Clean, the PURE project, the Anti-Litter

& Anti-Graffiti awareness grants, WEEE collection days, Eco-Week and annual anti-dumping schemes such as the mattress amnesties and area clean-ups.

The public is also encouraged to work with the Council in helping to identify culprits who engage in illegal dumping and to report any incidents observed.

Reports of littering and illegal dumping can be made on the Council's Litter Warden hotline on 01 4149220 and on the Environmental Protection Agency's anti-dumping hotline on 1850 365 121.

Where there is an ongoing problem of illegal dumping in any area, local residents are urged to support the Council in taking the appropriate enforcement action by making reports to the Litter Warden Service for investigation and by providing evidence, including testimony, where possible.

Additionally, residents are encouraged through the medium of the Council's Social Credits Scheme to seek rewards for community-based initiatives, such as community clean ups.



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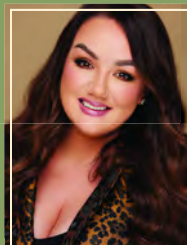
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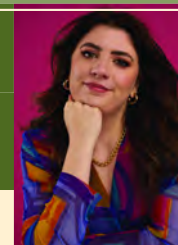
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Parents organise fundraising night for school

"SCHOOLS are massively undervalued and under resourced," said a parent as she set up a fundraiser night for Scoil Aonghusa, reports Alessia Micalizzi.

The school's Parent Association is hoping to raise €1,000 to bring dance, drama and speech workshops into Scoil Aonghusa, which will encourage students to find their passion and get more from school than just "sitting and reading books."

"Enhancing clubs and after school activities will bring students

happily into school, not all children have to be the best at English or math," said Amy Ellis Heavy, one of the organisers. "Sensory rooms and sports equipment will also be renewed."

However, according to Amy, principals and teachers are always working on a tight budget, and even if initiatives such as the free books schemes gave relief to parents, school resources were cut too.

"We don't realise just how much work is done in the background," she said.

"Even an extra hundred euros means a lot to the school staff, and they are grateful for every fundraiser. It pays everyone back because our children benefit from it, and the more they like school, the further they'll go with education."

Scoil Aonghusa Parents Association will host a Music Bingo Night on Saturday, October 5, at the Penny Black Tavern in Castletymon.

Bingo books are €10, and raffle tickets will be available too at

different prices.

"We received an overwhelming support from local parents, businesses and companies who provided donations for us to use as spot prizes and for the raffle," said Amy.

"Thanks Joanna and Gemma from the association for the great work," she added. "We're always looking for new volunteers to help us out."

Among their future projects, Scoil Aonghusa Parents Association will try and set up uniform swaps within

the school, as younger students see their size changing quickly, and that way, they'd always have a back up uniform in the school if they rip or stain theirs.

They are also planning to host a Halloween disco night, and more bingo nights are on the calendar for November.

To stay updated with their events, follow their Facebook page Scoil Aonghusa Parents Association, and contact parentsassociation@scoilaonghusa.com to join and help out.

Sea of colour at multi-cultural celebration of nationalities

Members of the Indian, Latvian and Georgian communities shared their stories

By Ken Doyle

news@echo.ie

REPRESENTATIVES of many different cultures and nationalities turned Firhouse Community Centre into a sea of colour on Sunday, as members of the Lithuanian community led a multi-cultural celebration, titled "Dédės Rudenėlio Mugė" a day to represent the season of Autumn.

The attendance including members of the Indian, Latvian, Georgian and many other nationalities turned out for the festivities.

Laima Prokofjeviene, a Lithuanian resident of Saggart and main organiser of the day told *The Echo*, "We're delighted with how the day has gone. It's great to see all of these people smiling and happy regardless of their background. They shared their food, their cultures and their stories with us. We've had over 1000 people here today so it's been really worthwhile."

CULTURE: Children perform at the festival. See more photos on page 59



"I must say, so many people were a huge help in organising today and I'd like to thank the Lithuanian Association of Ireland, as well as all of our sponsors and volunteers. The Staff at the Centre have also been wonderful to work with."

The event was promoted with the character "Uncle Autumn" and he promised games, contests, performances and the hustle and bustle of merchants and artisans.

Uncle Autumn was as good as his word and all of the attendees had a fantastic time.

Laima adds, "Ireland is such a multi-cultural colourful place now, and we believe it's important to understand and accept each other. Events like this are really important."

"We can't really talk about it yet but we have big plans for a Christmas event, so watch this space."

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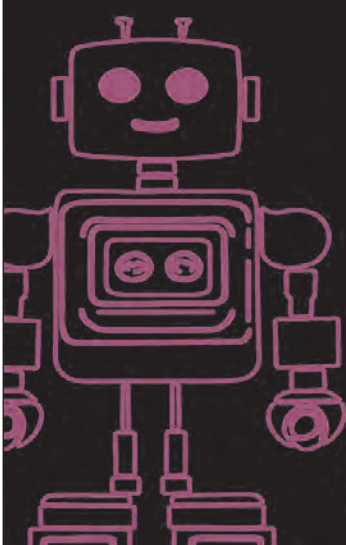


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Footfall increased in library by 18 per cent since last year

FOOTFALL in Tallaght library increased by 18pc since 2023 and by 34pc since 2022 according to South Dublin County Council, reports *Alessia Micalizzi*.

After a busy summer with more than 200 events and over 40,000 visitors, the library management delivered an uplifting report at the area committee meeting.

According to the report, 600 children took part in the Summer Stars reading challenge, which encourages them to read eight

books during the school holidays, and 260 adults engaged with the first-ever summer reading challenge for adults.

Every library across the South Dublin branch was busy enough in the first eight months of 2024, with Clondalkin library registering 2,172 new members and libraries in Lucan and Palmerstown "beating 2023 numbers without even entering the last four months of the year," as highlighted by Councillor Shane Moynihan (FF) at the area

committee meeting.

If events such as Heritage Week and Culture Night have been a safe bet to bring people into the libraries, growing active membership is still one of the key challenges within the five-year Library Development Plan "Our Library, Our Future" launched by South Dublin County Council last year.

According to the Plan, the libraries primarily serve the oldest and the youngest in the community

but struggle to get other age groups involved for various reasons.

The lack of time was the most mentioned in the Plan, but non-users also reported "a fear of not knowing how the library works", or not being used to a transaction-free book service as they more often buy books online and spend time reading in coffee shops.

At the Rathfarnham/Tempogue area committee meeting, Councillor Justin Sinnott (SocDem) said several residents saw the

membership card being deactivated every year as an obstacle to maintain membership, and asked the Council if it was possible to only deactivate cards when members haven't used the service for the past 12 months.

While Council management said they will take the suggestion into account, they reminded that cards are not expired but only need to be reactivated, and that one person can do it for multiple family members.

Young man had been waiting 11 hours to be seen in hospital

Inquest hears Tallaght University Hospital emergency department had experienced overcrowding

By Seán McCárthaigh

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A YOUNG man who died in the emergency department of Tallaght University Hospital three years ago had been waiting 11 hours to be seen by a doctor when he should have been categorised as a patient in need of "urgent" care who should have been examined within 10 minutes.

An inquest at Dublin District Coroner's Court heard evidence by several nursing staff at TUH that the emergency department was experiencing significant overcrowding and understaffing at the time.

The coroner, Clare Keane, was informed that the patient should have been given a higher priority for being seen by a doctor but triage staff had been given two different versions of a system used for assessing patients which had resulted in him being deemed in less urgent need of care.

Gary Crowley (35) a security guard from Killinarden Estate, Tallaght, died at TUH on September 21, 2021 after suffering a cardiac arrest.

The inquest heard that Mr Crowley had called his sister from the hospital a few hours earlier complaining of severe pains all over his body but felt he was being ignored by nurses.

Claire Crowley said her brother, who lived at home with their parents, rang her to say he felt unwell on the morning of September 20, 2021 but did not want to tell their mother, Anne, who was travelling to Lourdes that day.

The inquest heard Mr Crowley had been taking anti-blood clotting medication for several years to treat deep vein thrombosis.

He was also diagnosed with a borderline personality disorder and was a heavy drinker.

Evidence was heard that Mr Crowley had been vomiting for four days and had drunk a bottle of rum every day for the three days prior to his admission to TUH.

Ms Crowley planned to call over to bring him to hospital but discovered that their father had brought him straight away because of his condition.

As she was unable to attend the hospital because of Covid-19 restrictions, Ms Crowley said her brother called her around 7pm where he described feeling ignored by nurses.

At the time Ms Crowley said her brother, who had been sitting in a plastic chair, wanted to lie down as he had "extremely bad pains everywhere" and an irregular heartbeat.

She received a final text from him at 10.30pm when he wrote: "Don't worry. I'll be alright."

Ms Crowley complained that her family had

UNDERSTAFFING: Tallaght University Hospital and (inset) the late Gary Crowley who died in TUH after suffering a cardiac arrest



not got clear communications or adequate information from the hospital about his condition.

She described how her brother's death had a devastating effect on all her family, particularly her father, Gus, who had been in and out of hospital since his son's death.

"If we can get some sort of justice from this for Gary, it would prevent something like this from happening to another person," she added.

Ms Crowley revealed her family had been contacted by an off-duty nurse, Danielle Connolly, who was in the emergency department who had noticed Mr Crowley in distress and coughing up "coffee-brown blood."

She claimed Ms Connolly told her that she had twice "raised a flag" about Mr Crowley's condition with staff at a nursing station and pointing out that his care should be prioritised over her own relative but she had been "sent away."

A nurse, Fiona Regan, said TUH's emergency department was extremely short staffed at the time with only two nurses available to triage patients – half the usual number.

Ms Regan said 111 patients had presented to the emergency department during her shift that day.

The inquest heard Mr Crowley was registered by TUH at 12.13pm but was not triaged for almost two hours when all arrivals should have been seen within 15 minutes.

Ms Regan admitted to the coroner that she had categorised Mr Crowley as a Category 3 patient based on an assessment tool which meant he should be examined by a doctor within one hour.

However, she acknowledged that under a different version of the same tool available in the hospital the patient should have been classified as Category 2 which was for more urgent cases with a recommended medical examination within 10 minutes.

Ms Regan said an elevated early warning score recorded for Mr Crowley was not highlighted to other medical staff at the time but would be under a new system now operated by TUH.

She also revealed that she had completed an incident form at the end of her shift that night to raise concern about overcrowding and lack of staff in the emergency department.

Another triage nurse, Carol Greene, described finding Mr Crowley lying on the floor of a waiting area at 9.25pm due to his pains.

Ms Greene said she helped him into a wheelchair and brought the patient to another waiting area where she passed on her concerns about his condition to another nurse.

Dr Gavin Sedgwick, who was a senior house officer at the time at TUH, said Mr Crowley was in distress and he had prescribed IV fluids for the patient who he examined at 11.05pm.

Staff nurse, Danilo Garin, said he had been unable to give the IV fluids to the patient until around 1am.

Mr Garin explained he was delayed in finding another nurse to sign off on administering the medication due to staff shortages and a busy workload.

The nurse said Mr Crowley was lying on a trolley in distress when he arrived with the IV fluids and the patient suddenly became unresponsive.

He immediately sought help but efforts to resuscitate Mr Crowley were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead at 2.45am.

A consultant in emergency medicine, Aileen McCabe, said the treatment given to the patient was correct but added: "Unfortunately it was delayed."

Dr McCabe said tests showed the patient had suffered an acute kidney injury from dehydration.

Postmortem results confirmed Mr Crowley died from metabolic ketoacidosis and upper gastrointestinal bleeding.

Dr McCabe told the coroner that changes had been made at TUH since Mr Crowley's death including blood tests being ordered and completed within an hour in some cases before a patient is triaged.

The consultant said any patient with abnormal test results would be prioritised for care, while a colour-coded priority system is used to alert staff to the most urgent cases.

She added: "We have significantly enhanced our safety systems particularly for patients waiting to be seen."

Dr McCabe told the inquest that 56 patients were waiting to be examined by a doctor at 9.30pm on the day Mr Crowley was there with a further 13 patients waiting to be triaged.

Although the department now had additional staffing levels, the consultant said the number of doctors was still "inadequate" for the volume of patients coming to the hospital as was the clinical space for examining them.

Dr Mr Caba said the number of people attending the emergency department had increased despite the ending of the Covid-19 pandemic with up to 6,000 now presenting on average per month.

She outlined how patients due to be admitted to the hospital were now moved to wards that were "already at full capacity" when the emergency department reached its own capacity of 71 patients under a new escalation policy.

Returning a verdict of death by misadventure, Dr Keane said she was deeply sorry for the pain, suffering and loss, felt by Mr Crowley's family.

The coroner also acknowledged how staff at TUH were working in "extremely challenging conditions" and remarked that the extreme pressure they faced was "very clearly established and heard."

FoodCloud redistributes 294.7m meals since formed

Research highlights importance of environmental and social impacts of food waste

RESEARCH conducted among 1,000 people found that, on average, Irish consumers waste €32 worth of food every year.

The research was launched this week as FoodCloud based in Broomhill Tallaght and ALDI mark their 10-year partnership, and four million meals donated to FoodCloud charities. FoodCloud is dedicated to fighting food waste and food insecurity and has redistributed 123,760 tonnes of food since it was established, the equivalent of over 294.7 million meals.

The announcement comes following the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste.

The research has identified a number of key findings in relation to food waste and waste reduction efforts. The findings show that 14% of the average weekly spend on groceries is going to waste. The value of food wasted each week equates to €32 a year for the average household in Ireland.

Now, up to 43% of customers throw out food weekly, down from 47% in 2022,

with young families most likely to do so and most likely to be uncomfortable with the amount of food they are throwing away.

80% of consumers say they prepare a weekly meal plan while 59% of consumers said they are buying less food to avoid wasting it. These proactive measures not only help reduce waste but also promote better budgeting to manage ongoing cost-of-living challenges.

Aside from the financial and environmental cost, the opportunity to direct food to those less fortunate is cited as a major motivation for those surveyed.

Irish households remain very conscious of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. 44% of consumers state they have been spending the same as in 2022 on weekly groceries with 37% of Irish consumers claiming they are consciously trying to spend less.

The average weekly spend on groceries for consumers without children is €94 per week, which rises to €129 for consumers

with children.

FoodCloud works with numerous partners including ALDI to reduce food loss and waste through redistributing surplus food. This avoids causing significant levels of greenhouse emissions, which helps redistribute surplus food to those who can use it and reduces the cost of food waste disposal.

Food waste is a global problem that has environmental, social and economic consequences and according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ireland loses over €1 billion annually due to food waste.

FoodCloud Co-Founder and CEO Iseult Ward added: "The findings underscore the importance of raising awareness about the environmental and social impacts of food waste. Our decade-long partnership with ALDI has made a substantial difference, but continued education and engagement are crucial to further reduce food waste and its harmful effects."



AWARENESS: FoodCloud Co-Founder and CEO Iseult Ward and Colin Breslin, Managing Director of Buying and Services at ALDI Ireland

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Ruairi and friends will benefit from new suite

New procedure room at St John's Ward is a monumental step forward

TO MARK the end of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September, Children's Health Ireland announced the opening of a new Intrathecal Procedure Suite on St John's Ward in CHI at Crumlin.

Children and young people aged 0 to 16 years who have blood disorders and/or cancers may be admitted as inpatients to St John's Ward.

Some of these patients need intrathecal chemotherapy – a treatment in which chemotherapy drugs are injected directly into the fluid-filled space between the thin layers of tissue that cover the brain and spinal cord.

This allows the medicine to reach the brain and spinal cord more quickly and effectively.

It is often used to treat certain conditions, such as cancer, infections, or pain, especially in children who need targeted care.

Until recently, patients on St John's Ward who needed an intrathecal procedure were brought to theatre, but since Monday, August 19, they can now make a much shorter journey to the new state-of-the-art Intrathecal Procedure Room right on St John's Ward.

This purpose-designed space will significantly improve the



PROCEDURE ROOM: Ruairi and the team in the new intrathecal procedure room, St John's Ward, CHI at Crumlin

delivery of care for these patients. It will streamline treatments and ease the journey for children and their families during what is often a difficult and emotional period.

Ruairi from Dublin 20 was one of the first inpatients on St John's Ward to use the new intrathecal procedure room.

Ruairi's Mum, Orla, said: "Ruairi and all of his friends on St John's Ward have been so well looked after. Since he was first diagnosed, the team here make difficult experiences as easy on him as possible with kindness, humour and play."

Dr Jane Pears, Consultant in Oncology with Children's

Health Ireland, said: "The opening of this facility underscores Children's Health Ireland's ongoing commitment to recognising the strength and resilience of children who have cancer and enhancing their care and safety."

"This new procedure room represents a monumental step

forward in the care we provide to our young patients.

"It allows us to perform intrathecal procedures in a setting designed specifically for children and young people, making the experience as comfortable and stress-free as possible."

Director of Nursing in CHI at Crumlin, Karen McGuire, thanked everyone involved in bringing this facility to fruition:

"This new intrathecal procedure suite is more than just a new space; it is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and compassion of the entire staff in keeping the patient the focus for what we do."

"It is the result of the collaborative efforts of the St John's Ward team, anaesthetic and theatre teams, porters, healthcare assistants, and the operational team in CHI at Crumlin. Our team's commitment to delivering exceptional care in the most compassionate manner is truly reflected in this new suite."

September was Childhood Cancer Awareness month, a month where around the world people come together to raise awareness of childhood cancer and pay tribute to all those affected.

GAA pitches are back in use

REPAIR and maintenance works at the pitches of a GAA club have been completed, with the pitches now back in use.

The works were carried out at St Kevin's Kilian's GAA, Councillors were informed at last week's Tallaght Council meeting.

Following a meeting between the Public Realm Section and St Kevin's Kilian's GAA Club, a commitment was made to improve the playing surface of the two GAA pitches.

The work involved installing a lateral drain along the side of the pitches to capture rainwater before it percolated onto the playing surface.

The pitches were then verti-drained and sanded to enhance percolation and usage, followed by overseeding and fertilising to promote grass growth, ensuring they can withstand the wear and tear of regular play.

These works have been completed and pitches are back in use by the club.



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Ainm an Bhóthair: Ascaill Áine Ní Dhoibhlin, Baile Uí Ruáin, Ráth Fearnáin (Ó Uimh. 1A/2 Ascaill Áine Ní Dhoibhlin go 11/12 Ascaill Áine Ní Dhoibhlin).

Dáta an Dúnta: Dé Domhnaigh 20 Deireadh Fómhair 2024.

Am an Dúnta: 10:00am go 5:00pm.

Malairt Slí: Cas ar chlé isteach i bPáirc Áine Ní Dhoibhlin, ar chlé isteach i mBailtíní Bhaile an Úlloird agus ar chlé isteach in Ascaill Áine Ní Dhoibhlin.

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ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75 PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ANNE DEVLIN AVENUE, BALLYROAN, RATHFARNHAM, DUBLIN 16

To facilitate South Dublin County Council's Community Section in conjunction with A Playful City to hold a community event, South Dublin County Council propose to close a section of the following road:

Road Name: Anne Devlin Avenue, Ballyroan, Rathfarnham (From No 1A/2 Anne Devlin Avenue to 11/12 Anne Devlin Avenue).

Date of Closure: Sunday 20th October 2024.

Time of Closure: 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Detour Route: Left onto Anne Devlin Park left onto Orchardstown Villas and left onto Anne Devlin Avenue.

Local access will be maintained.

Any person interested may lodge an observation/submission in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use, Planning and Transportation, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 or by email to seoroads@sdblincoco.ie not later than 5.00 p.m. on **Monday 07th October 2024.**

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ACHT NA MBÓITHRE, 1993, ALT 75 DÚNADH SEALADACH BEARTAITHE AR CRÍOCH MHÚRN, BAILE BAODÁIN, BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 16

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Ainm an Bhóthair: Críoch Mhúrn, Baile Baodáin, Baile Átha Cliath 16 (Ó Uimh. 68/63 Críoch Mhúrn go 64/63A Críoch Mhúrn).

Dáta an Dúnta: Dé Domhnaigh 20 Deireadh Fómhair 2024.

Am an Dúnta: 10:00am go 5:00pm.

Malairt Slí: Níl aon mhalairt slí ar fáil toisc gur cul-de-sac atá ann.

Coinneofar rochtain áitiúil ar bun.

Féadfaidh duine ar bith ar spéis léis nó léi barúil/aighneacht i scríbhinn a chur faoi bhráid an Oifigigh Feidhmiúcháin Shinsearaigh, Talamhúsáid, Pleanáil agus Iompar, Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas, Halla an Chontae, Tamhlacht, Baile Átha Cliath 24 nó ríomhphost a chur chuig seoroads@sdblincoco.ie tráth nach déanaí ná 5:00pm **Dé Luain 07 Deireadh Fómhair 2024.**

ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75 PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CREMORNE, BALLYBODEN, DUBLIN 16

To facilitate South Dublin County Council's Community Section in conjunction with A Playful City to hold a community event, South Dublin County Council propose to close a section of the following road:

Road Name: Cremorne, Ballyboden, Dublin 16 (From No 68/63 Cremorne to 64/63A Cremorne).

Date of Closure: Sunday 20th October 2024.

Time of Closure: 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Detour Route: No detour as area is a cul-de-sac.

Local access will be maintained.

Any person interested may lodge an observation/submission in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use, Planning and Transportation, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 or by email to seoroads@sdblincoco.ie not later than 5.00 p.m. on **Monday 07th October 2024.**

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ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75 EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF R113 AT TIBRADDEN RD (MUTTON LANE), CO. DUBLIN

To facilitate Truir Construction Ltd. on behalf of South Dublin County Council complete essential remedial works on Mutton Lane Bridge, South Dublin County Council has made an order to Extend the existing Temporary Road closure of the following road:

Road Name: R113 at Tibbradden Rd. (Mutton Lane), Co. Dublin.

From: Monday 7th October 2024.

To: Friday, 18th October 2024.

Time of Closure: 24hrs daily (including weekends).

Detour Route: Diversion via Ballyboden Rd. R116 - Taylor's Lane - Whitechurch Rd.

Detour Length: 5.2km.

Local access will be maintained.

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ACHT NA MBÓITHRE, 1993, ALT 75 DÚNADH SEALADACH BEARTAITHE AR GLEANNTÁN AN CHUISLEÁIN, TAMHLACHT, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

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Ainm an Bhóthair: Gleanntán an Chuisleáin, Páirc na bhFianna, Tamhlacht, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath (Ó Uimh. 99 - Uimh. 145 Gleanntán an Chuisleáin).

Dáta an Dúnta: Dé Domhnaigh 20 Deireadh Fómhair 2024.

Am an Dúnta: 10:00am go 5:00pm.

Malairt Slí: Níl aon mhalairt slí ar fáil toisc gur cul-de-sac atá ann.

Coinneofar rochtain áitiúil ar bun.

Féadfaidh duine ar bith ar spéis léis nó léi barúil/aighneacht i scríbhinn a chur faoi bhráid an Oifigigh Feidhmiúcháin Shinsearaigh, Talamhúsáid, Pleanáil agus Iompar, Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas, Halla an Chontae, Tamhlacht, Baile Átha Cliath 24 nó ríomhphost a chur chuig seoroads@sdblincoco.ie tráth nach déanaí ná 5:00pm **Dé Luain 7 Deireadh Fómhair 2024.**

ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75 PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CUSHLAWN DALE, TALLAGHT, CO. DUBLIN

To facilitate South Dublin County Council's Community Section in conjunction with A Playful City to hold a community event, South Dublin County Council propose to close a section of the following road:

Road Name: Cushlawn Dale, Deerpark, Tallaght, Co. Dublin (From No.99 - No. 145 Cushlawn Dale).

Date of Closure: Sunday 20th October 2024.

Time of Closure: 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Detour Route: No detour as area is a cul-de-sac.

Local access will be maintained.

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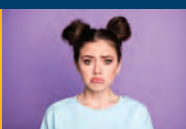
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'Here quick, rub your eyes' family win €1m lotto

Family will split jackpot and will travel around the world

THE National Lottery HQ was buzzing with excitement as a family syndicate of four collected a cheque for €1 million.

The family were presented with the cheque which they won in the Lotto Jackpot Draw on Saturday after buying the ticket in The Square in Tallaght.

The head of the Dublin syndicate, who purchased the winning ticket at Spar in The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght, recalled the unforgettable moment he discovered their win.

Checking the ticket on Sunday morning, he couldn't believe his eyes. "I burst into my daughter's room, startling her awake, and said, 'Here quick, rub your eyes and check that!'".

The daughter checked the numbers, and the two sat across from each other in shock and silence.

Another member of the syndicate arrived shortly after, fresh from a weekend of socialising. "Any headache I had from the weekend soon disappeared when I got the news that we'd won €1 million!" he laughed.



EXCITEMENT: Spar shop in Tallaght Shopping Centre celebrating the Million Euro win are Tony Flanagan Shop Owner, Sarah Ruane, National Lottery, Muhammad Farhan Bhatti, Manager and Inga Pipare.

The head of the syndicate admitted he hadn't stopped trembling since discovering their win. He hid the ticket between t-shirts in his wardrobe for safekeeping before contacting the National Lottery Claims

Team first thing Monday morning. The family plans to split the jackpot equally, with each member receiving €250,000.

When asked if they had any splurge plans, the head of the syndicate joked, "Nah,

I'll still be shopping in Penney's." The family is looking forward to celebrating with a special dinner and some travel around the world.

Also claiming a significant prize was a syndicate from

Cork, who took home €62,554 after winning in the EuroMillions on Tuesday, 3rd September. The group, consisting of four friends, has been playing together for two and a half years and will each receive €65,638.

Maintenance work on derelict block has started

MAINTENANCE works on a derelict block, which includes nine units, are expected to be completed later this year.

This is what Councillors were informed of regarding the derelict block at Mac Uilliam Lane, at last week's Tallaght Council meeting.

Housing Maintenance has engaged a contractor to refurbish nine units and the common areas of the vacant block.

The programme of works, which will include internal and external painting of the units, has commenced and are expected to be completed in Q4 2024.

Blessing of the animals this Sunday

THE annual 'Blessing of the Animals' will take place in Clondalkin Village on Sunday.

Deacon Don Devaney will bless parishioner's animals on Sunday, October 6, at 3pm in the carpark of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Everyone is welcome to attend the annual event, which is family friendly and features great music and singing.

Eddie Byrne, who has organised the event in recent years with his wife Marie, says previous blessings catered for approximately 60 animal owners and that it could not go ahead without support from local businesses.

Mr Byrne says it is all about the "five-star hospitality" and that Deacon Don "the gentle giant" will give the blessings out in the open where "everyone has an equal say and can be listened to."

The complementary five-star hospitality will include delicious Ballymaloe dressed sandwiches, homemade fruit cake and Nevin Maguire inspired buns.

"People of all beliefs and none are welcomed to attend the event and enjoy the celebration," said Eddie.

"People whose pet has passed on are particularly welcome to attend.

Bring a picture of your beloved pet to receive the blessing from Deacon Don."

Notice under Section 181(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000

In accordance with Section 181 (2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, being satisfied that the carrying out of the development is required by reason of an emergency, being the presence in the State of a large number of applicants for international protection who are in need of accommodation, has signed a Ministerial Order to provide for the use of an area of Crooksling, Saggart, Co. Dublin, as accommodation for international protection applicants.

Special care unit was found mostly compliant

By **Maurice Garvey**
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A SPECIAL care unit operating in Lucan was found to be mostly compliant with a Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) inspection.

HIQA published reports this week on the three special care units operated by Tusla, including Ballydowd Special Care Unit in Lucan.

Ballydowd was found to be compliant with 23 of the 29 regulations, and required to make improvements to fire safety measures.

Special care units are for children aged 11 to 17 years, placed there by a High Court order, when their behaviour poses a risk of harm to their life.

Inspections in June found that children received "good quality care and support" at the three centres.

Ballydowd had six children on site on the day of the inspection.

At the time of inspection, due to staffing shortages, none of the centres were operating at full capacity - a long-standing issue which had not been addressed despite efforts by management and the provider to recruit staff.

All three units were required to make improvements to fire safety measures.

In Ballydowd, children were positive about the care they received and told inspectors that they felt safe and listened to, according to the HIQA report.

It found good quality regular supervision for staff. While risk management systems were effective, improvement was required in some areas with the lack of onward placements for children and staffing issues noted.

Enhancements were required in some areas to ensure the service fully complied with fire safety regulations.

Health Information and Quality Authority
An tÚdarás Um Fhaisnéis agus Cáilíocht Sláinte

COMPLIANT: HIQA carried out a report on Ballydowd Special Care Unit

**Report of a Designated Centre
Special Care Unit**



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Civil Defence Headquarters opens in Cherry Orchard



NEW FACILITY: Minister for Defence Micheál Martin at the opening

THE new Headquarters for Dublin Civil Defence in Cherry Orchard was officially opened by Tánaiste and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin T.D.

This new purpose-designed facility comprises over 1,800 square meters of space on a 1.1-acre site.

It will serve as a vital hub for Dublin Civil Defence, the largest in the country with over 200 volunteers, supporting its mission to provide voluntary emergency services to communities across the city and county.

The building includes offices, training spaces, vehicles bays, and storage for the Civil Defence's extensive range of equipment. It will replace the current facility at the Esplanade on Wolfe Tone Quay.

Speaking at the opening on Monday, the

Tánaiste said: "The Civil Defence plays a vital role in supporting the frontline emergency services in times of need, with dedicated volunteers working hard to ensure the safety and well-being of our citizens in times of crisis. I am delighted to open this modern new facility that will support the important work of the Dublin Civil Defence.

"My Department continues to work with Civil Defence Officers and Councils across the State to improve the standard of Civil Defence facilities. As well as this new headquarters here in Dublin, other new facilities have also opened in Westmeath and Cavan.

"As Minister for Defence, I am committed to continued investment in the Civil Defence, to ensure that this invaluable organisation continues to grow and fulfil its crucial role in Irish society."



VITAL ROLE: Members of the Civil Defence at the opening in Cherry Orchard



RESILIENT: Saoirse O'Driscoll sadly passed away in April due to a congenital heart condition

Saoirse defied brought a smile

Dad John and his team will travel 5,000 km across the Atlantic Ocean in memory of Saoirse

By **Alessia Micalizzi**
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"SHE dreamed of having her own family one day," said a man who will row 5,000 km across the Atlantic Ocean in the name of his daughter.

Saoirse O'Driscoll, from Lucan, passed away at 13-years-old in April due to a congenital heart condition, just a few days after being accepted onto the emergency transplant list. "It was devastating for us," said John O'Driscoll, her father.

By taking part in the "World's Toughest Row," a rowing competition where 40 teams row for a month from Spain to Antigua in the Caribbeans, John wants to mirror the struggles of Saoirse and all the children with CHD who "cross the Atlantic every day."

With a group of four friends, John did it for the first time in 2022. "I wanted to show her that if I could do it, she could keep going through her difficulties," he said.

"People don't understand how difficult it is for children with CHD, because from the outside they look completely fine.

"But when you have only 50pc of your heart working, and the lack of oxygen

causes exhaustion and migraines, every basic activity becomes hard: getting ready for school, walking into school, and carrying your bag from class to class."

Throughout her life, Saoirse underwent 40 surgeries, but was a happy, resilient and thoughtful child, said John. "She defied the odds, lived life to the fullest and brought a smile to everyone."

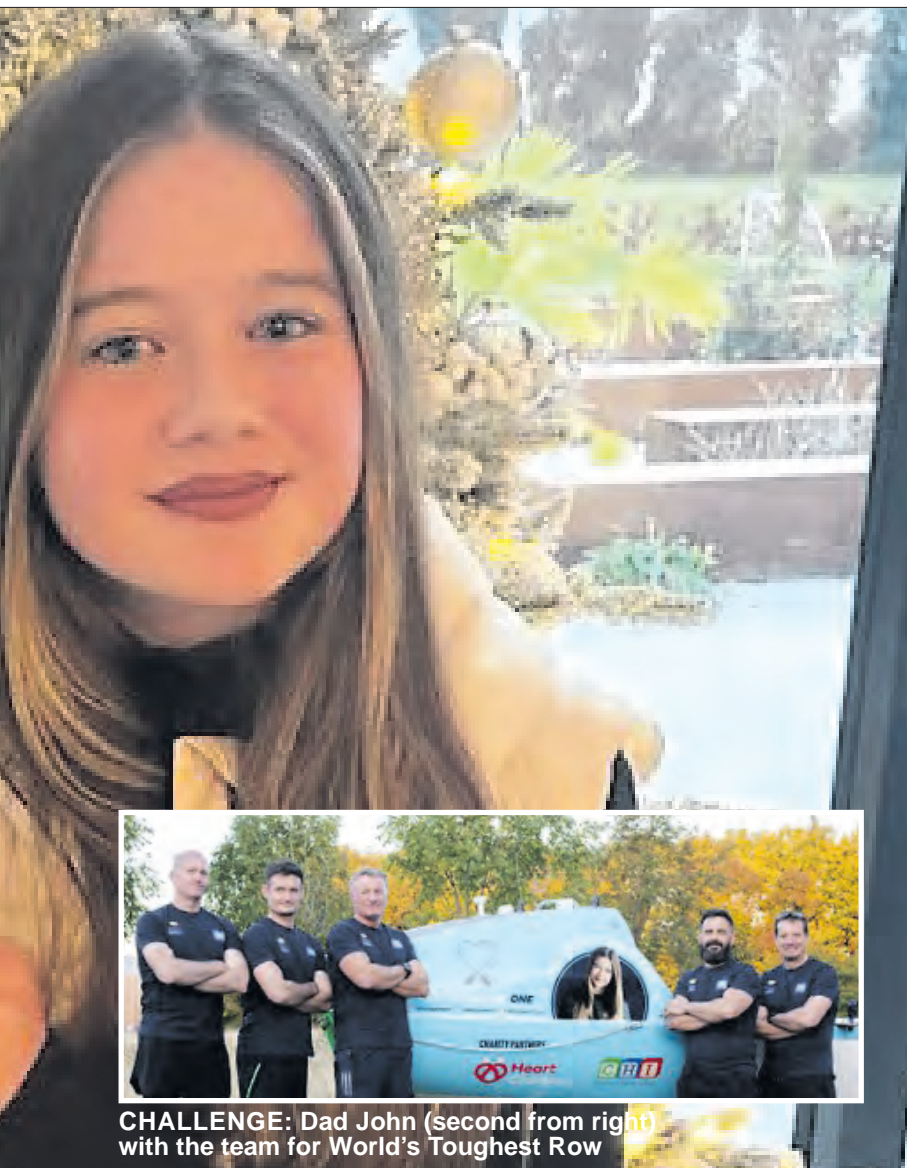
"With her kindness, strength and compassion she left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her.

"She would always put the best version of herself forward and teach me more than what I would teach her. She was an inspiration."

Since when she was very young, Saoirse became an active advocate and fundraiser for organisations and hospitals supporting children with CHD, raising over €160,000 with her family.

She was pictured in a calendar with other children with CHD and ran the Dublin Marathon in a wheelchair pushed by John.

For the 2024 "World's Toughest Row", starting on December 12, John and his friends Conor McCarthy, Daragh Kelly, Enda McNicholas, and Roger McMorrow will compete under the name "TeamPowerof1" and are now fundraising



CHALLENGE: Dad John (second from right) with the team for World's Toughest Row

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for all the children fighting Saoirse's battle.

"When she passed, the big question for me was if I could do this without her," said John.

"My wife helped me understand that if I started this with her, I should finish it for her, and continuing doing the valuable work that she did in her name.

His friends, on the other hand, suggested they would do it again but "refocusing" the challenge on Saoirse and turning a personal test of endurance into a tribute to her and to her good work.

The trip is entirely self-funded, and will be done on an 8.6 m long, 1.5 m wide boat, "shallow as your kitchen board," said John.

"We don't know what the difficulties ahead of us are, a lot of that is found during the trip.

"We'll be unassisted, we won't see another boat for 4 weeks. We can only train to a certain point, but then it's the unknown."

The team packed their own food on the boat and will desalinate water from the sea to drink.

By taking part in such a gruelling challenge, they aim at raising €250,000 for The Children's Heart Centre at Crumlin Hospital and Heart Children Ireland, the national organisation providing support to people born with congenital heart conditions and their families.

Revenue would be used to buy vital machineries and provide more support for children and their parents.

Among the main focuses, they also

want to raise awareness on the importance of consenting to the donation of your organs as it could change a child's life forever.

"Before Saoirse passed, we were always hoping for the heart transplant or for a new procedure to come up. If with this challenge we can help even one child, then it's worth doing it," added John.

To know more about John's cause, visit www.teampowerof1.com and follow the team's adventure on their Facebook and Instagram pages "Team Power of 1".

Donations can be made at www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/teampowerof1.



INSPIRATION Saoirse with her dog Pippi

TUH Talks Health Don't get or give the flu this winter



EVERY year Ireland has a flu epidemic which varies in severity but is always associated with hundreds of deaths.

Since the Covid pandemic we now have much better detection and national reporting of respiratory viruses including RSV and influenza.

In the winter of 2023/2024 there were 16,682 influenza cases detected nationally. Of course, not everybody with the flu gets tested or goes to their doctor, so the true national number of cases would be a multiple of that.

There were 4,143 cases detected in hospitals across the country.

We can see from the respiratory virus notification hub that last year's flu season weekly peak was 445 cases in hospital and 27 deaths.

In Tallaght University hospital we detected 342 adult cases which was almost a doubling of the numbers we saw in the winter of 2022/2023.

Assessing the numbers is important in order to look at trends and assess risks, but it is also important to remember that every case is not a number, but a real patient and their infection will have real consequences for them, their family, the Hospital and staff looking after them.

We often say we have the flu when we have a bad cold, but a flu infection is much worse than a severe cold. It is highly infectious and can cause serious complications.

We commonly see flu patients with a secondary bacterial pneumonia and other infections. It can also make chronic medical conditions such as heart or lung disease worse.

Although most people won't be affected personally, those in high-risk groups such as the elderly, the young, the pregnant and those with serious long-term medical conditions are particularly vulnerable to developing complications that need hospital admission.

There is clearly a role for good nutrition, sleep and other healthy lifestyle habits, but one of the most effective public health tools we have against flu is vaccination. It helps both to prevent infection and reduce the severity of the infection.

The flu virus is constantly evolving so the vaccine has to be changed yearly to keep up with the latest strains of the virus. Some years the vaccine is a better match than others but generally the effectiveness is between 40-60%.

Some people understandably have concerns about the side effects of the flu vaccine, but for the vast majority of people the side effects are mild and brief and limited to soreness at the site of injection, muscle

aches, fatigue or a mild fever.

The main reason to get the flu vaccine is to protect yourself but it will also reduce the chances of spreading it to others who may be more vulnerable than you.

As more people get vaccinated the chances of the virus spreading widely diminishes and everyone benefits.

As the number of cases in hospital increases, it can affect other patients, even those who are not infected.

They may spend longer waiting for their bed and scheduled admissions and operations may need to be postponed to help the Hospital deal with the increased demands.

Vaccination helps reduce the numbers in hospital and reduces the strain on our healthcare systems. Patients with heart disease who get the flu have a higher mortality both directly from the flu but also due to an increased risk of stroke and heart attacks.

There is more and more scientific evidence that the flu vaccine also reduces the chances of hospital admission and death from these cardiovascular events. There are also clear economic benefits, if someone gets the flu they may be unable to work or they may have to miss work to look after somebody else who is at home with the flu.

If they do work with the flu this may result in a workplace outbreak.

All these scenarios happen every year and cause losses throughout the economy.

On a national level every euro spent looking after flu patients is money that could be used for other patients if the infection had been avoided.

A German 10-year review of flu-related hospital costs alone estimated an annual cost of 55 million euro.

This is certainly an underestimate as it wasn't able to estimate the costs of those who weren't admitted to hospital, those who weren't diagnosed in hospital or any indirect costs such as work absenteeism.

The vaccine will be made available soon for free for people who are over 60, aged 2-17, pregnant, work in healthcare, who live or work in a nursing home or who are at higher risk due to diabetes, long term liver, heart, kidney, neurological or respiratory diseases.

It will be available in Pharmacies and GP practices. The final decision to get the flu vaccine is up to the individual to weigh up their circumstances, priorities and beliefs but the benefit is to the whole community.

This monthly column is provided by healthcare professionals at Tallaght University Hospital.

Author of the column this month is Professor Jérôme Fennell, Consultant Microbiologist.

Google lodge appeal after local authority refuse data centre

Tech giants says council has refused permission for every data centre since the development plan

By Maurice Garvey
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GOOGLE Ireland Ltd (GIL) have appealed to An Bord Pleanála over a refusal of their planning application for a new data centre in Grange Castle Business Park.

South Dublin County Council refused planning permission for the development in August, citing reasons which include “insufficient capacity in the electricity network, and the “lack of significant on site renewable energy” to power the proposed development.

Council planners also stated that the proposed development does not comply with objectives of the County Development Plan “in relation to the retention and protection of existing green infrastructure.”

In their appeal, GIL believe SDCC “erred” in its refusal of the planning application.

An appeal document drawn up by

“As a result, there are protections built into the connection agreement to safeguard the grid...



APPEAL: Google already has a data centre in Grange Castle has lodged an appeal with An Bord Pleanála

planning consultants ARUP on behalf of the tech giants state that GIL have already secured a grid connection for the data centre extension from Eirgrid in 2021 and has already secured import capacity for the proposed development.

The appeal says the grid connection agreement also includes a ‘flexible demand arrangement’ whereby GIL is required to reduce its demand to prescribed levels when instructed to do so by Eirgrid’s

National Control Centre.

“As a result, there are protections built into the connection agreement to safeguard the grid and these were considered previously by the system operator, who is best placed to make this assessment.”

The appeal says the council has refused planning permission to every new data centre application which has been submitted since the commencement of the County Development Plan 2022-2028.

An objection lodged with the

council during the planning application stage by People Before Profit TD Gino Kenny and local party Cllrs Johansson and Adelaide, said the development “would have an adverse impact on the local community, the electricity grid and on Ireland’s carbon emissions.”

The PBP reps said the proposal is located to the south of two existing GIL data storage facilities and will “only provide a small number of employment opportunities.”

A Department of Defence observation said that due to the

proximity to Casement Aerodrome, operation of cranes should be coordinated with Air Corps Air Traffic Services, no later than 28 days before use.

The new 72,400m2 data storage facility data centre involves the construction of eight data halls on a 50 acre greenfield/brownfield site, which will involve the creation of 800 construction jobs and 50 jobs when operational.

The appeal is due to be decided at the end of January.

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Community College expands AEN rooms



SPACES: Minister for Special Education and Inclusion Hildegard Naughton with pupils and staff in Greenhills

MINISTER for Special Education and Inclusion Hildegard Naughton inaugurated a new AEN (Additional Educational Needs) class at Greenhills Community College, reports Alessia Micalizzi.

Last week the school launched newly developed spaces dedicated to children with additional educational needs, including three classrooms, a kitchen, a sensory room, a locker room, a reading room, and a games room.

“We are thrilled to expand our AEN offerings with these state-of-the-art rooms,” said Principal Noirin Lannon. “This initiative reinforces our ethos of care, respect, and equality, ensuring that all our students thrive in an inclusive and supportive environment.”

“The launch marks an exciting new chapter for the school, which has been a pillar of the local community since its founding in 1970.”

Students with additional needs in Greenhills are usually integrated into mainstream classes, while also being provided with support tailored to their individual needs.

With after school initiatives such as “Cooking for Life” the school expanded its dedication to life skills development beyond academic achievement.

After the inauguration, Minister Naughton toured the new facilities, met with students and unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

She delivered a speech celebrating the school’s commitment to inclusive education and the well-being of all students.

Greenhills Community College is an all-boys post-primary school, under the patronage of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB. Representatives of the DDLETB also attended the event, along with parents, students, and local community members.



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Health Awareness Month 2024

Tallaght Schedule of events:

Oct 7	Self Care-A Key To Avoiding Burnout Zoom 10am-11am	Oct 10	Safe Talk/Online Registration Belgard Community Centre 9:30am-1pm
Oct 7	Healthy Eating As We Age Belgard Community Centre 10am-12:30pm	Oct 10	Stroke Talk Tallaght Library 2pm-3pm
Oct 8	Flu&Covid Vaccine Belgard Community Centre 10am-12pm	Oct 11	Coffee Morning Belgard Community Centre 10am-11:30am
Oct 8	Prehabilitation-Preparing For Surgery Tallaght Library 6pm	Oct 11	Brain Health Talk Belgard Community Centre 10:30am-12pm
Oct 9	Brain Health Talk Kingswood Community Centre 10:30am-12pm		<i>Follow us on Facebook!</i> <i>@ Fettercairn Health Project</i>
Oct 9	Infinity Movement Dance Class Belgard Community Centre 10:am-12pm		<i>@Brookfield Community Centre</i> <i>@Kingswood Community Centre</i>
Oct 9	Parenting Event-5 Keys To Wellbeing Fettercairn Health Project 9:30am-11am		<i>@Fettercairn Community Centre</i> <i>@Belgard Community Centre</i>
Oct 10	Healthy Eating As We Age Kingswood Community Centre 10:am-12.30pm		

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Nature on our doorsteps

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



Tracking the seasons in our flowering meadows



BEAUTY: Seedheads of delicate grasses and stalks of meadow plants bring their own beauty to an autumn meadow

THE colourful wildflower meadows in our parks have finished flowering by now and some of these have been cut back and the grass has been removed. Other areas will not be cut, and the brown grasses, seedheads and stalks will be left to stand over winter.

The changing colours in our wildflower meadows track the passing seasons of the year.

It begins in early spring with the arrival of carpets of yellow Cowslips and Dandelions.

These mainly dominate the meadows between March and May, providing abundant nectar and pollen for early insects.

By late May and early June, the red, white, and yellow colours of Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil add to the meadow's palette, and offer even more nectar and pollen to bees, butterflies and other insects.

By mid-June, tall Ox-eye Daisies bring scattered patches of white to some of the drier meadows, while in damper areas, swathes of yellow Meadow Buttercups dominate.

Pink and purple Vetches also add colour, clinging onto neighbouring plants with their curling tendrils as

they reach up to the light.

Grasses too are flowering in June and July, and while their tiny and discrete flowers are unnoticed by many of us, the many shapes of their delicate flowering heads add wispy architectural interest to the colourful meadows.

By August and September, the earlier meadow flowers have set seed.

The colour purple is now more frequent as Thistles and Knapweeds appear, while yellow again reappears in the daisy-like flowers of Ragwort.

By October, the meadow's summer colours are replaced by the browns, beiges and creams of dying plants and grasses.

Meadows that were cut in September will grow green again before winter, while the browns of the uncut areas will offer a nice contrast in colour and texture to the short green grass.

While the uncut meadows may look a bit forlorn to us, they will continue to work for biodiversity over the winter, providing critical hibernation places for adult insects and larvae until next spring.



CONTRAST: Uncut meadows with stalks and seedheads offer an interesting contrast to shorter green grass in the parks

'Air raids are a constant reminder of where you are'

Primary school teacher spent the summer

By **Alessia Micalizzi**
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"EVERY facet of life is hard for them," said a teacher who spent the last two summers helping displaced people in Ukraine.

In February 2023, one year after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Ger Barrett, a sixth-class teacher in St Anne's, Fettercairn, felt like he needed to do something.

After exploring opportunities with different charities, he spent summer 2023 in Vyshhorod, a suburb in the north of Kyiv, and summer 2024 in several towns around Kyiv and Bucha, an area significantly devastated by the war.

He took care of recently re-built libraries and schools, taught English to both adults and children living in camps for "internally displaced people," and enjoyed organising fun games and activities for the children too.

Ger describes a country where "buses are working and supermarkets are open", even amid heavily damaged buildings and infrastructure.

But it was the noise and the fright from incoming air raids which always brought him back into reality. "I witnessed explosions on two occasions, but air raids are a constant reminder of where you are," he said.

The people he helped changed his way of looking at things, especially the

children.

"Whenever there was an air raid, the kids would be the ones showing me how to get to a shelter, where the lights were, where to sit.

"To think that they were able to be so kind and playful while going through this, they are amazing. And they know the procedures so well it makes you understand how long this has been going on for."

The second summer, Ger volunteered again as he "couldn't think of anywhere else he should be."

"It's not really about what I was doing as a volunteer, those children's parents were so grateful just because I was there."

In spite of an ongoing "nerve wrecking" feeling given by air raids and destruction surrounding him, Ger said he never felt particularly unsafe, and that it was a "learning curve."

But his feelings were nothing compared to the "loss of hope" he saw in the locals, especially the second time he volunteered.

"On my second time it was harder, there has been more death, more loss and displacement.

"They can't see an end to it, and they're also getting less help from the West.

"When we read about 'delays' in aid in the news headlines, to them that's more infrastructure run down, that's less electricity.

"It's not really about what I was doing as a volunteer, those children's parents were so grateful just because I was there.



OPPORTUNITY: A building destroyed in Ukraine and (inset) St Anne's teacher Ger Barrett with books he taught in Ukraine

in Ukraine and taught English to adults and children



LESSONS: Ger Barrett volunteered teaching English to children

Especially the younger Ukrainian volunteers he worked with are filled with "anger and bitterness", Ger told *The Echo*, as only two years ago they were dreaming about going to college, getting a job, "being whatever they wanted to be. Now, it has all been taken away from them."

Coming home to his regular teaching job in the Dublin suburbs made him feel "filled with gratitude."

"We have a lot of problems in Ireland, but life is easy here. You don't have to worry about electricity or air raids. I felt grateful for what I have."

Ger might consider spending next summer in Ukraine too, but he doesn't want to make any promise. "I saw real people behind headlines, I made real connections. I look forward to being back with them, but it can also be mentally draining. I don't want to promise something I'm not able to keep."

TUH doctor presented with Stefania Maggi European Award



AWARD: Dr Adam Dyer from Tallaght University Hospital was presented with the Stefania Maggi Award

DR ADAM Dyer was presented with the "Stefania Maggi Award" at the 20th European Geriatric Medicine Society (EuGMS) Conference for new research which has implications for the diagnosis of early Alzheimer's disease

Dr Adam Dyer, a Specialist Registrar in Geriatric Medicine and Irish Clinical Academic Training Fellow (ICAT) at Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) & Trinity College Dublin (TCD) has just received a major European Award for new research which has important implications for the detection of early Alzheimer's disease.

The Stefania Maggi Award was awarded at the 20th European Geriatric Medicine Conference, which has just taken place in Valencia, Spain. The award is given to the best research performed by Early-Career Geriatricians across Europe. Dr Dyer is the first Irish recipient of the award.

Dr Dyer received the accolade for the findings of a new study which took place at the Institute of Memory & Cognition at TUH. The research demonstrated that it is possible to use a blood test to detect "proteins" that build up in the brain of individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

It is hoped in the future this will reduce the need for some patients to have more invasive procedures such as a lumbar puncture (spinal tap) to confirm the presence of these proteins. Currently, only a lumbar puncture test can detect "amyloid" protein which builds-up in the brain of individuals with early Alzheimer's disease. This is an invasive test and carries certain risks such as post-procedural headache.

Dr Dyer examined the performance of

a new blood test - called plasma P-Tau217 - to detect amyloid - one of the proteins that make-up "plaques" in the brains of people with early Alzheimer's disease. In his research Dr Dyer, used samples generously donated by 108 individuals over the past two years to assess whether blood tests could detect the same proteins that are currently looked for using lumbar puncture. The study found the blood test for P-tau217 was over 90% as accurate as diagnostic lumbar puncture to detect this amyloid protein.

Dr Dyer says, "Our study found that blood tests such as plasma P-Tau217 demonstrate excellent performance in detecting the changes characteristic of Alzheimer's disease. In the future, clinical use of these blood tests may enable us to avoid invasive tests such as lumbar punctures in over half of individuals who currently have these procedures performed."

Professor Seán Kennelly, Lead Investigator and Director of the Institute of Memory & Cognition at TUH says, "Our Institute has a research "biobank" whereby people who have symptoms and are undergoing this lumbar puncture for clinical reasons can volunteer to donate a cerebrospinal fluid and blood sample for future research. This is important as there is now strong evidence that blood biomarkers of Alzheimer's Disease may be as good as lumbar punctures - although this is usually in research cohorts, very few studies have been conducted in "real-world" memory clinic settings. This is why the samples and data collected in the TUH biobank is so important."

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School collects equivalent of 22,100 AA batteries to win national recycling title

PALMERSTOWN school St Lorcan's BNS collected the equivalent of 22,100 AA batteries, winning the national title of Battery Recycling Champions, reports Maurice Garvey.

Over 80 schools in Dublin participated in WEEE Ireland's Schools Battery Recycling Competition, collecting the equivalent of 173,450 used AA batteries for recycling.

St Lorcan's was awarded a €2,000 sports voucher for their title win.

Nationally, the equivalent of 1.5 million used AA batteries—the weight of almost four school buses—were collected and recycled by primary and secondary students

during the last school year.

The competition returns this October for a new school year, and is open to all primary and secondary schools in WEEE Ireland battery recycling counties that collect at least 10 full 5kg battery boxes.

This year's campaign will support LauraLynn Children's Hospice.

"A big congrats to St Lorcan's for winning in their category but also to every participating school. Their recycling efforts not only make a significant environmental impact but also provide essential support to LauraLynn's children's hospice," said tv and radio presenter Laura Woods, who launched this year's campaign.

"Schools that engage in this

important drive help rescue millions of batteries that might otherwise sit forgotten in drawers or old devices, ensuring their valuable materials can be recovered for reuse."

Last year's competition marked a new milestone, with a record number of schools participating.

"The new European Battery Regulations, applicable from earlier this year, introduce comprehensive rules to manage the entire lifecycle of batteries within the EU," said Leo Donovan, CEO of WEEE Ireland.

"Minimum material recovery targets for materials like cobalt, lithium, and nickel will apply to various battery types, ensuring valuable materials are recaptured."



RECYCLE: Students Reece Ward, Ollie Mooney, Felix Kelly, and Cillian Kelly-Flood of St Lorcan's Boys National School in Palmerstown with their teacher Miss Keenan

Travellers Project celebrates 25 years improving lives and culture

Partnership addresses discrimination Travellers face every day and inequalities



PROJECT: Marianne Maughan, Colette Spears, Cian Ó Lonergáin, Concepta de Broin, Mick McCabe and (inset) Nelly McDonagh, Pauline Eaton, Sallyann Wall, Mary Cassidy and Marianne Maughan

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THE Tallaght Travellers Community Development Project celebrated 25 years of improving Travellers lives and validating their culture.

The landmark was celebrated at the Fettercairn Youth and Community Centre on Friday with councillors, TDs, HSE representatives attending alongside TTCDP staff.

"The project is a partnership between Travellers, settled people and South Dublin County Council, to address the discrimination Travellers face every day, and the inequalities they experience in every aspect of their life, such as education and employment," said Colette Spears, Primary Health Care Co-Ordinator at Tallaght Travellers CDP.

"It creates opportunities that enable Travellers to improve their status, life chances and living conditions, which validates their culture and ethnicity," she added.

A lot was achieved throughout these 25 years, explained Colette, from healthcare to homework projects, with "much unseen work" which made a small difference every day.

A recipient of awards for enterprise, Tallaght Travellers CDP has developed key relationships with state agencies to deliver the best to its beneficiaries. "Travellers trust the project as a support for every individual," she said.

However, it was acknowledged that "there are still challenges that Travellers face such as issues in accommodation, education, access to employment and low life expectancy."

"We are celebrating what TTCDP past and

present staff achieved over 25 years, but there are not many projects that have survived due to cuts to community development," said TTCDP Community Development Worker Mary Cassidy at the event.

TTCDP ensured they will "continue to support change and fight for the rights of Travellers in Tallaght," keeping up the good work with other local community groups and state agencies.

Griddle bread and "Traveller stews" were served at the event while Michael Banks played Traveller tunes.

Tallaght Alcohol and Drugs Task Force, Pavee Point, National Traveller Women's Forum, National Traveller MABs, Exchange House, Traveller Counselling Service, Jigsaw, Swan Family Support, and Tallaght Traveller Youth Service also supported the cause by attending the celebration.



SUPPORT: Pauline Eaton, Alan Hanley and Marianne Maughan

Nursing home staff awarded for their longstanding service

Staff acknowledged for working in nursing home between 10 to 25 years

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STAFF members at a nursing home recalled their best memories as they received an award for their longstanding service.

Michelle Cramp Abraham, Krista McGreggor, Suma Mathai, Ben Agnes, Neil Cabritan, Anne Locke, Mary Chitchit, Teresa Pacer, Evelyn Swaine, Paulino Ybanez, Rex Arguing, Aimee Moore, and Marie Coughlan, have been working at Maryfield Nursing Home in Chapelizod for 10 to 25 years.

"We're almost part of the furniture," joked Michelle Cramp Abraham, member of the activities coordination team for 25 years who joined Maryfield when she was in secondary school.

Throughout these 25 years her and Krista McGreggor, a care assistant who joined around the same time, took care of the oldest living person in Ireland, who was 109 years old, and remember she was "like a nanny" to them.

"Maryfield is my home away from home, and it's like being part of one big family," said Michelle.

She recalled feeling "overwhelmed and scared," when she first started to deal with patients at such a young age. "But then you start creating nice relationships, and you learn how to be professional in the way you attach to people."

“ We had a coffee and a chat, we mingled. It was a nice surprise for all of us, and it was good for our work to be acknowledged



CHAT: Residents enjoying the coffee morning in Maryfield Nursing Home to honour staff

"I have learned a lot and took a lot of life lessons too."

Michelle, Krista and the other twelve staff members were presented and thanked for their service last week with a coffee morning at Maryfield.

"We had a coffee and a chat, we mingled. It was a nice surprise for all of us, and it was good

for our work to be acknowledged."

With a team of professionals including nurses, care assistants and physiotherapists, Maryfield Nursing Home celebrated 70 years in business on July 24, 2024.

An all-round service is also provided by the household team, activities coordinators, catering and reception staff. *See photos on page 57*

Culture Night was 'fantastic' with local groups participating

AS PART of Culture Night there were several engaging events held across South Dublin, *reports Stephen Farrell.*

In the afternoon Clondalkin Library held Classical Kids for children aged three to eight years old. This classical concert was all about interacting with the music in a natural way.

"Culture Night was great. We had a Classical Kids Ensemble, we had a classical concert for kids, we had a great time. The children were introduced to the different parts of musical instruments, classical and modern pieces were performed and we even had musical statues," said Aoife Horan, Executive Librarian.

Later the Local Vocals Choir performed some old favourites and some new hits too in the library. "The Local Vocals Choir performed from 6.30 pm, it's their second time to be with us for Culture Night. There was a full house, it was standing room only at the back of the room, they were absolutely brilliant and there was a sing-along. They blew the roof off the place as they always do," said Aoife.

Meanwhile Reverend William Deverell was providing tours of St Maelruain's Church, in Tallaght. "I tell people that the site of the church goes back to the eighth century, how there was a previous medieval church attached to the tower, how the new church is a couple of hundred years old and I also point out famous people who are buried in the graveyard," said Reverend

William.

Also in Tallaght, the Civic Theatre had several events which were kicked off in the afternoon by a performance from the Irish Heart Foundation 'Rhythm of Recovery' Choir who performed a few of their favourite songs outside the Theatre.

"It was fantastic, it kicked off the range of events we had as part of Culture Night, we had a magician, we had a sneak preview of Dream Factory and we had music in the café until late," said Niamh Honer, Marketing and Audience Development at the Civic Theatre.

There was also a number of events at Rua Red, South Dublin Arts Centre, Tallaght including a Palestinian art exhibition and music and dance. "It was really well attended," said Maoliosa Boyle, Executive Director.

In Firhouse, from the Scientology Community Centre, singer-songwriter Fin Furey gave an online performance, along with his nephew, Conor Furey and percussionist James McDonald as part of The Irish Arts Show.

The Show was launched in April 2021 as a collaboration between Irish traditional musician, Stephen Leeson, who is from Tallaght, and the volunteers of the Scientology Community Centre to support artists.

"Fin did brilliant with the guys, Fin also gave an interview and spoke about his Dad and what has influenced his music," said Diana Stahl, Director of Public Affairs at the Scientology Community Centre.

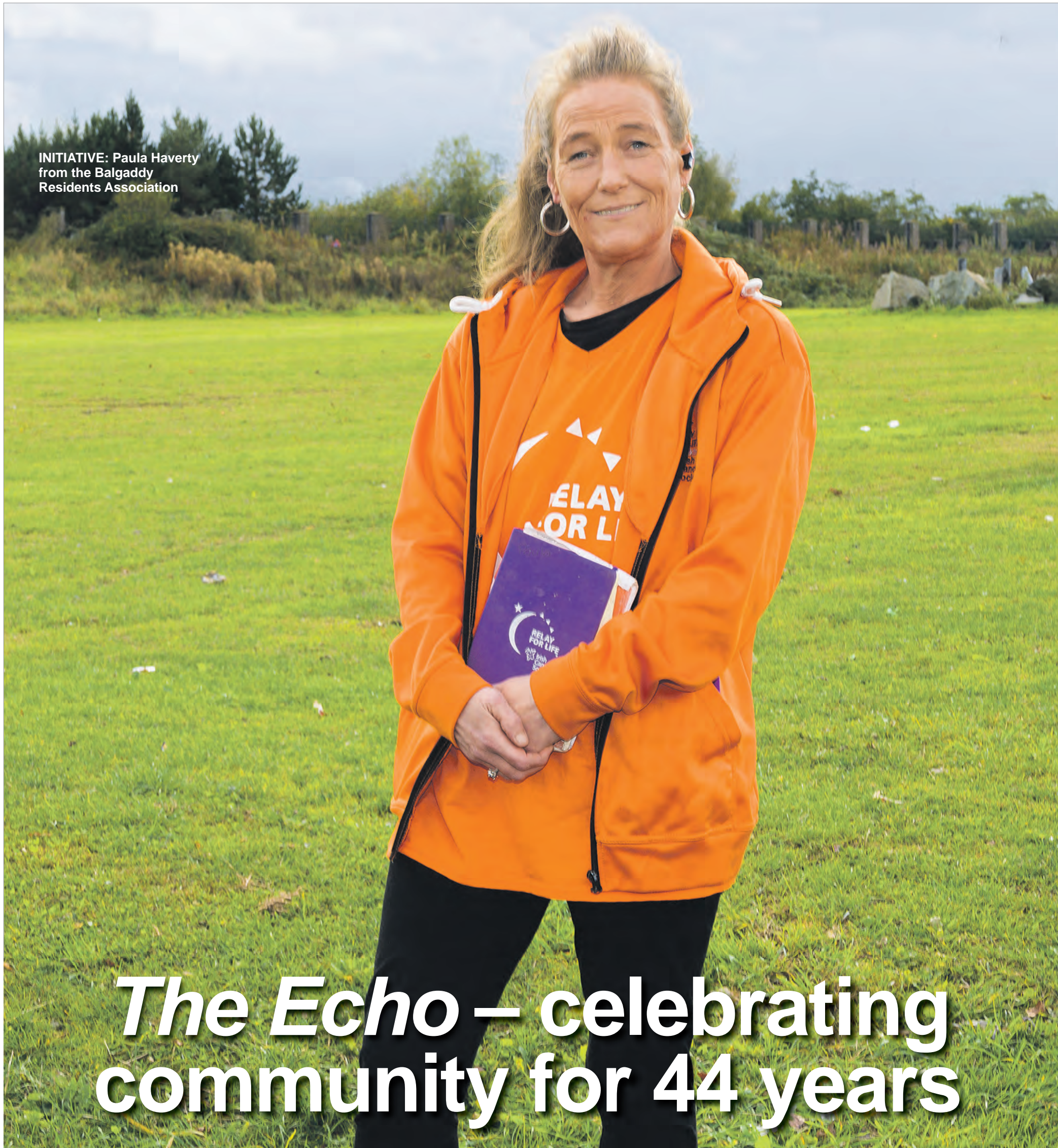


CULTURE: Local Vocals Choir at Culture Night in Clondalkin Library

Photo taken by Aoife Horan

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 Paula Haverty from the Balgaddy Residents Association.

INITIATIVE: Paula Haverty
from the Balgaddy
Residents Association



***The Echo* – celebrating
community for 44 years**



THIS week's star of 'Faces of the Community' is a lady named Paula Haverty.

Born in Ballymun and raised in glorious Harelawn, within a stone's throw of that famous North Clondalkin institution, Finches Pub, Paula has been involved in community work for more years than she'd care to remember.

As for her education, Paula tells me, "I was one of the first pupils at St Bernadette's in Quarryvale. Although school was never really my thing in those early years.

"I left school early and went to Youthreach on Monastery Road from the ages of 15 to 18, and it was the best thing I could have done."

"Youthreach had an agreement with the Transition Centre on Granby row. Through that, I got my head down and eventually achieved the equivalent of the Leaving Cert. I was very proud of that."

"Another great thing we did at Youthreach was drama. I got into it straight away and we ended up doing many exchanges with schools all over Europe. I have a load of happy

memories of those times."

Paula's passion for community work really started when she and the two young children she'd had by now, were moved to Balgaddy.

Balgaddy has undeservedly been given a bad rap in recent times, but Paula's at the forefront of the battle to bring change to the area.

Working with nothing but the good will of the people around her, Paula began a programme of street cleanups. Whilst these were successful, they merely scratched the surface of what was needed in Balgaddy.

"Well for a start, we've got no GP in the area, and something as basic as a bus stop, we only got last year!"

"There are a million things that need to be fixed here, but I fully believe we've got enough good people here to change things."

"But we are tired. To get to the shops it's a trek and up until recently, school kids had to climb over a giant muck-hill to get to school. We're right in the spot between Clondalkin and Lucan and we certainly don't think we're allocated our fair share from the

government."

"We have had some meetings with the appropriate people and some of the reasons given to us for Balgaddy's lack of public funding would shock you."

Regardless, Paula soldiered on and started the Balgaddy Resident's Association ("I made sure to call it BRA!") She laughs!

In 2011, after putting it off a couple of times when her children were really young, Paula was accepted to Liberties College where she qualified in Youth and Community Studies.

One of Paula's initiatives was to organise a course for local people called "Storytelling through Photography," partnering with an organisation called FemLENS which used just mobile phones to create some powerful images.

The results are amazing and we're exhibited in Balgaddy. They can also be seen on the FemLENS website.

Paula became one of the most reliable and dedicated fundraisers in the area, eventually getting involved with 'Beacon of Light' in

2010.

Paula lost her dear mum Kathleen to the wretched disease in 2013, and as she spiralled into a very deep depression, she found solace in a Clondalkin woman, who would later become a partner in crime, best friend and life saver.

"Ah yes, Caroline Corcoran-Ennis. She helped me so much and I always try to help any needy cause once she suggests it. She's helped me with plenty too. Also, Caroline lost both her parents to cancer and she was invaluable in helping me through me grief."

Paula is one of those people who inspire those around her and her example is one that should be followed by all of us.

She's recently had to step back from some things for professional reasons.

She's currently jack-of-all-trades at the Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley. Naturally she's won a few awards in her time there.

We're delighted to honour Paula in these pages and wish her the best of luck with all of her upcoming projects. We have no doubt she'll be successful.

“But we are tired. To get to the shops it's a trek and up until recently, school kids had to climb over a giant muck-hill to get to school. We're right in the spot ..



INSPIRE: Paula Haverty is involved with Beacon of Life

Substantial benefits from works at Bohernabreena Fort Bridge

Work involved replacement of over 70m of aged cast iron water mains with modern pipes

UISCE Éireann's investment in water services in South Dublin has continued throughout 2024 as the utility continues to prioritise local communities by upgrading and developing critical infrastructure to provide a more reliable water supply.

The benefits of this leakage reduction work for customers includes a reliable water supply with reduced instances of bursts and interruptions for homes and businesses in the area.

One such community which has benefited from this investment is Bohernabreena where water mains replacement works have recently been completed in a very innovative way.

The works at Bohernabreena Fort Bridge over the River Dodder at Ballinacorney Road Lower involved the replacement of over 70 metres of aged cast iron water mains with new modern pipes.

The replacement of old water mains and service connections eliminates existing leaks and reduces the amount of clean drinking water lost into the ground, while removing existing old cast iron and lead from the public water network and replacing them with new pipes reduces the risk of contamination.

A specialist MOOG underbridge unit was used by workers to access and install the watermain in the safest way possible.

Drone technology footage captured this complex water mains replacement.

INVESTMENT: Water mains water works have been completed in Bohernabreena



The footage can be viewed on Uisce Éireann's YouTube channel.

Nicola Butler, Programme Manager, Uisce Éireann, said, "We are delighted to showcase the innovative engineering

works at Bohernabreena Fort Bridge as part of our Leakage Reduction Programme".

"This project will bring substantial benefits through increased capacity to

deliver reliant, resilient, and sustainable water service to the community in Bohernabreena".

"I am proud that our team's collective contribution will enable

communities like Bohernabreena in South Dublin to thrive and will benefit the area for generations to come by reducing high levels of leakage and improving water quality".

'We can create real change and help end family homelessness'

Community urged to sleep outside and support Shine A light to end family homelessness

TV presenter Brendan Courtney urged people across the country to take part in Shine A Light by sleeping out in their homes, gardens or workplaces on Friday, October 11 or donating to help end family homelessness.

Speaking at the launch of the campaign, Brendan from Tallaght and who is a former Moyle Park College student said: "I am proud to lend my support to Shine A Light again this year and to help raise much needed funds for the vital services that Focus Ireland provides to vulnerable families and individuals across Ireland. There are currently thousands of families across Ireland experiencing homelessness and it's an issue that often can go unnoticed because these families are in temporary accommodation and not visible on our streets. It's crucial that we bring this crisis out of the shadows and into the spotlight where it belongs.

"All children deserve a place to call home and starting your first day of school or celebrating your birthday as a child in emergency accommodation is truly heartbreaking.

"My message to those experiencing homelessness is that we see you, we hear you, and we stand by you. I am calling on everyone around the country to get involved and take part in the sleep out with family or friends on 11 October. The goal is to raise €1.4m this year and I'll be doing my bit by trying to raise as much money as possible and sleeping out on the night. By coming together, we can create real change and help end family homelessness."

The initiative, which is proudly supported by Bord Gáis Energy, was launched today by Brendan Courtney who will take part in the sleep out for a second year in a row. Bord Gáis Energy has been a proud partner of Focus Ireland since 2015 raising €4.4 million to date in vital funds and supporting over 7,500 families either at risk or experiencing homelessness in Ireland.

The goal this year is to raise €1.4 million with all funds going towards vital services supporting the thousands of families, children and individuals experiencing homelessness, or at risk of losing their home.

At present there are currently 2,096 families experiencing homelessness in Ireland of which 4,401 are children. Family homelessness can often be an unseen issue as families are based in emergency accommodation, where living spaces can be confined to one room, and are not visible on the street. The effects of this crisis are deeply felt all year round, and every day spent without a place to call home takes away a child's sense of security and belonging.

Thousands of children started their first day back to school in emergency accommodation between the end of August and the first week of September and thousands will celebrate their birthdays, a special day that should be filled with joy, in emergency accommodation such as hotels and family hubs.

The work that Focus Ireland is doing to support families experiencing, or at risk of homelessness is essential, but they can't do it alone and the support of people across the country is crucial to create real change.



INITIATIVE: Brendan Courtney is supporting the Shine A Light campaign

Over €30m in funding will 'aid the transformation of Tallaght'

Delivery of projects will have a knock-on influence on Cookstown Industrial Estate

By **Maurice Garvey**

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OVER €30m of central government funding for regeneration projects will "aid the transformation of Tallaght", according to South Dublin County Council.

The Urban Regeneration Development Funding (URDF) is expected to deliver a number of projects nearing completion including Belgard Road North Link Road, the Innovation Hub, a mobility hub, and Belgard Plaza - the new civic square for Tallaght Town Centre.

At the recent Tallaght area meeting, Cllr Dermot Richardson (Ind) asked for a report on the redevelopment at Cookstown Industrial Estate, noting that a lot of the units are derelict for a "long time now."

In response, SDCC said the delivery of these objectives will have a "knock on influence" on the Cookstown industrial estate, which forms part of the Tallaght local area plan (LAP), which was adopted in 2020 and is valid until 2026.

To aid the LAP, SDCC sought funding from central government via the URDF and received a total of approximately €32m.

"Once completed, the area will become an attractive mixed-use residential and employment led neighbourhood with distinctive urban qualities and high levels of access to public transport and the urban centre, which will support existing businesses and additionally support the expansion of further small to medium size businesses and will continue to provide support for higher intensity employment". At present several of the URDF projects such as the Innovation Hub, Belgard Plaza and Belgard

DELIVERY: The Urban Regeneration Development Funding is expected to deliver a number of projects in Tallaght. Work IQ, the Innovation Hub is one of the projects funded under URDF



Road North Link Road/Airton Road extension all directly impact and aid the delivery and development of the Cookstown sub development area of the LAP."

SDCC also cited its Active Travel initiative have appointed consultants to review and implement new active travel measures within the Cookstown Industrial Estate and the wider Tallaght LAP area.

"At present there are a number sites within the Cookstown Industrial Estate which have progressed through planned and are either due to commence, under construction or nearing completion. This will provide for additional residential uses in the area, which will further support the objectives of the LAP as the area changes in an incremental manner," said SDCC.

SDCC's Tallaght LAP includes the delivery of between 3,000 and 5,000 new homes, the development of Tallaght Stadium's fourth stand, enhancement of The Square Shopping Centre, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure links, provision of new schools, a new transport interchange at The Square and the district heating system (HeatNet).

“Once completed, the area will become an attractive mixed-use residential and employment led neighbourhood with distinctive..."

Irish Distillers planning for Fox and Geese bottling facility extended for three years

IRISH Distillers Limited (IDL) received planning permission to extend and expand the use of their bottling operations facility at the Fox and Geese, Robinhood Road in Clondalkin, reports Maurice Garvey.

The 10-year planning permission granted in 2014 for the facility, was due to expire on July 26, 2024.

IDL sought an extension to the original planning permission for a period of three years (until July 2027) in order to complete the remaining aspects of the permitted development.

This includes the extension and expansion of the bottling facility, which employs approximately 300 people.

In granting permission for the extension, South Dublin County

Council considered the application fulfils requirements of the Planning and Development Act and the Planning and Development Regulations.

"Having regard to the nature and scale of the overall development, the planning authority considers an extension of duration of the permission for a period of three years, no later than July 2027, to be an appropriate period to enable the development to be completed in accordance with the conditions," said SDCC.

Brands under Irish Distillers include Jameson, Powers, Spot Whiskey and Midleton Very Rare.

Plans include the demolition of an existing vat house and tanker unloading area, and its replacement



by a new car parking area.

According to a document filed by HW Planning on behalf of Irish Distillers Limited (IDL), approximately €25m has been invested to date in the expansion of IDL's operations at the Fox & Geese facility.

Works completed to date include approximately 50 per cent of the permitted tank farm, including 12 alcohol storage vats and tanker.

Remaining works to be done on site contained in the planning application include development of a tank farm containing 24 alcohol

storage vats with an associated tanker unloading area, and parking areas.

Plans also contain proposals for a high-level walkway, support plant and control building, an overhead pipe bridge and walkway connecting the new tank farm to the main plant area, a water reservoir, and extensions to the existing bottling hall, materials store and warehouse.

The Fox & Geese bottling facility was originally developed in the 1950s by John Power & Son for cask storage warehousing. The first bottling facility at the site was opened in 1965 and a year later in 1966 the site came under the control of IDL when the company was formed through an amalgamation of Cork Distilleries Co., John Power & Son and John Jameson & Son.

‘Immense privilege’ to be named President of Chambers Ireland

Margaret Considine is a former President of South Dublin Chamber

By **Maurice Garvey**
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FORMER President of South Dublin Chamber Margaret Considine has been elected as the new President of Chambers Ireland.

Ms Considine, CEO and Founder of EQuita Consulting Ltd and former President of South Dublin Chamber from 2017-2019, was nominated to take over the prestigious presidency of Ireland’s largest business network at their recent AGM.

Fiona Candon, Director of First Western Training Ltd and former President of Sligo Chamber, has served in the role since 2022.

Speaking after the announcement, Chief Executive of Chambers Ireland, Ian Talbot, said: “I’d like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to Margaret on her election as President.

“Margaret has been a great advocate for the

Chamber network as a member of the Board and a former President of South Dublin Chamber.”

Looking ahead to the general election, Talbot said the network of 37 affiliated Chambers and 8,500 businesses across the country requires a “strong voice” to lead the organisation.

After her election, Ms Considine said it was an “immense privilege and an enormous opportunity to lead such a diverse and dynamic business representative organisation that can trace its history back over one hundred years.”

“In the coming term, my focus will be on building upon the solid foundation laid by my predecessors and ensuring that our collective voice is heard on the key issues that matter most to our members.

“Given the numerous economic challenges and opportunities on the horizon, along with an impending new Government, it is crucial that we act decisively to support our members and champion their interests,” said Considine.



CHAMBER NETWORK: Ian Talbot, Chief Executive of Chambers Ireland; Fiona Candon, outgoing President; and Margaret Considine, newly elected President

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The Square sold in deal reported to be €130 million



DEAL: The Square Shopping Centre has been sold in a deal reported to be €130 million

THE Square Shopping Centre in Tallaght has been sold in a deal reported to be close to €130m.

The price is about half the €250m previous owner Oaktree paid Nama for the shopping centre in 2018, but above offers in the region of

€125m reportedly made earlier this year.

According to the Irish Times, who first reported the sale, the buyer is Shane Scully’s Eagle Street Partners, which owned a number of investment properties in the UK and

Ireland.

The acquisition includes control of 118 of The Square’s 160 shop units, a cinema with 13 digital screens, and more than 2,400 car spaces.

The centre is anchored by Dunnes Stores and Tesco.

Penneys opened a large shop in the centre two years ago.

Earlier this year The Square was placed into receivership by key lender AIB. US private equity giant Oaktree paid NAMA €250m for the shopping centre in 2018.

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Investor describes C&C as making 'strategic mistakes'

An independent non-executive director appointed to board following agreement

By Maurice Garvey

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BULMERS maker C&C Group has appointed Sanjay Nakra to its board as an independent non-executive director.

It follows an agreement last month by C&C with activist shareholder investor Engine Capital to appoint a non-executive director to the board from an agreed shortlist of nominees.

Engine described the Bulmers House, Crumlin headquartered C&C Group as a "perennial underperformer" and accused the company of making "succession missteps" and "strategic mistakes" in a recent open letter.

Nakra is a senior corporate finance leader with more than two decades of experience in investment banking in Europe, the US and Canada.

"I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sanjay Nakra to the Board," said Ralph Findlay, chair and CEO of C&C Group.

"He brings a wealth of international corporate and capital markets expertise spanning three decades which will further augment the board's existing capabilities.

"His corporate experience and insight will be invaluable as we progress our financial, operational and future strategic growth plans."

Nakra is currently on the board of directors of Canada's Algoma Steel Group and CGI Ltd, and he is co-chair of the University Health Network (UHN) Annual Gala: Diwali - A Night to Shine.

He is also a member of the board of directors, chair of the nominating and governance committee and co-chair of Women Centre Stage of Souleppper Theatre Company.

Former C&C CEO Patrick McMahon resigned in June after the business restated three years of earnings and took an underlying charge of €5m.



OPPORTUNITY: Bulmers maker C&C group have appointed a new non-executive member

Building material giant CRH announce chief executive officer

BUILDING materials giant CRH announced the appointment of Jim Mintern as next Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Albert Manifold who retires at the end of 2024, reports Maurice Garvey.

Mr Mintern is currently CRH's Chief Financial Officer and has been a director of its board since June 2021. He has over 30 years of experience in the building materials industry and 22 years with CRH, serving in various senior leadership roles.

Mintern led the recent strategic transition of CRH's primary listing to the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr Manifold has held varied responsibilities with CRH since he joined in 1998. He was appointed CEO in January 2014 and will continue as an advisor to CRH for a further 12 months when he steps down at the end of this year.

Richie Boucher, Chairman of CRH said: "The Board has a significant focus on succession planning throughout CRH. With the support of independent advisors, we have followed best practice, including a review of external candidates, and we have carefully monitored the development plans for potential

internal candidates."

"Over recent years we have closely observed Jim's character, qualities and abilities, as well as his significant influence on the evolution of CRH.

We are very pleased to have a successor of such calibre and are confident that Jim is best positioned to lead the CRH team, building the future of the company for the benefit of our investors, customers, colleagues and communities."

"Jim will become the Chief Executive Officer of a high performing company in robust strategic and financial health, after 11 years of exceptional leadership from Albert."

Outgoing CEO Manifold said he is "pleased" with his successor's "experience, capabilities and ambition" to "lead the CRH team forward through an era of enormous opportunity."

"It has been a privilege to lead CRH. I am profoundly grateful to my colleagues within the business and on the board for their commitment and support over the years as the entire team has strengthened and grown our company, positioning CRH for a bright future ahead," he said.



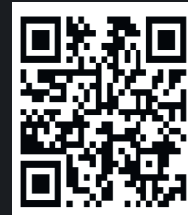
EXPERIENCE: Jim Mintern, new CEO of CRH with Albert Manifold who retired from CRH

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€38 million for shopping centre with 24 retail units

The centre in Lucan was previously sold to Savills (I.M.) for €43m



INVESTMENT:
Lucan Shopping Centre is on the market with a price tag of €38million

By **Stephen Farrell**

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A SHOPPING centre with a price tag of €38m and comprising 24 retail units on a 9.5 acre site came back on the market last week.

Lucan Shopping Centre returns to the market through Cushman & Wakefield, located in an established residential area, extends to 12,007 sqm (129,252 sq ft) comprising 24 retail units on a total site area of approximately 3.8 hectares (9.5 acres).

The centre is anchored by SuperValu,

McDonalds, Starbucks along with the town centre library. Another anchor in the centre, Dunnes Stores is owner occupied.

The centre benefits from free car parking for 702 cars, at ground and basement levels.

The passing income of the centre is in the region of €2.7m per annum with 60% of the income secured against SuperValu Supermarket on a new 20-year lease, with a parent guarantee from Musgrave PLC.

The centre has a weighted average unexpired lease (WAULT) of over 13.7 years and 12.8 years to the earliest break.

A number of deliverable asset management opportunities exist in the short term to drive income and significantly improve the average unexpired lease term, according to Cushman & Wakefield.

In addition full planning permission is also in place to develop an extension of an additional 1,574 sqm (16,936 sq. ft) gross across two units with the potential to construct a drive through pod at the northern elevation of the surface car park, according to the selling agent.

There is also significant potential for the development of residential on the surface car

park, subject to planning, according to Cushman & Wakefield.

The freehold title to the site is for sale.

The centre was previously sold to Savills Investment Management (IM) on behalf of its European Retail Fund in 2017 for €43m.

The centre has been the subject of a programme of asset management, involving several lease renewals and an extension of the lease with the Musgrave Group for its SuperValu store.

A strong level of interest from local and international investors is expected in this sale.

House prices rose nationally by average 3.1% in third quarter

HOUSING prices nationally rose by an average of 3.1% in the third quarter of 2024, according to the latest Daft.ie.

The typical listed price nationwide in the third quarter of 2024 was €344,848, 6.2% higher than in the same period a year earlier and 37% higher than at the onset of the covid19 pandemic.

The increase in prices in the third quarter was broadly based but the percentage gains were greatest in Dublin, where prices rose by 4.1% between June and September.

This is the largest three-month increase in the capital since early 2017 and means that prices there are on average more than 6% higher than year ago.

This means that annual inflation in Dublin is higher than the average of the other four cities for the first time since 2020: in Cork, Galway and Waterford cities, prices in the third quarter were roughly 4% higher than a year ago.

Inflation in Limerick city remains higher, however, at 9.7%, while the average increase outside the cities in the year to Q3 was 6.3%.

The number of second-hand homes available to buy nationwide on September 1st stood at less than 11,900, down 12% year-on-year, the fifteenth month of contracting supply.

This is a new low for this time of year, surpassing the previous low of 12,900 homes on September 1st 2021, just after lockdowns ended. The fall in availability largely reflects a dip in

the number of second-hand homes coming on to the market over the last year, with just over 51,000 homes coming on to the market in the twelve months to September, compared to almost 57,000 a year ago.

Commenting on the report, its author Ronan Lyons, economist at Trinity College Dublin, said:

“While the volume of new homes being built and bought has largely held up in recent quarters, despite rising interest rates, the same cannot be said of the second-hand market. The number of homes coming on to the second-hand market remains very weak.

“The resulting scarcity of homes has pushed prices up, especially in Dublin, where new

homes are being built.

The typical second-hand home bought in Dublin between June and September sold for 7.6% above its listed price, the biggest gap since records began in 2010. Conditions elsewhere are similar, with a record average premium of 5.4% above the listed price nationally.

The slow decline in mortgage interest rates will help the market, as will sitting homeowners coming off fixed-rate mortgages. But these factors are largely outside of policymaker control.

“The underlying issue remains a lack of homes, of all kinds, and this should remain the focus for policymakers before and after the next election.”

€24m Primary Health Care Centre additional info sought

Four-storey building will provide HSE services, GP rooms and day care centre



SERVICES: An artist impression of the Citywest Primary Health Care building

By William O'Connor

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ADDITIONAL information has been sought in relation to plans for a €24 million Primary Care Centre building in Citywest Campus.

Located at Garters Lane in Saggart, applicant MLPCC Development Company Limited plans for the construction of a four-storey Primary Care Centre building which will provide HSE Services such as general primary care, mental health, disability and older person services.

The building will accommodate GP

rooms, day care centre with associated kitchen facilities and external deck amenity space, pharmacy, treatment/consultation rooms, primary care administrative offices, as well as ancillary accommodation including staff facilities, offices, meeting rooms, reception/waiting areas, ESB substation and plant. The development will be accessed via the existing avenue to the Citywest Campus entered from Garters Lane at the existing traffic light controlled junction, with a new internal road layout from the existing roundabout on the access avenue to

provide two vehicular entrances to car parking within the subject site.

The car parking will be divided into a dedicated staff car park and a visitor car park with both to be controlled by barrier access and a total of 158 car parking spaces which will also include bicycle parking, service yard, pumping station, SuDS drainage, PV panels at roof level, signage, landscaping and boundary treatment.

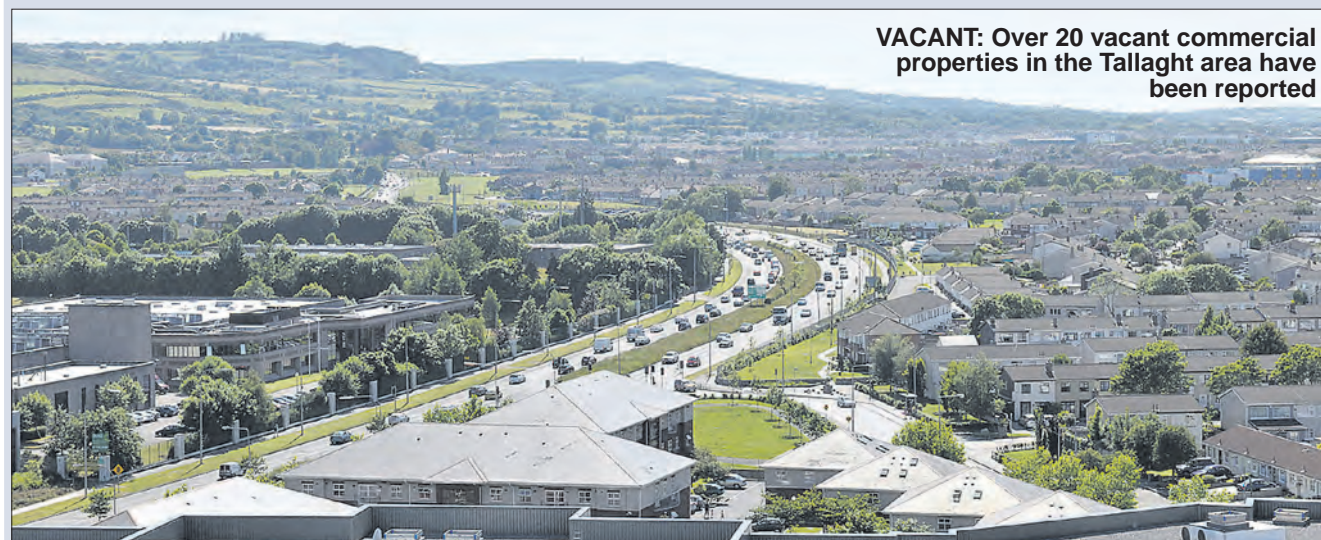
The local authority is seeking additional information in relation to a number of submissions have been made, indicating that there is an

intention to move existing services, including the 4 Districts Day Care Centre, and GP services. The applicant is requested to clarify whether any services will be relocated as a result of the proposal or whether all services are additional above and beyond those that are already provided within the local community. More generally, the applicant is invited to address any other items raised to third-party submission or observations received. Whilst the Planning Authority is satisfied with the six criteria chosen to assess the suitability or otherwise of the 18 sites

chosen within the Site Selection Analysis and Justification Report, questions still remain over the suitability of Site 13 (Garter's Lane) given its similarities with the application site. The applicant is therefore requested to provide more robust justification for the exclusion of Site 13, which appears similar to the proposed development site.

Submission is also sought design and use, residential amenity, water services, heritage - additional information is requested in the form of a detailed bat activity survey and parks.

21 vacant commercial properties reported to local authority this year



VACANT: Over 20 vacant commercial properties in the Tallaght area have been reported

OVER 20 vacant commercial properties in the Tallaght area have been reported to the local authority this year, reports Maurice Garvey.

At the Tallaght area meeting, Cllr Louise Dunne (SF) wanted to know how many vacant commercial properties the council are currently aware of in the Tallaght area.

In response, SDCC said: "To date, the

council has been notified of vacancy periods in 2024 for 21 commercially rated properties in the Tallaght Area.

The breakdown of these vacant commercial properties are business parks (6 properties), warehouse (6), shops (5), offices (2), and workshops (2).

"It would be expected that further vacancy applications for 2024 will be

received closer to year end," said SDCC.

Further information provided by the council to Cllr Dunne outlined a total of 87 vacant commercial properties in Tallaght in 2023. The 2023 breakdown of vacant commercial properties in the Tallaght area included 17 business park premises, 22 offices, 18 warehouses, 15 shops, four kiosks, one store and one showroom.

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MiDentalCare is ready to 'look after everyone in the community'

A RECENTLY established dental clinic in Milltown Centre is open to new patients and ready to "look after everyone in the community."

Coming from years of experience within healthcare in Dublin, Niamh and John Webb-O'Rourke opened MiDentalCare in December 2023, after taking over a unit left vacant by a previous dental clinic.

"We are a new, family-led dental group, and we want people to know we are a community clinic, looking after families, individuals, everyone in the area," said Ms Webb-O'Rourke.

The clinic is currently accepting new patients, both private and PRSI, and has applied to take in Medical Patients too in "the next couple of months."

"We want our patients to be comfortable and happy with the service once they leave our clinic, and happy

to return," added Ms Webb-O'Rourke.

With more than two decades of experience in fostering a connection with the community, Sheena McEniff is MiDentalCare Clinical Director.

Practice Owner and Lead Dentist at The Square Dental Practice in Tallaght from 1998 to 2021, Ms McEniff is now ready to address the needs of Milltown community with the same passion.

MiDentalCare, which has no ties with the previous clinic, offers a wide range of services such as general exams and emergency visits, periodontal treatment, endodontic treatments, dentures, teeth whitening and "much more."

Aesthetic treatments like anti-wrinkle, dermal fillers, and hyperhidrosis are also available for patients.

Opening times are Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm, with late nights and Saturday availability coming soon.

In its community-oriented vision, MiDentalCare clinic has not only pledged to work outside of regular business hours but also to reduce waiting times in general. "We are available to take emergency appointments, same day and week appointments, and more," ensured Ms Webb-O'Rourke.

To learn more, visit www.midentalcare.ie and their Facebook page MiDental Care Ireland. To book appointments, call 01 260 3741 or e-mail milltown@midentalcare.ie.

By clicking "book now" on the clinic website homepage, patients can also access an online booking portal.



EXPERIENCE: MiDentalCare has opened in Milltown Centre

E letters

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Report casts doubt on readiness of NCH



REPORT: The National Children's Hospital

Dear Editor:

A KPMG REPORT has cast doubt on the operational readiness of the National Children's Hospital NCH as chief officer at the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board NPHDB, David Gunning accused BAM of under-resourcing the project and failing to honour its contractual obligations.

Mr Gunning said: "In the

absence of a written, contractually compliant, realistic and resource-located programme, the NPHDB cannot and will not simply accept BAM's ongoing deferral dates".

A total of €1.478 billion, including VAT, has to date been disbursed on the project. Projected costs have spiralled to €2.2bn from a price tag of €650m in 2014 with the Government to a capital budget at €1.88bn. Sinn Féin's Spokesperson on Health David

Cullinane said he is "sick of the fiasco as well", adding he is sick of the delays, rising costs and the fact children still do not have access to care. The beleaguered development was delayed on 14 occasions with four occurring in the last year. At the Oireachtas Health Committee David Gunning said: "BAM will not be given another cent beyond what it is entitled to". He said at the hearing: "we're sick of it. We have been

dealing with this day-in, day-out, commitments made commitments missed". None of the 5,500 rooms is finished to the expected standard.

The completion date has moved forward eight months; expected in June 2025. This is 31 months more than what was last agreed implying a deep Government malaise.

Yours sincerely, Gerry Coughlan, Kilnamanagh

Budget won't buy my vote

Dear Editor

The Budget is done.
They won't buy my vote.
Is mise.
Paul Doran, Clondalkin

Hate Legislation should not stop free speech

Dear editor;

I AM saddened and angry about the Governments decision not to run with Hate Legislation. I can't help but feel this is in response to threats from Far Right and others who have claimed it breaches the right to and stops free speech.

Hate Legislation should not stop free speech. The vulnerable people who suffer racism and the attacks on members of the LGBTQ+ community and other minority groups dictated the need for Hate Legislation.

Now the people who live with constant and sometimes daily abuse are left with no state support. I have campaigned for Hate Legislation for a number of years and really thought progress was being made. If there was issues with the proposed legislation it should have been amended not scrapped.

The state has a moral and legal duty to protect all the people residing in the state and is failing in many ways. Protests, shouting and prevention of allowing people access to their place of residence is disgraceful and should not be allowed in a republic and democratic country. Hate Legislation should have dealt with this.

The relentless attacks on members of the Trans community should not be allowed and the state should have legal supports in place for this group.

We have employment legislation that aims to protect against discrimination, so people are protected in work but not outside of their work?

The Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill known as the "Hate Crime Bill", prohibiting hate speech or incitement to hate crimes is now not to be. Many countries have Hate Legislation and Ireland should be no different. Hate speech is "usually thought to include communications of animosity or disparagement of an individual or a group on account of a group characteristic such as race, colour, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or sexual orientation.

This decision marks a clear state abandonment of vulnerable communities. I am worried, All-Ireland deserves to be inclusive and respectful, where everyone feels safe, valued and protected by the law. This is not currently the way it is. We have a lot of work to do but it must be backed up by legislation. Racist behaviour both in person and online must be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Clr Francis Timmons (Peace Commissioner)

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The madness of a simple rural man

SEAMUS O'ROURKE DISCUSSES HIS LATEST PROJECT 'INDIGESTION'

By Ryan Butler

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A MAN, whose name we never hear, tells us his story of a life, always slightly out of his control... The madness of a simple rural man... a man shipped off to London at the age of 17... who goes through bouts of depression, obesity and anger issues... finds and loses love, comes back to Ireland to more misfortune and mayhem and yet there is HOPE. This is a story full of hope, where laughter and tears join hands and race us through fifty years of a life, not much different to our own.

This is Seamus O'Rourke doing what he does best, storytelling.

This play has been described as sensitive, hilarious, intelligent, absolutely compelling and refreshingly forthright.

This week, we sat down with Seamus to discuss his latest project 'Indigestion', coming to the Civic for one night only on October 20. **I understand you once met someone whose story served as the inspiration for 'Indigestion'; tell us more!**

When I start writing a play or putting a story together - it always centers around a location or a character - In the case of Indigestion it was the character. I met a man at a wedding who had a very direct and engaging way of telling a story. This is not his story, but this is the way he would tell it. I thought it would be nice to hear a story manfully blurted out... with no bells or whistles - just facts. And that the beauty is in the facts - the poignancy is in the facts... and that it's funny, because the one telling the story in the first place is mad or kind of mad. This character never asks us to feel sorry for him. He just wants to tell his story... or a series of stories that all intertwine. He starts off by saying, 'I'm gonna tell you a story' and he finishes by saying, 'That's the story'. That's as straightforward as you'll get... and it works.

Do you feel there have been any extra challenges or highlights working on this play compared to others that you have done?

Yes - because there were a few barriers to get over. Some of the themes within the play are uncomfortable topics - I had to find a way to get to these uncomfortable places without losing some of my audience. As usual, for me, I chose humour. The play is funny from start to finish... and the reason for this is because I want to bring everyone to the dark places where my character has been. But this is not a dark play - it's a play full of light... but chinks

of light - shafts of light... and like life, we have to maneuver through the dark in order to see the light.

The other challenge was - I have no props - no music - no songs or poems - no sound effects - no lighting changes - no table - no chair... just me and a concrete block. Talk about exposing yourself - from an acting point of view - it is a play full of danger. But a story that's worth the risk.

Do you still get nerves when putting your writing to the stage to be viewed by the public; and if so, how do you deal with that?

I always feel nervous going on stage, but when it's something that I've written myself, then it's even more scary. You can never really tell what effect your play will have till you put it in front of an audience and although I always write with an audience in my mind's eye... it's still not the same as having them in the room. Every performance is a dance... and the audience are part of that dance. The audience over the first performances of this play have shaped it as much as I have... they have helped capture the rhythms of it - the pace of it... and it's not a slow waltz - it's a Tango.

What drew you to the Civic?

I love the Civic - there's an enthusiasm in the Civic for theatre and plays about ordinary people, that you don't get everywhere. The audience in the Civic will always meet you half way - As an actor, you need to be on your toes, because these people can smell an imposter - but if an actor or a company are prepared to bare their soul on the Civic stage, then the people of Tallaght will respond. There's gold in them there hills.

What is next for you after the Civic performance?

I've just written a second book - a follow-up to my memoir 'Standing in Gaps', called 'Leaning on Gates' - it's just out, so, I'll be doing a bit of publicity over the next few weeks. Then, I'm dipping into unchartered water and doing a brand new musical, by Brian Warfield with music by the Wolf Tones, set in the Irish Famine, called 'Celtic Exodus'. I'll be eating nothing only spuds from now on.

Who would you like to thank for helping you with 'Indigestion'?

As usual, my family. They don't make a big deal of the annoying public things that I do. So, it makes it easier to make plays and make mistakes and make good, sometimes. My Tech, Philip McIntyre is a very important cog in my wheels and all those who encouraged me when it wasn't so cool to be encouraging lads like me.



STORYTELLING: Seamus O'Rourke's latest project 'Indigestion' comes to the Civic on October 20

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Did you know that we are in the Michaelmas part of the year

It's one of the names on calendar year used by older universities and the legal system

DID you know that we are in Michaelmas? It's the name of one of the main parts of the year, still used by some older universities (such as Trinity College Dublin) and our legal system.

Although the precise dates don't include entire calendar months and vary a little between such institutions, they fall broadly into the same timescale.

TCD's academic teaching terms are Hilary (roughly January to April), Trinity (roughly April to June), and Michaelmas (roughly September to December).

Holiday times such as Easter and Christmas don't appear to have special names in TCD's academic calendar, possibly because no formal teaching takes place at those times. See <https://www.tcd.ie/calendar/academic-year-structure/academic-year-structure.pdf>

Our legal system refers to each portion of its year as "terms" also. During the "terms" the Courts are "sitting" (i.e. open to hear cases). Comparing the 2024 and 2025 dates, the legal system's terms are Hilary (roughly January to March/April), Easter (roughly March/April to May/June), Trinity (roughly May/June to July), Michaelmas (roughly October to December). See <https://www.courts.ie/content/high-court-law-terms>

The names of the terms are based on a tradition once practised widely in medieval Europe amongst educated people.

Each annual period (Hilary, Easter, Trinity and Michaelmas) was named in honour of the most important feast-day which occurred in each term. At that time there were close connections between those in charge of education, the Church and the law.

Few ordinary people could read or write back then, much less avail of an educational standard permitting them to be professional teachers or lawyers, for instance.

HONOURS: Statue of Saint Hilary of Poitiers, in l'Église Saint-Hilaire de Givet.

Photo by G.Garitan



Hilary term honours St Hilary, "a gentle and courteous man". His feast-day is 13 January. He was a 4th century reluctant bishop of Poitiers in France.

He wrote staunchly in support of the divinity of Christ at a troubling time in the Church. His works earned him banishment to the farthest part of modern-day Turkey, but he was eventually returned to his post as Bishop of Poitiers, where his people welcomed him. (See <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-hilary-of-poitiers/>)

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Easter Sunday is what is known as "a moveable feast". It can occur between 22nd March and 25th April because its precise date each year depends on an annual calculation. It is the main celebration of the Christian year, so obviously Easter was chosen for the particular term to which it applies.

Trinity term is probably named after the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. It is also a moveable feast, and falls within the period of the relevant term.

Michaelmas celebrates the Feast of St Michael the Archangel and all the Angels, celebrated on 29th September each year.

Lucifer (known as Satan after he fell from grace) asked St Michael the Archangel to join Lucifer's rebellion against God. St Michael the Archangel's name derives from the question in Hebrew (Mi-Cha-El) that he asked Lucifer: "Who [is] greater than God?" and thus he rejected Satan's invitation.

Quarter Days/Gale Days

Historically, Quarter Days (or Gale Days) in Ireland and England were the four days in the year when rents were due, servants were hired and arguments resolved. Law cases were settled to avoid any continuing rancour between the parties concerned.

The tradition of Gale or Quarter Days also goes back to medieval times. Traditionally, the four Quarter Days were 25 March (Lady Day), 24 June (Midsummer's Day), Michaelmas (29 September) and Christmas Day (25 December). (See [https://www.ifa.ie/wp-](https://www.ifa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Master-Lease-of-Agricultural-Land.pdf)

<https://www.ifa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Master-Lease-of-Agricultural-Land.pdf> Page 4/25 and <https://www.timms-law.com/commercial-property-what-are-quarter-days/>) If folklore is believed, many's the pig was sold to pay the rent.

Ancient Celtic Tradition

The idea of dividing the year into four parts goes back even further than medieval Europe. Our own ancient Celtic tradition also corresponds with the annual seasons. We have the pagan, pre-Christian celebrations of Imbolc (early February, the start of Spring), Bealtaine (early May and the start of Summer), Lughnasa (early August, the start of harvest time), and Samhain (early November, the start of Winter).

For Christians, 1 February is also St Bridgit's Day. Some say that the Christian St Bridgit is the embodiment of an earlier, pre-Christian personage equally significant for pagans and Christians alike. Our new national holiday on 1 February, officially celebrating St Bridgit is perhaps an unwitting flash-back to Imbolc, thereby underlining once more the ancient four quarters of the annual year.

Financial circles

The four-way division of the year continues even in swanky financial circles.

Open the financial pages of our national and international media and there will be found the relevant reports of how various companies are performing in the first, second, third or fourth quarter of the year, and the dividends their investors may expect

(or not).

Quarterly reports correspond broadly with the annual seasons. Annual reports (usually available in December or soon thereafter) are larger and can be more detailed than quarterly reports.

Government Departments also divide the year into roughly four equal parts to examine progress. Constant review is part of the business of Government as well as the government of business, and affects everyone's future.

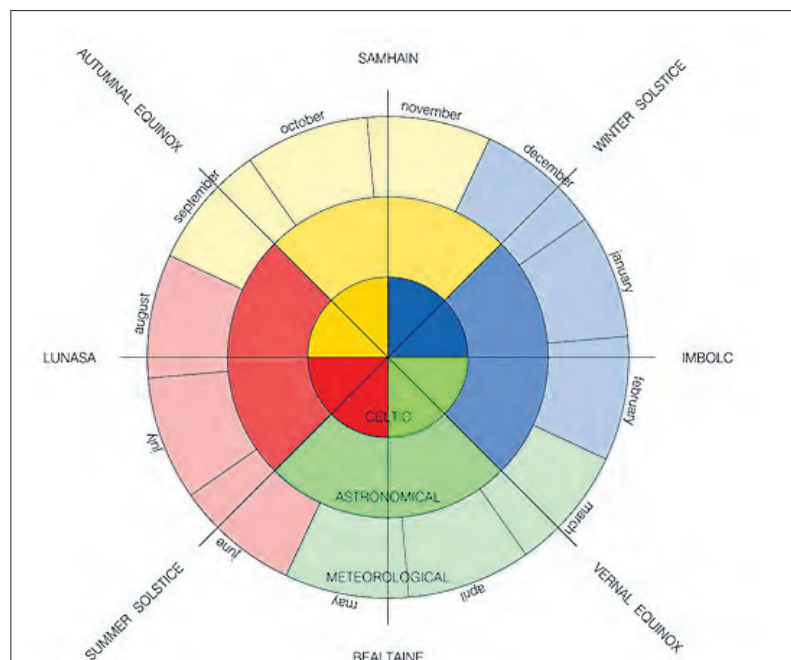
The Earth and the Sun

We may not always be conscious that seasonality occurs because of the movements of our planet around the sun. These movements bring about our seasons, determined by the transition between the equinoxes (particular dates in March and September, when day and night are of equal length) and solstices (particular dates in June and December).

The seasons and seasonal weather affect our lives in many ways – school terms, agriculture, hobbies and leisure, transport, business and Government activities to name a few – and not just financially and nowadays, but going back through the ages also.

Newgrange and other ancient monuments are proof that our ancient ancestors were aware of the impact of equinoxes and solstices more perhaps than we are today. However, we still recognise the changing seasons and the longer and shorter daylight hours as the year progresses.

So, welcome to Michaelmas and may we all thrive in the coming Samhain, Christmas and Winter.



SEASONS: Comparative seasons wheel.

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Exciting new programme

ANNOUNCED FOR THE RED LINE BOOK FESTIVAL

By **Ryan Butler**
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AN EXCITING new programme has been announced for the Red Line Book Festival coming up on October 14 –20 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 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 with 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, whether you’re a reader, writer, or simply a lover of stories. From engaging discussions with authors to exciting workshops and performances, this festival creates 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. I would like to thank our partners and venues for their continuing commitment to the festival. To all

attendees, I hope you enjoy the diverse program of events, discover new perspectives, and leave inspired,” said Cllr Baby Pereppadan, Mayor of South Dublin County.

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 program with Sharon Mannion, which will mentor participants in a series of workshops looking at all aspects of comedy writing and performance, culminating in a showcase event during the festival.

The festival’s Family Fun Day returns to Tallaght’s cultural quarter on Saturday, October 19, and promises to be a day of literary magic and Hallowe’en fun for all ages with activities including storytelling sessions, illustration workshops from top Irish artists working in children’s literature, as well as live music, creative events, children’s entertainment, and lots more. ‘Tallaween’ will also be unleashed on Saturday, 19, bringing the library’s darkest tales to life. Monsters, demons, and zombies will escape the pages and haunt Parthalán Place every night from 5pm to 9pm until October 31.

Other highlights of the festival include the prestigious Red Line Book Festival Poetry Competition, which attracts hundreds of entries from all across Ireland annually. Award-winning poet Patrick Deeley will judge the competition entries, and the closing date for entries is Monday, 16th September. The shortlist will be announced on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, and the winners will be announced during this year’s Red Line Book Festival.

Now in its 13th year, The Red Line Book Festival is produced by South Dublin Libraries and Arts at South Dublin County Council, offering a program of events and workshops that appeal to people of all ages and interests, from children to adults, casual readers to bookworms.

See www.redlinefestival.ie for the full program of events taking place across all venues.



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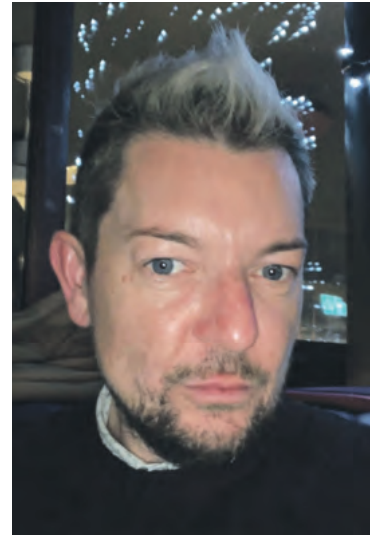
“Roast beef, medium, is not only a food. It is a philosophy.

Edna Ferber

Food with Passion

PERFECT ROAST BEEF & CRUNCHY ROAST POTATOES

by John Paul Kennedy / jpkennedy.kennedy@gmail.com



I don't think there is a more delicious and inviting smell than a sirloin of beef roasting in the oven. For me it invokes memories of my childhood Sunday's! When cooked well this is a very special meal, one that's quick and easy to make but also one you can take your time preparing on a lazy Sunday. Served with my perfect crunchy roast potatoes and your favourite Sunday roast accompaniments, makes for the perfect Sunday supper! Important to source a good quality piece of beef for this special meal. If you can, go to your local butcher, it might cost a bit more, but it's worth it for better quality and maximum flavour. You will need to source some dried polenta for my perfect roast potatoes, a tub of which goes a long way!

Ingredients: (Serves 4)

1.5-1.7kg Sirloin of Beef
5 shallots- chopped in half
2 carrots- roughly chopped
2 sticks of celery – roughly chopped
Sprig of fresh thyme
Sprig of fresh Rosemary
Rapeseed oil
Sea Salt & Cracked Black Pepper

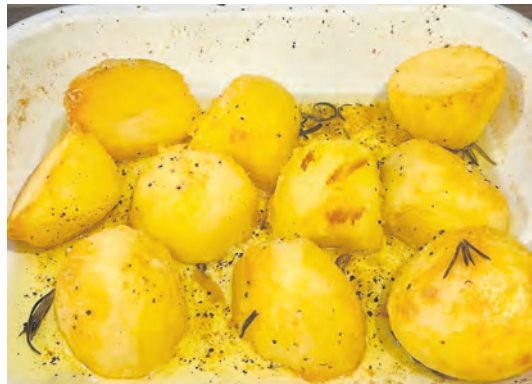
Crunchy Roast Potatoes:

8-10 medium potatoes peeled and cut evenly
6 tablespoons of vegetable
2 tablespoons of dried polenta
Sea Salt & Cracked Black Pepper
1 Sprig of rosemary- chopped

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Method:

1. Preheat your oven to 220 degrees.
2. Place the beef and chopped veg. oil and herbs in a roasting tin. Place into the pre-heated hot oven, cook for 20 minutes then reduce the temperature to 160 degrees and cook for another hour – this will give perfect medium cooked beef. If you like it rare, reduce cooking time by 10 minutes, if you want it well done increase by another ten minutes. Cover in foil and allow to rest for 15 minutes.
3. Pour oil into the base of a roasting and place into the oven.
4. Steam your potatoes 8- 10 minutes. Sprinkle over 1 tablespoon of polenta then place the potatoes into hot oil in the roasting tin. These should sizzle. Sprinkle over the remaining polenta and season well and add the chopped rosemary. Cook for 45 -50 minutes turning half way through the cooking time.
5. Serve with slices of the delicious tender sirloin of beef. Make sure to use the juices from the beef pan in your gravy for extra deliciousness.
6. Serve with your favourite veg accompaniments and enjoy.



My brother Barry is a beef fanatic. He jokes it would be his final meal if on death row! He was home from London last weekend and this is what I made for the Sunday roast. I was reminded it had been a while since I last made roast beef for Sunday supper, but I was also quickly reminded by the delicious smells enveloping the house, how much I had missed making it. Sourcing good quality beef will make a real difference to the flavour. It's worth spending the extra for a real treat! The polenta gives wonderful crunch to the roast potatoes that remain soft inside, the perfect combination!

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Sadhbh's on song

RISING MUSICIAN PLAY AT THE ÁRAS

By **Ryan Butler**
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SADHBH Keane, who is 16-years-old, started busking at the age of 11 on Grafton Street, having begun to write her own songs at 10 years of age. In 2023, at 15, she achieved the major milestone of releasing her six-track debut EP to critical acclaim. Tony Clayton Lee stated, "The Dublin teenager, whose songs effortlessly highlight maturity beyond her age, displayed a nifty talent at delivering smart acoustic pop songs with decent lyrics on her 2023 debut EP, *Passion + Paper*. (Anyone who can rhyme "pandemic" with "academic" is okay in my book.)"

Since June 2023's release of *Passion + Paper*, the Irish music scene has begun to take notice.

In October 2023, Sadhbh from Clondalkin released a new single, 'I Give Up On Love'. Fionnuala Moran, a 2FM DJ, pointed out after Sadhbh sang the song live on air, "I saw Dermot Kennedy before he became big; the power and clarity in his voice I saw in hers as well, just spectacular, magic."

In December 2023, Sadhbh released a Christmas song about the homeless crisis, 'Life at Christmas' by Glen Hansard, when Sadhbh sang the song at Glen's request at the famous Dublin Christmas Eve Busk. Glen praised her talent: "Sadhbh's song on Christmas Eve was my favourite. She's got a real gift." The song was playlisted on Radio 1 for 4 weeks running and received radio support across Ireland and some

plays in the US & Canada.

In December 2023, Sadhbh was listed in the Irish Times as one of 20 artists to watch in 2024.

In March 2024, Sadhbh released another single, 'She Really Loves You,' with widespread support and radio play.

Sadhbh is very fortunate to have had continuous opportunities to sing her own songs and perform live on countless occasions since the age of 11 in Áras Chronáin, an Irish cultural centre in the heart of her native Clondalkin Village.

In addition to all of these opportunities, Sadhbh has sold out two headline shows with full band in October 2022 and June 2023 and co-headlined in the Soundhouse Dublin in October of 2023.

Sadhbh has previously supported Niall McNamee in the Workman's cellar, Emer Crehan in St Mary's Church Celbridge, Emma Langford at Snug Sessions, and Saibh Skelly in the Academy. She played on stage at the Kaleidoscope festival in 2023 and will play Kaleidoscope again later this summer. Sadhbh toured the Island of Lanzarote in March 2023, playing 7 gigs in Irish venues over 5 days, a mix of covers and her own original music.

Sadhbh recently played the renowned Ruby Sessions in Dublin city centre and played the Galway Arts Festival recently. In July Sadhbh supported the Pillow Queens at the SubSounds festival in Dublin.

Sadhbh sold out her last headline show in Áras Chronáin in June.

She will be performing this weekend at Áras Chronáin on October 5 and then at the Dun Laoghaire Festival on October 6; make sure to get your tickets now and don't miss out!



Sandpaper on Sunburn

DIRECTOR DAVID HORAN WROTE THE PLAY DURING THE PANDEMIC

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Written & Directed by David Horan

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THE CIVIC
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arts council funding theatre

By **Ryan Butler**
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"I WANTED to explore the idea of someone revealing to their ex that they're on the spectrum, and how they navigate that revelation; could it be why things didn't work out between them?" explains writer-director David Horan when asked about the inspiration behind his latest project, 'Sandpaper on Sunburn.'

It's September 2018 and everyone's living in a new, more inclusive Ireland after two referendums and one hot summer.

We're all redefining ourselves. And so is Freya. She got dumped. But when her ex shows up at her parents' door along with unexpected news, it feels like anything is possible again.

Can sensitive, difficult Freya learn to see herself anew? The personal becomes political in 'Sandpaper on Sunburn', a "funny" and "fascinating" exploration of identity and

family.

David had time to write it during the pandemic, with it having been "brewing" for four years, and one of the highlights of working on it has been working with the "brilliant" cast.

He was drawn to the Civic as a venue as he presented his last play 'Class' there to a warm reception, as it focused on working-class characters and the working-class audience could relate to it.

David is hoping 'Sandpaper on Sunburn' has a "similar life" to 'Class' in terms of success and he is also planning to continue his duties as Artistic Director of Bewley's Cafe Theatre.

He would like to thank the "great" support from the Civic, Smock Alley, the Pavillion Arts Studios, and the arts council for helping with 'Sandpaper on Sunburn', which performs from October 10 to 12 in the Civic; tickets are on sale now, so don't miss out!

Advertorial

JP Poker Card Club making waves



JP POKER Card Club continues to make waves in the Irish live poker scene with the announcement of their partnership with WPT Global to bring a new monthly event to the Irish poker community.

The monthly event will boast a €50,000 guaranteed prize pool for a modest €200 buy-in and will be held the first weekend of each month that includes the first Saturday of the month. The first

event will commence on Thursday 3rd October and finish on Sunday 6th October.

From humble beginnings in 2005 when JP Poker first ran pub poker leagues, to their new state of the art facility located in Tallaght's well-known Arena complex, which opened in January of this year, JP Poker has come a long way.

Owner JP Mc Cann, a Tallaght native, is a well-known figure in

the poker world.

In addition to the JP Poker card club brand, JP is known as the organiser of the Irish Open, the world oldest poker tournament outside of Las Vegas, an event which was held at City West Hotel along with the Norwegian Poker Championships up until 2022 and has since moved location to the RDS.

With almost 20 years of international experience in

running card rooms and poker festivals, JP knows what players like. His leadership and passion for poker are reflected in the high-quality poker experience the club offers as he aims to make JP Poker Card Club Ireland's premier poker destination.

Nightly tournaments run 7 days a week with entries ranging from €65 to €110 and guaranteed prize-pools ranging from €2,500 to €5,000. There is also a mid-

monthly game which runs on the second Wednesday of every month with a €15,000 GTD prize-pool for €250 entry.

We really look forward to welcoming all players, both old and new to JP Poker Card Club in Tallaght for our €50,000 GTD event this weekend and into the future! For further info visit www.jppoker.ie

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Advertorial

Second world matchmaking festival

CASTLEBAR in County Mayo is getting ready for an invasion of revellers and fun seekers from all over the world when it hosts the 2nd World Matchmaking Festival and the All-Ireland Social Dancing Gathering for 10 days and 10 nights this November.

Kicking off on Friday November 1 and continuing non-stop until Monday morning November 11, this spectacular event will feature 25 bands providing up to 80 hours of dancing with Speed Dating and Blind Date Shows part of the fun on offer.

The world-renowned 4 star Breaffy House Hotel & Spa Resort, located on 101 acres of Irish countryside, has been

chosen as the venue to welcome the thousands of fun lovers expected to travel west to enjoy the craic, dance the days/nights away, make new friends and hopefully enjoy a bit of romance.

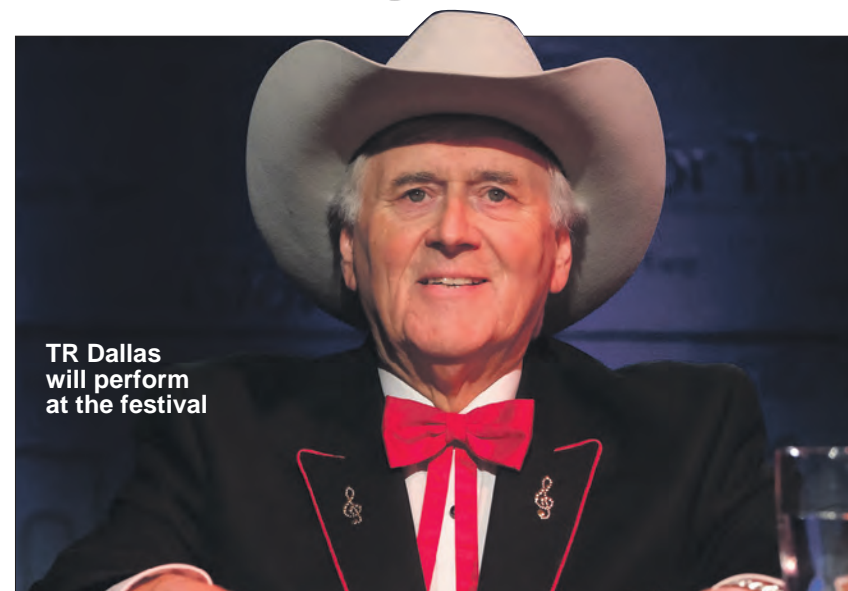
Showtours, the company who promoted this event in Bundoran last year which attracted record crowds, have listened to the cries of Dublin and UK social dancers and singles and moved it to Castlebar so they can avail of trains from the Fair City and flights from London, Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool to the nearby Ireland West Airport.

Accommodation providers in the Castlebar area have reported huge demand for bedrooms and

Breaffy House Hotel & Spa Resort is offering unbeatable all-in package deals of bed and breakfast and all the entertainment from 79 euro per person sharing.

Weekend package deals are almost booked out and there is a super midweek offer (Sunday thru Thursday) for the unbelievable price of 250 euro per person sharing (price of one night in Dublin!) See advertisement on other page of this newspaper or log on to www.showtours.ie for all details.

For bookings call Showtours at 01 2530563 or Breaffy House 094 9022033. Online bookings showtours.ie or breaffyhouserest.com



TR Dallas will perform at the festival

“ The hardest thing about exercise is to start doing it. Once you are doing exercise regularly, the hardest thing is to stop it.

Erin Gray

Health & Fitness

THE BEST TIME TO EXERCISE

by Ursula Frawley / info@moveitfitness.ie

October is here and many people are getting started with a new fitness routine! You might be an early bird who loves to start the day at dawn, or you could be full of energy later in the day and enjoy walking or exercising to finish off your day. However, is there a best time of the day to exercise to get the maximum benefits? This week, I'm going to break down the pros and cons of exercising at different times of the day!

Early in the morning - the benefits of getting early exercise in!

Many people will argue that starting their day with exercise gives them that extra energy boost they need, giving them productivity surges that may last for hours. It's true that exercise increases blood flow throughout the body and wakes us up, so if you need to be productive early in the day, this might be the best time for you to clock in for a workout. Another great reason to move more early in the day is that it can assist with sleep. We all have a natural circadian rhythm and training the body to be active early may help to boost tiredness when you're ready for sleep at night.

TIP: Put together your workout clothes ready to go the night before. This will make the transition much easier. I have known some of my clients to sleep in their exercise clothes so they are up and ready right away!

However, remember, if you're planning on exercising early in the



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day, ensure you've gone to bed early enough that you have had adequate sleep. Also, if you are finding that you are sluggish throughout your workout, perhaps the mornings are not your best time.

Later in the day - the pros of a later workout

I have heard lots of people express their love for exercise later in the day as it helps the body and mind to de-stress and gives us an endorphin hit to drown out any mundane and stressful events of the day.

There are other benefits too! Your body is more awake and has been moving around all day, so the transition over the exercise may be easier and the warm up stage might be shorter. Also, you've had more time to prepare the body mentally and physically, which may give you a greater chance of a productive workout!

Also, scheduling in times later in the day is less stressful because you are not rushing out the door to work or other commitments.

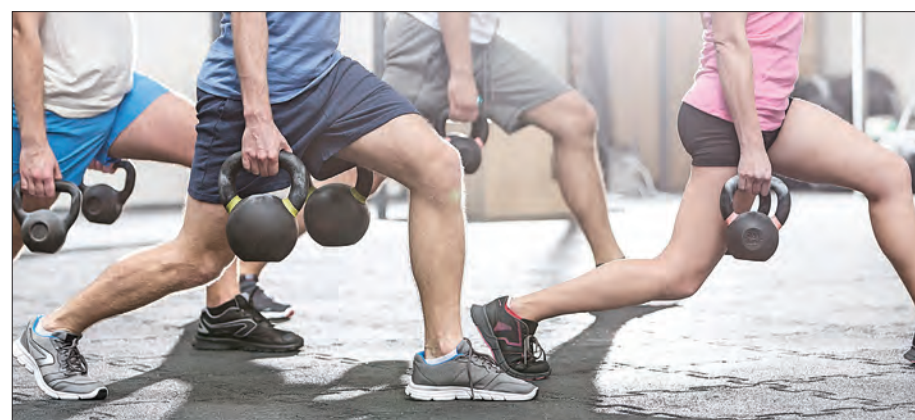
However, remember, as with early morning exercise, if you find you are lacking in energy and tired from the day's activities, you might consider switching to a time in the morning to get more from your workout. Also, ensure the busy distractions from your day are not weighing you down and disrupting you from focusing on your exercise.

So, overall, when is the best time to exercise?

The answer is that any exercise in your day is great for your body, mind and soul! So, the best time is the time that is best for you! If you are a morning person and your energy dips later in the day, then it's time to start scheduling your day to start with movement early before you're more sluggish. If it takes a while for you to wake up and alert, then a later active schedule will be better suited to your rhythms!

Enjoy the cool, crisp weather as autumn is well and truly here! It's a great time to exercise, whether it's morning or evening!

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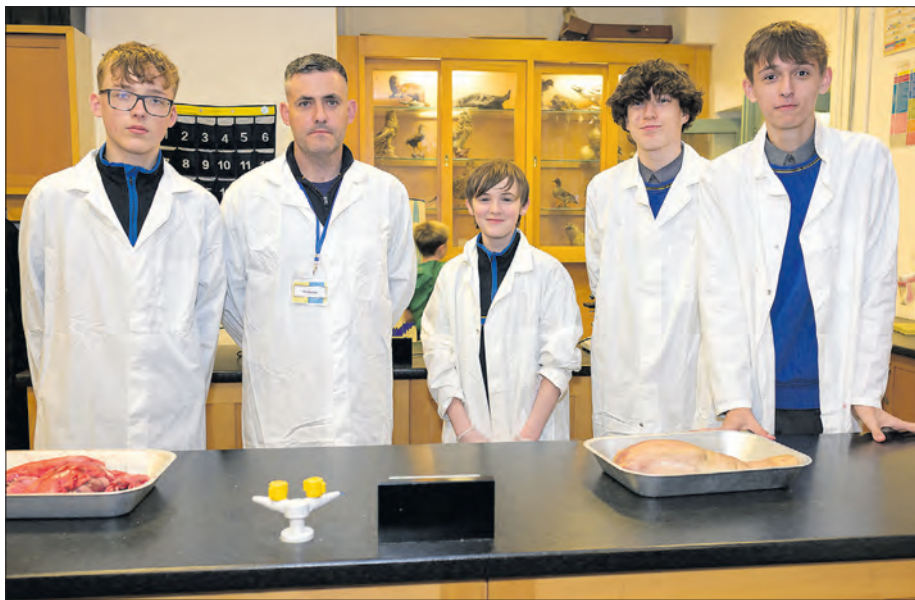
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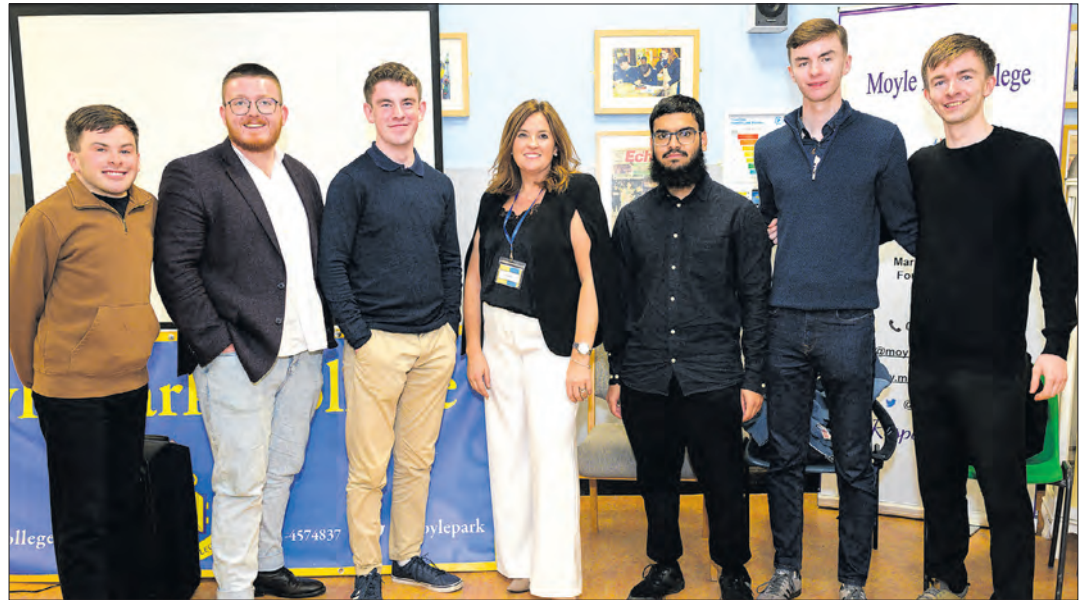
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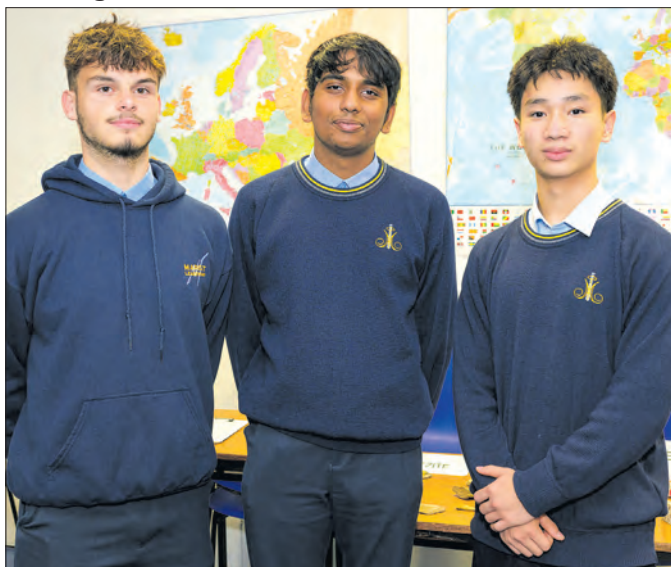
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Teacher Mr Quane with Hercus Burlega, Andrew Delaney, Ben Harling and Mati Rafalowski



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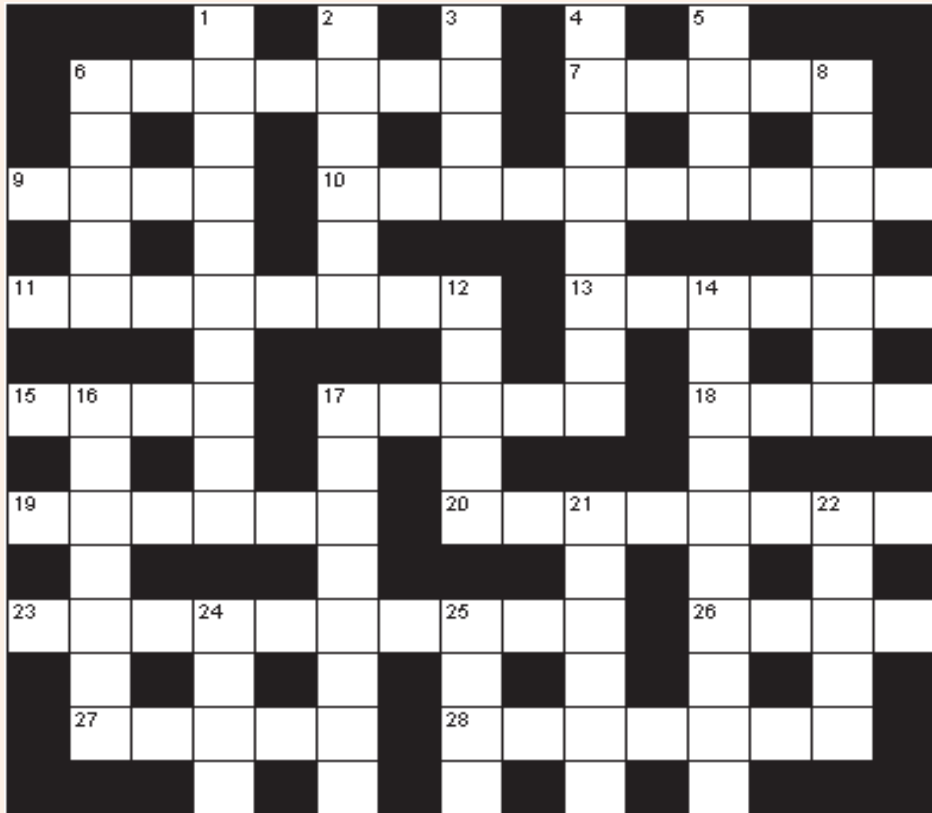


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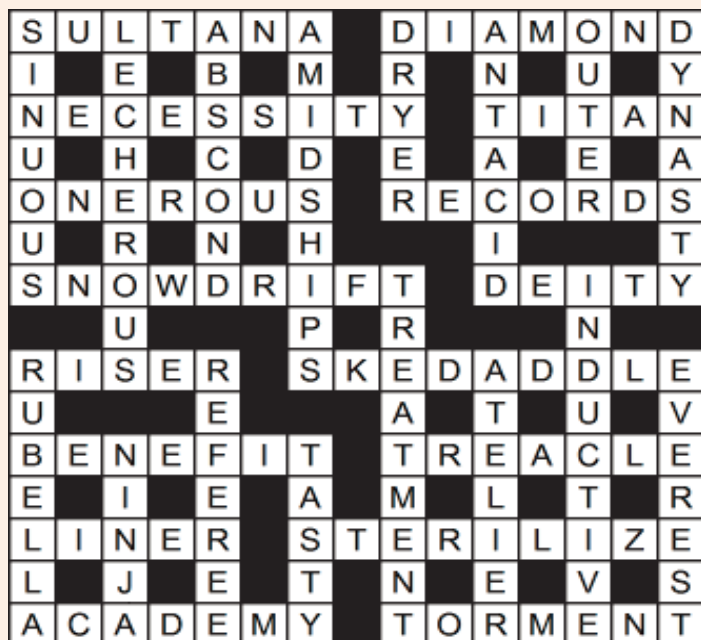
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- 6. Malleable (7)
- 7. Perpendicular to the keel (5)
- 9. South American country (4)
- 10. An expression of sympathy (10)
- 11. Eccentric (8)
- 13. Showing signs of wear and tear (6)
- 15. Decorative case (4)
- 17. Fussbudget (5)
- 18. Musical staff symbol (4)
- 19. Humorously sarcastic (6)
- 20. Recklessness (8)
- 23. Placenta (10)
- 26. Competent (4)
- 27. Desire strongly (5)
- 28. Fussy (7)

DOWN

- 1. Cease and desist order (10)
- 2. Breathe spasmodically (6)
- 3. Unskilled laborer (4)
- 4. Splendidly (8)
- 5. Not there (4)
- 6. Not our (5)
- 8. Gruesome (7)
- 12. An English dynasty (5)
- 14. Dominance (10)
- 16. Frugal (7)
- 17. Spine (8)
- 21. A certain Egyptian statue (6)
- 22. Nonsensical (5)
- 24. Jacob's brother (4)
- 25. Excessively abundant (4)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS 2609



CAN YOU BEAT THIS WEEK'S CROSSQUIZ?

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SUDOKU 1

Poet's Corner

AUTUMN LEAVES

by Catherine Lynch

My name is Catherine Lynch, I grew up in Bolbrook, Tallaght and my love of poetry began with The Owl & The Pussycat by Edward Lear which I would proudly recite for anyone who would listen. Nowadays I love to escape with a pen to write poems. Writing gives me sanity and great clarity. It's also a good cure for insomnia.

Swirling leaves crisp and dry	when the rain has dried
Dance the breeze of the morning sky	And the wind will scatter them far and wide
Yellow and golden they rise then dip	Till they settle slowly on a compost heap
And land below where the raindrops drip	And settling together they can finally sleep
Keeping them together like a kind of glue	Till spring will come and awaken their cure
Now one's been taken on the sole of a shoe	Spreading new life again they go back on tour
They take off again	

Attendance Awards

PUPILS RECEIVE ACHIEVEMENT CERTS AT SCOIL NANO NAGLE

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Aine, Oliver and Annette Else



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Theresa Gilligan, Alfie Mullen and Elaine Gilligan



Pupils proudly show off their certificates



Aaron, Abbey and Ciara



Kai Cobe, Hugo Hanley and Troy Clarke



Ashling and Ellie



Calvin McSweeney and Leanne Purcell



Max and his Nana



Mateo and his Mam

FLASH GORDON

RUGADH AGUS TOGADH MÉ SAN FHORAIS ARBORIA LE MO CHOL CEATHAR BARIN.

MAR PHRIONSAÍ, NÍ RAIBH ACH DHÁ PHRÍOMH-DUALGAIS AGAINN: STAIDÉAR A DHÉANAMH AR AIRM AGUS DUINE MAITH A PHÓSADH.

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...AG SEASAMH IN AICE LE FRIA CHRÓSA, ÁLAINN.
PHÓS MÉ DUINE AN-MHAITH.

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...MURA MBEADH FLASH GORDON ANN.
TÁ AN PRIONSA RONAL FAOI CHOMAOIN AGAT ARÍS, FLASH.

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CHOMH FADA GO BHFUL CÉAD AGAM.

AR AON NÓS:
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TÓGANN SIAD ABHAILE MUID CHUIG BLAIC AN LAE, PRÍOMHCHATHAIR NA FRIGIA.
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...AGUS BHÍ CUNTA KORRO I GCEANNAS AR FEADH AN AMA. NÍ DROCHDHUILE É, ACH IN ANIM TOA, IS FEAR CRUA É.
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FATHAIGH CREACHACHA.
MIANADÓIRI BRADACHA.
AGUS...RUD ÉIGIN EILE.
RUD ÉIGIN MÓR.
AN CHÉAD CHLÁR EILE: AN FHOINSE SNEACHTA

THE PHANTOM

CREATED BY LEE FALK

THIS IS AS FAR AS I WENT THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE.
I GOT THE IDEA IT MIGHT BE MY LAST CHANCE TO TURN BACK BEFORE I HAD A BATTLE ON MY HANDS.
CREATURES PRESSED IN ON ME FROM ALL SIDES...

I DON'T SEE ANY CREATURES HERE NOW. AND DEVIL'S NOT WARNING US OF ANY.
LET'S KEEP GOING!

WE'VE BEEN GAINING ELEVATION FOR SOME TIME NOW...
THAT COULD MEAN THE SECOND ENTRANCE IS JUST AROUND THE NEXT CORNER.

YOU KEEP SAYING "SECOND ENTRANCE."
YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE COULD BE A DOZEN WAYS IN AND OUT OF THE TEMPLE FOR ALL WE KNOW.

DARLING? WHAT IS IT?
Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 10-23-22

THIS IS NOTHING LIKE THE ANCIENT HISTORY WE'VE SEEN SO FAR...
THIS IS MORE LIKE CURRENT EVENTS.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

TODAY'S THE DAY, BLUTO! TODAY YOU BEAT POPEYE!

WHAT I'D GIVE FOR HIM TO START THE DAY WITH A NEW LIE.

AWRIGHT, BLUTO! GIT READY T'TAKE FLIGHT!

DON'TSK DO IT!
HUH?! IS-- IS YA ME?

I'M YA FROM AN AWFUL FUTURE CAUSED BY PUNCHIN' BLUTO INTO ORBIT! YA KIN'T DO IT!

BWAHAHAHAH!
THE ONE THING YA LOVE MOST IS BEATING ME UP AN' NOW YA CAN'T! HA!

KIN I JUSK PUNCH HIM INTO TH' GROUND?
SURE, THAT'S FINE.

I'M YOU FROM THE FUTURE! SHUT YOUR BIG MOUTH-- HOW DO I ALWAYS ARRIVE TOO LATE EVEN WITH TIME TRAVEL?





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A Word with Echo So...

LANGUAGE




CLUBBERS, HOW MANY WORDS (TWO LETTERS OR MORE) CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE ABOVE WORD?

5-20 pretty good! 21-35 excellent! 36 and over - you do realise these have to be real words, don't you!

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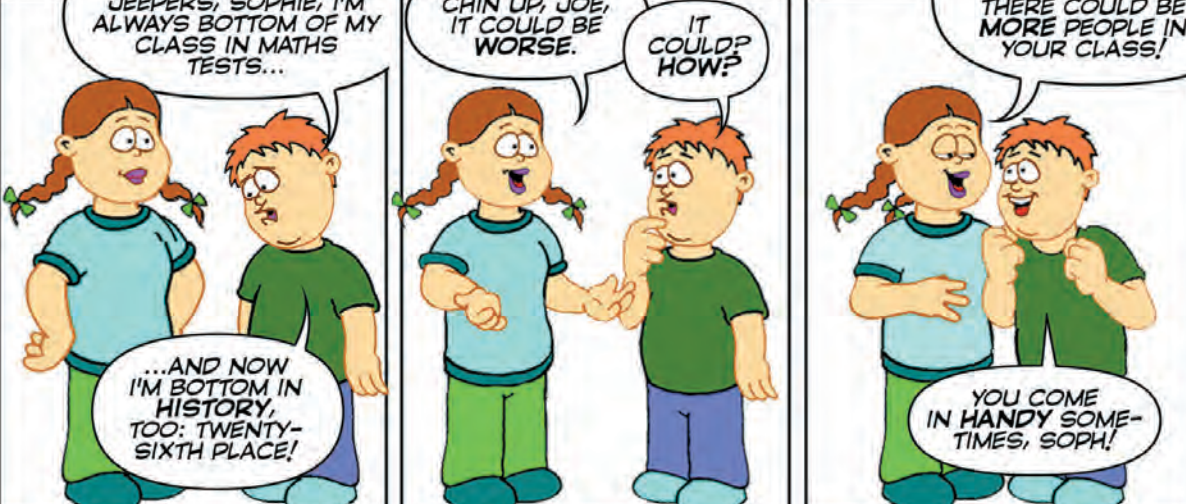
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vegetables



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4 Tomato
5 Radish
7 Eggplant
9 Cabbage
10 Cucumber
11 Corn
6 Onion
8 Carrot
1 Red Pepper
3 Broccoli
10 Pumpkin



JEEPERS, SOPHIE, I'M ALWAYS BOTTOM OF MY CLASS IN MATHS TESTS...


...AND NOW I'M BOTTOM IN HISTORY, TOO: TWENTY-SIXTH PLACE!

CHIN UP, JOE, IT COULD BE WORSE.

IT COULD? HOW?

THERE COULD BE MORE PEOPLE IN YOUR CLASS!

YOU COME IN HANDY SOMETIMES, SOPH!



Fill in the blanks with the words ALL, ANT, BAR, BOW, CANE, CLONE, EAT, LAKE, LOG, LOUD, MET, METEOR, NOW, RAIN, RAT, SNOW, SOON, SURE, TEMP, UNDER, WIN to reveal 14 weather related words.

ANSWER:

BAR X O X MET X ER
HURRI X CANE X
TH X UNDER X
TEMP X E X RAT X URE
PRES X SURE X
MON X SOON X
SNOW X F X LAKE X
S X NOW X F X ALL X
RAIN X BOW X
C X LOUD X
ANT X ICY X CLONE X
H X EAT X WIN X D
METEOR X O X LOG X Y

Find the ten differences between the two pictures



COLOURING BOOK



LETTER LINK LOG-JAM

A MISSING LETTER ON EACH ROW FINISHES ONE WORD AND STARTS THE NEXT...

BUT WHAT ARE THE LETTERS?

TUR		ECK
KNO		RAP
CLA		ANK
SHU		UMB
PAS		ASK
RAS		LOT
TRI		ASK
WAN		EPP

the missing letters: N, T, D, N, T, P, M, D.

winner

Emily Healy, is this week's winner of The Echo Joe Club logo colouring competition. Emily, your prize will be on the way to you soon. All entries stay in so you have another chance to win!

Golf Classic Fundraiser

FOR JADD HELD IN SLADE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

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Bobby Roche, Ned Fahy, Jimmy Desay and James O'Reilly



Tommy Gilson, Donal O'Connell (Chair), Jacinta Keegan, Rose Dodson and Niamh Guerrine



Paddy Doherty, Stephen Deegan and Peter Caulfield



Tommy Gilson and Eamonn Devoy (Sponsor)



Joe McDermott, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen McDermott and Ger Nagle



Tommy Gilson and Paul Perth



Mark Walsh, John Noonan, Donal O'Connell and Charlie O'Brien



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Longstanding Service

MARYFIELD NURSING HOME STAFF RECEIVE AWARDS

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Sr Mena O'Donnell (Maryfield Provider) with Suma Mathai (14 years service)



Sr Mena O'Donnell (Maryfield Provider) with Teresa Pacer (17 years service)



Sr Mena O'Donnell (Maryfield Provider) with Mary Chit (10 years service)



Sr Mena O'Donnell (Maryfield Provider) with Marie Coughlan (11 years service)



Sr Mena O'Donnell (Maryfield Provider) with Michelle Cramp (25 years Service)



Residents enjoying the celebrations



Sr Mena O'Donnell (Maryfield Provider) with Ben Agnes (17 years service)



Sr Mena O'Donnell (Maryfield Provider) with Aimee Moore (21 years service)



Sr Mena O'Donnell (Maryfield Provider) with Krista McGregor (25 Years Service)

Recovery Run

RUN WITH ROB IN KILLINARDEN AS PART OF RECOVERY MONTH

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Natasha, Keiron and Amanda



Anthony McLoughlin, Jamie O'Connell and Stephen Brennan



Wayne McKenna and Nathan Sharkey



Sacred Heart Football Club participated in the run



Grace Hill, David Caul and Breda Byrne



Jacqueline, The Connolly family, Niamh, Cllr Teresa Costello and Tallaght Person of the Year Nico Crowley (Spiderman)



Gillian Lovett, Sean Byrne and Lisa Munnelly



Leanne, Lacey, Niamh, Bree, Sheona and Tommy

Sea of colour

AT A MULTICULTURAL EVENT IN FIRHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Mari, Salome and Nona



Dzirnavinas (Little Mills)



Milána, Markuss and Ouiwia



Ligita, Sariote and Kristina



Wolfgang Obernaur and Paul Dickson



Tomas Gausmonas and family



Lizi, Liza, Taso and Iana



Laima Prokofjeviene (Organiser)



Ia



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ANNIVERSARY



Graham, Jamie
26th Anniversary of my beautiful son Jamie occurs 3rd October.

*How can we put on paper,
The feelings we have inside,
Of a broken hearted family,
Who have missed you since you died.
26 years ago,
We had to part,
With someone we loved,
It broke our hearts.
Today is your Anniversary Jamie,
And for a time it felt as though,
My life had ended too.
But love has taught me many things,
And now I face each day,
With hope and happy memories,
To help me on my way.
You still live on in our hearts and minds,
Of a loving family you left behind.
Never forgotten, loved so much, your loving family, Mam, Nanny, Grandas, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, your sisters Chelsea and Taylor, your brothers Brandon and Nathan & your nephew Jamie. xxxxx*

ANNIVERSARY



Behan, James
4th Anniversary occurred 30th September. Late of Kilnamanagh.

*Although I cannot see you,
We are never far apart,
You are closer than you ever were,
You're right here in my heart,
It broke my heart to lose you,
Your parting caused such pain,
But the greatest day is yet to come,
When we will meet again.
Love and miss you forever Gem, love your wife Bernie. xx*

*You did so many things for us,
Your heart was so kind and true,
And when we needed someone,
We could always count on you,
The special years will not return,
When we are all together,
But with the love in our hearts,
You walk with us forever.
Miss you always Grandad love Dylan, Emily & Georgia. xxx*

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Cole, Kathleen
3rd Birthday away from home occurs 7th October.

*Remembering our mam on this her 87th Birthday.
From her Sons, Daughters, Sons-in-Law, Daughters-in-Law, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.*

ANNIVERSARY

Quinn, Peter
3rd Anniversary occurs 9th October. Late of Cushlawn Walk.

*A special smile, a special face,
And in our hearts a special place,
Our memories we keep one by one,
Things you've said, songs you've sung,
They bring a smile, sometimes a tear,
But always a wish that you were still here.*

Fondly remembered by his loving wife Catherine, sons Craig & Ian, daughter Katelyn, daughter-in-law Eurika, dad Peter, sister Samantha, grandchildren Joshua, Elysia and Renesmee & also many family and close friends.

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.C.***

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NOVENA

Memorare Prayer

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, We fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them. **T.H.***

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NOVENA

Angel Of Portugal

*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which he is offended. And, through the infinite merits of his Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. **R.G.***

NOVENA

Angel Of Portugal

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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. **B.B.***

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South Dublin County Council

I, Kevin Kelly, intend to apply for: Planning Permission at this site: 1 Ballynakelly Cottage, Ballynakelly, Newcastle, Co. Dublin, D22EE95. The development will consist of: Removal of the existing flat roof to the side, along with the hipped roof to the side and rear. To be replaced by a ground-floor flat roof extension with an increased height and roof light to the side, as well as a first-floor flat roof extension to the rear (South), also featuring a roof light. Additionally, there will be a single-storey ground-floor flat roof extension to the rear (South). The small timber shed in the rear garden will be removed and replaced with a new shed to serve as a home office and gym. 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. 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 within 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.

South Dublin County Council

Planning permission sought for to extend the existing front driveway, vehicular access & dished concrete footpath to the existing two storey semi-detached dwelling at 38. Fortfield Drive, Terenure, D6w for Patrick & Deirdre Conroy. 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

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South Dublin County Council

I, Romaine Nolan, am applying for Permission for an extension and refurbishment of the existing building and construction of a new garage to the rear; the development will include demolition of the existing single-storey rear extension plus out-buildings and the construction of a new, larger rear extension comprising a two-storey element with double-hipped roof and a one storey element with flat and single-hipped roofs. The development also includes a remodelled front projection, a new semi-open car port, storage room to the attic which will include roof modifications, new brick façade and other façade modifications to the whole building, window modifications to front elevation, a remodelled driveway with widened entrance and all associated site works at 9 Vesey Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78K3H0. 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

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South Dublin County Council

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.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

SD19B/0317/EP 16 Sep 2024 Extension Of Duration Of Permission
Applicant: Patrick Lavelle
Location: 45, Dodsboro Road, The Paddocks, Lucan, Co. Dublin
Description: Single storey extension to front, side and rear consisting of 1 bedroom and all associated site works.

SD24A/0107W 17 Sep 2024 Permission Additional Information
Applicant: Moffash ULC
Location: Within the townlands of Kilmactawlay and Milltown, Newcastle, Co. Dublin
Description: Development at this site on lands that include the Aylmer Road (L6003); Baldonnel Road (L2001); and lands that include a small section to the north, but are primarily to the south, of the Aylmer Road, including part of the Griffin allotments, within the townland of Kilmactawlay and Milltown, Newcastle, Co. Dublin consisting of the widening, to its south, of the existing Aylmer Road (L6003) from its junction with the Baldonnel Road (L2001) for a distance of c. 520m to the west. The widened road will tie in with the existing road to the west of a proposed new roundabout. The new roundabout will be created by utilising lands to the north and south of Aylmer Road to facilitate access to a new internal estate road (270m in length) to its south-east with a new roundabout at its end that will provide future access to the lands to its north and south. The widening of the Aylmer Road to a 7.5m wide carriageway will be almost entirely to its south and will include a proposed new shared cycle path and pedestrian footpath along its southern side, with the existing hedgerow to be retained for large lengths, and a new hedgerow to be planted where the existing one is to be removed. The proposed new shared cycle and footpath will tie in with a proposed new footpath and cycle path that will be located either side of the new internal estate road. These works will include the provision of 2 new dry attenuation basins on the south side of the widened road. The development will include all ancillary infrastructural works, street lighting, site development and ground works, including fencing, signage, and landscaping.

SD24A/0117 18 Sep 2024 Permission Additional Information
Applicant: Derek Smullen
Location: 1, Heather View Avenue, Aylesbury, Tallaght, D24
Description: Planning permission sought for a new two storey end of terraced dwelling to the side of the existing two storey dwelling with concrete roof tiled & external finishes to

match existing; new driveway with new vehicular access with dished footpath & associate site works.

SD24B/0273 18 Sep 2024 Permission Additional Information
Applicant: Louise Clarke and Niall Munroe
Location: 66, Rockfield Avenue, Perrystown, Dublin 12
Description: The Development will consist of the erection of an aluminium storage shed in the front driveway, The erection of composite fencing along the boundary wall with house number 68 plus the widening of the vehicular entrance and all associated site works.

SD24B/0294 20 Sep 2024 Permission Additional Information
Applicant: Ahmed Zaid & Boshra Khalil
Location: 15, Woodstown Rise, Knocklyon, Dublin 16, D16XW14
Description: Proposed Build-up of Existing Hip in roof to side of roof into Dutch hip at Attic level, with window in proposed gable wall, dormer roof window on rear slope of roof & 1no. Velux roof light on front slope of roof all at attic level. Proposed attic conversion. Proposed first floor internal Alterations. Proposed ground floor rear extension with pitched roof over for use as family flat with floor area 30m sq.

SD23A/0286 19 Sep 2024 Permission Clarification of Additional Information
Applicant: John Gargan
Location: Greenogue Recycling, Tay Lane, Rathcreedan, Rathcoole, Co Dublin
Description: The development will consist of a 4.42 hectare site currently in use as Greenogue Recycling to include the following; A) Demolition of existing green recycling structures on site including office and storage shed with total area of 2,265m2. B) Construction of 7 no. warehouse units, with maximum height of 15.3 meters, all with ancillary office, staff areas, bin stores etc. Each unit has access to service yard and HGV loading / unloading area. The total floor area of the warehouse development is 16,602.2 m2, made up as follows; i) Unit 1 - gross floor area of 3,851.1 m2. ii) Unit 2 - gross floor area of 3,886.8 m2. iii) Unit 3 - gross floor area of 2,758.3 m2. iv) Unit 4 - gross floor area of 1,685.4 m2. v) Unit 5 - gross floor area of 1,062.2 m2. vi) Unit 6 gross floor area of 1,679.2 m2. vii) Unit 7 - gross floor area of 1,679.2m2. C) Access to be provided from existing entrance to the site via Tay Lane. New footpaths / cyclepaths throughout the site including a new footpath / cyclepath connection to the Greenogue Logistics

Park to the north of the site. D) 170 no. car parking spaces and 100 no. secure, sheltered bicycle parking spaces to serve the warehouse units. E) All ancillary site development works to include; minor realignment of site entrance, landscaping, internal roads, drainage, utility services, service yards, HGV loading / unloading areas, level access goods doors, dock levellers, site lighting, boundary treatments, signage, storm water drainage network, underground water and foul servicing, green roofs on warehouse units, form part of this application.

SD24A/0215W 14 Sep 2024 Permission New Application
Applicant: Oranday Properties 1 Limited
Location: Unit 23, Second Avenue, Cookstown Industrial Estate, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 FP95
Description: Demolition of 29.5m2 loading bay and removal of 3 no. storage containers and ancillary 5 no. storage tanks with extension of 394m2 9.0m high warehouse extension with 2 no. roller shutters with internal layout changes for installation of new energy efficient and sustainable equipment to existing commercial laundry with 7 no. new car parking spaces, 24 no. new bicycle spaces in secure standalone shelter with new delivery and loading area covered with new canopy and revised internal vehicular routes while retaining existing entrances to Second Avenue with ancillary site and development works.

SD24A/0217W 17 Sep 2024 Permission New Application
Applicant: Pointvale Limited
Location: Unit 12, Robinhood Industrial Estate, Robin hood road, Dublin 22, D22E894
Description: Submission Type 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.

SD24A/0218W 19 Sep 2024 Permission New Application
Applicant: Firhouse Community & Leisure Club Limited
Location: Firhouse Community & Leisure Centre, Ballycullen Drive, Firhouse, Dublin 24.
Description: Proposed expansion of use of existing ground floor level shared studio room (68.9sq.m.) within the Community Centre to allow for an additional pre-school / Montessori classroom for up to 24 children between the hours of 9.00am to 1.00pm, associated with adjoining childcare facilities within the Millenium Building at Firhouse Community & Leisure Centre.

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Echo Sport

Deputy Sports Editor: William O'Connor

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Defending champions Éanna set for start of Super League

GRIFFITH College Éanna begin the defence of their Men's Basketball Super League title on Saturday when they travel to MTU Cork to face Irish Guide Dogs Ballincollig, reports James Ffrench.

The Cork side, who won the 2022/23 Super League title, will have a fresh face in the dugout in new head coach Antonio Lopez.

However, the more things change the more they stay the same as Darren McGovern heads into his seventh season in charge of Éanna.

McGovern took over with Eanna in the second tier, a long way from the Super League champions they have become.

With success comes a heightened level of expectation and pressure, something McGovern is well aware of.

"Yeah there is definitely a bit more media attention and more people talking about us, but at the same time a lot of our players are used to playing with each other and in big games which helps," the Eanna head coach said.

"We will just take each game as it comes".

Pre-season has seen a raft of personnel changes right throughout the league with some high-profile players set to play Super League basketball this season, making the

challenge all the more difficult for McGovern and his side.

"Yeah listen it's going to be really really tough.

"A lot of teams have made changes and big signings on paper, so if those signings work out there is going to be a lot of teams competing at the top end of the table."

"With the extra games as well I think in a way it will be survival of the fittest.

"It's going to be a massive task but as I said we will just take things one game at a time"

Eanna have managed to keep the main core which made them champions last season, but they have added one fresh face with Mat McLean coming in for Donnelly Tyrell as their designated American player.

A trip to Cork to face familiar foes Ballincollig will provide the first test for McGovern's side, as another chapter in their tense rivalry will be written.

"They have made some changes.

"We have been following each other's paths really, they won the league the year before and we won it last year.

"They spent a season in the second tier and came straight back up and so did we."

"We have played each other in some big games so naturally there is a rivalry there, so we know the challenge that faces us."

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS:
Darren McGovern is heading into his seventh season in charge on Éanna

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Dublin Lions boosted by the return of Aidan

JOELS Dublin Lions kick off their 2024/25 Division One campaign with a trip to Portlaoise to face the Panthers on Saturday.

It is an almost completely different Dublin Lions roster and management team, with former Dundalk Ravens head coach Fu Faapito taking the top job.

The Clondalkin side endured a torrid season last year, winning just four matches, but new head coach Faapito has high hopes he can be the one to steer the Lions back to the Super League.

"I've revamped the whole squad, we are competing to be a top four team in the country", Faapito said.

"It's a completely new team that we've brought together, it's a highly skilled squad.

The summer also saw the announcement of the return of multiple former Dublin Lions players, including former NCAA Division One player and Louisville Cardinals athlete Aidan Igiehon who has been holding the torch for Irish basketball in the US over the last number of years.

"It was right to bring him back as the hometown hero, we are looking to build the team around him.

"Aidan with the academy he has here, it suits him to be here for the year."

As a Dublin Lions academy graduate, Igiehon does not take up the sole designated American player slot, so the Lions are able to keep their current designated player former Angelo State University athlete Evan Blackmon, who

was voted Division 1 Male Collegiate Player of the Year last season.

The Lions will face their first test in the midlands on Saturday, as they look to put down an early season marker to the rest of their promotion chasing challengers.

The Abbey Seals Dublin Lions ladies team will also have new management for the upcoming season with Martin Kojack Conroy appointed head coach earlier this summer.

They host the Oblate Dynamos on Saturday, prised with the fresh optimism and ambition only a new head coach can bring.

Speaking ahead of the fixture, Martin said, "The pathway Rob White has left is a fantastic group of players, a host of former Ireland underage stars."

The Abbey Sealions won the cup two years ago and have reached the final on two occasions in recent times, and Conroy is confident his new look side can repeat such success.

"Our aim is to get to the super league and obviously have a good run in the cup.

"We are a very young team so there is a lot of ambition there."

The Sealions have added two designated American players to their roster, with Canadian Sophia Paska and American Jess Fressle joining for the upcoming season.

Two former SETU Carlow players who Kojack previously coached have also joined the squad, Miah Ryan and former Lions player Emma Carroll.



BOOST: Joels Dublin Lions' Aidan Igiehon makes his return after spending some time in America Photo by
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Rugby

First win of the season for Clondalkin men in league

CLONDALKIN'S Senior Mens First XV picked up a 15-7 victory in Leinster Division 2A in New Ross on Sunday.

The win is Clondalkin's first of the season, after a disappointing opening day defeat to Longford.

New Ross is one of the longest travelling distances in the division and the tough weather conditions combined meant it was always going to be a tough early season test for Clondalkin.

The hosts started well and got the first try of the game after 10 minutes to put them up 5-0 up, after a missed conversion from the Ross number 10.

Clon responded and missed two early penalties, with the conditions not helping either kicker.

Winger Cathal Downey finally got the Dublin side on the board after a try from open play to level the game.

Clondalkin pushed for a second try to put distance between the sides and they did so when captain Darren Madden went over to extend the lead to seven.

The conversion out near the sideline was bombed over by Michael Russell in what was a very impressive kick weather conditions withstanding.

A New Ross penalty just before half-time left it at 12-8

to the visitors at the interval.

Clon got the crucial score 10 minutes into the second half as Russell nailed a 10-metre penalty to extend the lead back out to seven points.

The Dublin side had to dig in for the last 10-15 minutes and showed tremendous heat in some heroic defensive moments as they kept Ross scoreless in the second half.

Clon Second XV also won in Wexford on a 17-0 scoreline.

Clondalkin Firsts have a rest week this weekend before hosting Balbriggan in two weeks' time.

Hockey

Glens pick up first win of new season

Glenanne's Men's 1's picked up their first league win of the year at the weekend as they defeated Rathgar 5-2 in St Andrew's.

They two faced off in the cup just a week ago with Glenanne comfortably getting the better of their opponents, as they romped to a 5-1 victory.

The game at the weekend started in a similar vein to that one as Glenanne took an early lead.

However, Rathgar fought back and equalised amidst a flurry of chances for Glenanne, which they failed to take.

As the second half wavered on the hosts began to take control of the game, and goals followed as Glenanne scored three in relatively quick succession.

Rathgar got a late consolation which was cancelled out by another Glenanne major to leave the final score at 5-2.

The goal scorers on the day for Glenanne were Riagan Dunne with two, Gary Shaw, Sean Brennan and L Odendaal.

Glenanne head to Kilkenny on Saturday where another victory would solidify their place in the top three of the division, and put them one step closer to finishing in the top four by the time Christmas comes around.

Snooker

Snooker League seasons kicks off

THE Dublin Snooker League kicked off last Tuesday and Thursday, as Roadstone A, Roadstone D, Pioneers White, Pioneers Pink and Roadstone C all picked up opening round wins.

Roadstone A won 3-1, in no small part to former pro Michael Judge who is back playing amateur snooker this year.

Judge used to play in the Dublin leagues when he was 17 prior to joining the pro circuit.

He got the better of his opponent Dane Daly on a scoreline of 2-0.

Five Roadstone sides will compete in the league, with four Pioneers team from Merrion square in Dublin City and Transport Club from Crumlin making up the rest of the teams.

In the other results, Pioneers Blue drew 2-2 with Glenalbyn Blue, Roadstone D beat Pioneers Black 4-0, with the winners not dropping a single game in the match.

Pioneers White beat Roadstone B 3-1, Pioneers Pink defeated Glenalbyn Red 4-0, and Roadstone C got the better of Transport Club 4-0.

The league will take place every Tuesday and Thursday, with Ierne in action for the first time next time out as they had a free week in the opening round of fixtures.



Mick Kearns and (inset) Stephen Merrigan

JADD fundraiser in Slade Valley Golf Club



Damien O'Donoghue, Colin Walsh and Tom McGee in Slade Valley



Colum Smith, Mick O'Rourke and Dave McGee at the JADD fundraiser

Hockey

Loreto off to winning start

Defending EYHL Champions, Loreto, journeyed North to Ulster University to take on Ulster Elks as they began their title defence and came away with a 2-0 win.

The visitors took the lead through Rachel Kelly who scored from open play in the 38th minute.

Caitlin Sherin got a second goal two minutes from time when she converted a penalty corner to secure a 2-0 win and give the defending champions a solid away win.

Athletics

Lucan runners compete in half marathon



Lucan Harriers Gary Farrell

The Irish Life Dublin Half Marathon took place in the Phoenix Park on September 22nd.

14 Lucan Harriers completed the race with Gary Farrell first male home in 1:28:38 and Anne Whelan first female home in 1:45:42 for the club.

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Motorsport

Anthony Cross claims fourth Emmerson Fittipaldi Trophy

THE final Formula Vee race of the year took place on Saturday at Kirkistown Racing Circuit. With all the championships decided, the Emmerson Fittipaldi Trophy race is the last chance for competitors to get their adrenalin fix until next year.

Those who missed out on taking any silverware home had one last chance to do so and even for one driver it really was his one and only opportunity to get his hands on some silverware in 2024.

Former series champion and Emmerson Fittipaldi Trophy winner Anthony Cross who decided to sit out this season, planned to just spectate at this year's race. A late word from his dad and mechanic Fred, to bring the car out for at least one spin this year, saw him dust off the cobwebs of his faithful Sheane chassis vee and head north.

Anyone writing the Bohernabreena man off due to his lack of track time this year had to eat their hats as there certainly was no rust or cobwebs on Anthony. In his only qualifying of the year he put his car on pole with a brilliant time of 1.05.182 seconds. A broken manifold cost him a chance of challenging for the win in the last championship race earlier in the day, but it was fixed and ready to go come race two. It would not be easy as newly crowned champion Gavin Buckley wanted to do the double and Jack Byrne and Colm Blackburn were out to make up for their loss of championship glory.

As the lights went out though it

was Colm Blackburn who got the best start and lead the field away and for the opening lap until Cross used his better exit of the chicane to get a run past on the way to the hairpin. Already it was a four car train for the lead with Buckley and Byrne tucked right in the slipstream of the front two. Owen Kelly made it five cars a couple of laps later but sadly the red flags came out as another car had dropped oil down. On the restart it was again Blackburn who got away first, could he hold those behind at bay this time? It seemed so as by the start of the next lap he had a couple of car lengths to Cross. Buckley and Byrne were right there too and it was only one of these four who were going to take the win. Such was the pace they had gapped the rest of the field enough to fight it out on their own.

Again a better run from the chicane saw Cross take the lead at the hairpin. Though the exit for Blackburn cost him ground and both Buckley and Byrne drew alongside down the main straight and by turn two he was down to fourth. By the hairpin Buckley had the lead but Cross got the better exit and retook the lead going into turn one. Blackburn did an identical move to Byrne to take third. This was shaping up to be another Formula Vee cracker. A lap later Buckley tried the same move and this time it worked and was back in the lead. He held firm for the next number of laps defending well and holding his lines but any slip and the others were through.

A better exit from Cross at the

hairpin saw him get alongside once again down the main straight to take the lead into turn one. This was undone by a bad exit from the chicane where the three men behind him got the run down the back straight making it four abreast going into the hairpin. Blackburn tried a move round the outside of them all and it was close to coming off, but it did bring him up two places to second. Buckley dropped to third with Byrne in fourth. It was hard and close racing but also fair, and keeping the spectators on their toes and proving why the class is so popular. With three laps to go you could not call the winner at this point. A lap later Cross had a slower exit from the chicane allowing Blackburn get by and down the outside at the hairpin to retake the lead starting the penultimate lap.

A great run through the chicane saw Blackburn create a small gap to cross on the run to the hairpin. Cross though took the outside line and retook the lead in a brilliant move to lead them out on to the last lap. It was nose to tail through the next series of corners which left the chicane and hairpin. Cross for once since the opening lap got the better run through the chicane to give himself the best chance to defend at the hairpin. Blackburn tried hard to close in on the brakes but was just too far back to make a move. Cross held it to the line to take the chequered flag and with it his fourth win of the Emmerson Fittipaldi Trophy. Byrne used the outside line to get an excellent run to the line where



Emmerson Fittipaldi Trophy winner Anthony Cross at Kirkistown Racing Circuit, Co. Down
Photo by Barry Cregg

he pipped Buckley for third.

A truly brilliant Formula Vee race and one that will be remembered for a long time to come and rounding out the season in style.

Speaking to the winner after the race it was clear he was delighted to have ended his break from racing.

"That wasn't an easy race, I was under a lot of pressure. We tested Friday which was the first time I was out in the car all year. We had a lot of problems and didn't get one clean session where we didn't have to fix something

so I wasn't happy with my pace at the end of it. Although you have to expect it after having the car lying up for a year. The race was brilliant though and Kirkistown always provides great racing. People say it's an easy track with the two straights, but its far from it. Colm and Gavin drove very well and it could have been anyone's. Racing here is a bit like poker you have to hold your cards and know when to play them. We are always treated very well up here too by the organizers who put up money and three sets of tyres for this race as prizes."

Successful weekend for Alex in Monza

ALEX Denning enjoyed a very successful weekend racing in Monza, as he placed fourth out of 50 drivers at the event, reports James Ffrench.

Denning came into the weekend after two successful races in qualifying, finishing fifth and third respectively.

In race one on Saturday, Denning started brilliantly and passed the car over to his partner Tom Emson placed third.

However, it wasn't all smooth sailing for the Rathfarnham native as Porsche number 92 driver made contact with the young driver, knocking him down two positions.

92 did receive a 10-second penalty as Denning managed to overcome the challenge and finish fourth in race one, with a total time of 1:02:35.319.

The second race on Sunday started in a very similar fashion to its predecessor, albeit this time Emson started the race and done so excellently.

Unfortunately for Denning the car wouldn't fire when he went to restart, losing valuable seconds by the time he got the booster pack on.

The young driver still managed to recover and finish in fifth place, a respectable finish considering the lost time.

Next up for Denning and his team is Jeddah on December 29 and 30.



Alex Denning in his McLaren Artura and inset: Alex trackside at Monza
Photos by SRO/JEP

Rugby

Tallaght women too good for CYM

THE Tallaght women's team took on CYM in their opening league game of Division Three and emerged 21-7 winners in Tymon Park.

Tallaght started brightly with Chloe Conroy almost getting in for try in the corner after a strong run. CYM survived though and hit Tallaght for an excellent breakaway try with multiple offloads to take a 7-0 lead.

Tallaght dominated possession for the rest of the half but struggled to convert it into points. Ellen Crotty's offload near the line was knocked on deliberately by CYM. This earned CYM a yellow card but Tallaght couldn't take advantage of the extra player. The heavy rain showers arrived to make handling difficult for both sides. Finally, just before halftime, Roisin Ni Uileagoid put Ellen Crotty in for a try. Grainne Flood Leonard kicked an excellent conversion to make it 7-all at halftime.

In the second half, Tallaght continued to dominate possession and territory in the worsening conditions. Strong carries from Louise Leonard Flood and new skipper Lorraine McManus put Tallaght in a good position and suddenly Nicole Fanning broke away to run in a fine try. Grainne Leonard Flood kicked another excellent conversion to make it 14-7 to Tallaght.

CYM tried to get back into the game, but the Tallaght defence was too strong. After a kick ahead by her mother Martina Fitzpatrick, Abbie Keeley chased up well to charge a kick down and Tallaght ended up regaining possession. Tallaght showed great patience in attack and eventually Eileen Shanahan got over to score a try in the corner. Grainne Leonard Flood saved her best kick of the day for last as her touchline conversion went over via the crossbar. That was the final score of the game as Tallaght ran out 21-7 winners.

New Tallaght head coach Andy Grace was delighted to start with a win. "After CYM scored early, we fought back well and showed real heart. The conditions were tough, but we stuck with the gameplan and eventually got the scores we deserved. I want to thank all the players who answered late calls to turn out for us today. And, of course, we're always grateful to our fans who stood on the sideline supporting us, despite the weather. Loads of players had fine games today, but Grainne Leonard Flood was the player of the match. She just kept showing up today and kicked superbly. It's a great start and we want to build on



Tallaght women's team ran out 21-7 winners over CYM

this next week away to Edenderry."

Meanwhile, Tallaght's men's side took on Seapoint in their first Metro 6 league game of the season in Kilbogget Park and went down 41-17.

Tallaght suffered a blow before the match even started when back row Fintan Price rolled his ankle in the warm-up. This necessitated a reshuffle in the pack. Seapoint scored an early try but didn't convert. Tallaght hit back off some strong carries by Darragh Hosey and Brian Lacey. This earned a penalty which Rob Hudson kicked to make it 5-3.

The rest of the half followed the same pattern. Seapoint scored two more tries and converted one of them but Tallaght kept in touch with three more Hudson penalties to leave the halftime score at 17-12 to Seapoint.

In the second half though, Seapoint's massive ball carriers started to get on top. They scored two more tries and converted one to take a 29-12 lead. Tallaght's cause wasn't helped by a yellow card for back row Darragh Hosey for a no arms tackle. Hosey is raw and has a lot to learn about the game, but he was massively physical in both attack and defence and looks an exciting prospect.

Tallaght hit back with some strong carries by Kevin Quinn, Sean Judd and Adam Nolan. Eventually Rob Hudson flung a fine pass out wide and Raheel Hussain went in for the try to make it 29-17. For a moment Tallaght thought they were back with a chance but Seapoint ruthlessly shut this down with two more excellent tries to make the final score 41-17 to the home team.

GAA

Anne's and Synger contest semis

TEMPLEOGUE Synge Street and St Anne's will both contest semi-finals in the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Senior 2 and Intermediate Championships respectively.

Templeogue will face Naomh Barrog who defeated Naomh Olaf 2-13 to 0-09 points in the quarter-finals.

Synge Street received a bye straight to the last four after topping their group which included St Marys Saggart, Parnells and St Maurs.

They secured their place at the top of the group after winning their first two games, and in the final round of action they played out an 11-goal thriller against Maurs, which finished level at 6-8 to 5-11 apiece.

Templeogue will be favourites coming into the game, having failed to lose a game so far in the championship while boasting an extremely impressive forward line of Dublin inter county stars including Lorcan O'Dell, five-time All-Ireland winner Niall Scully and Killian O'Gara.

Whitehall Colmcille's face St Oliver Plunkett's in the other semi-final, with Whitehall having Dublin inter county stars Lee Gannon and Cormac Costello to call on.

In the Intermediate Championship, St Anne's face Naomh Mearnog as they bid to reach senior status once again.

Both sides are yet to lose a game in the championship and won their quarter finals relatively comfortably, with Anne's defeating Palmerstown by nine points while Mearnog beat Trinity Gaels by 11.

Anne's topped a group including Clann Mhuire, O Dwyers and O Tooles, winning twice and drawing once.

It was a similar story for Mearnog who topped their group after beating St Peregrines and St Finians and drawing with Naomh Fionbarra.

Their journey may have followed each other so far, but one will see their journey end up come Saturday.

Martial Arts

TMA members shine at the Flanders Cup

THE recent Flanders Cup saw an incredible display of talent, heart, and resilience from Tallaght Martial Arts (TMA), a small but mighty martial arts team that defied the odds to finish third on the overall medal table. Competing against much larger teams from across the World, TMA's fighters showcased exceptional skill and determination, bringing home a remarkable haul of Trophies and medals.

Leading the charge for TMA was Edward Comerford, who had an unforgettable tournament, dominating across two weight divisions in both light contact and points. Comerford captured an astounding four gold medals, demonstrating his versatility and technical prowess in both disciplines. His flawless performance was a key contributor to TMA's stellar showing, cementing his reputation as a top competitor on the international stage.

Dara Kelly Clarke also made his mark in spectacular fashion, securing two gold medals in light contact and points. Clarke's sharp technique and strategic fighting left his opponents with little chance, as he swept through the competition with confidence and precision. His dual gold

medal performance further highlighted TMA's strength in both disciplines, contributing to the team's success.

Fergus Daly proved that experience is a formidable weapon, adding to TMA's medal tally with a silver and bronze in two weight categories. Daly's performances were gritty and inspiring, as he fought through tough competition to make it to the podium twice, proving that age is no barrier to success in martial arts.

On the women's side, Jodie Browne fought fiercely to reach the final of the ladies' competition, earning a silver medal after a closely contested bout. While she narrowly missed out on gold, Browne wasn't done yet. She joined Team Century in the team event, where her skill and determination shone through, leading the team to victory and claiming a gold medal to cap off her day.

Amy Comerford also had a fantastic tournament, showcasing her fighting spirit and skill. She earned a silver and a bronze in her divisions, adding valuable points to TMA's medal haul and cementing her place among the team's standout performers. Ellen McCaughey rounded out the day for TMA, delivering two well-fought

silver medals in different disciplines, a testament to her versatility and fighting prowess.

Beyond the medalists, there was great fighting all around from TMA's roster. Keri Browne and Gar Ryan both put in strong performances competing in the Black Belt divisions against some of the best fighters in the world and just being beaten at the quarter final stage, contributing to the overall energy and spirit of the squad.

For such a small team to finish third on the medal table at an international competition like the Flanders Cup is nothing short of extraordinary. Each member of TMA fought with passion and skill, showing that size is no limitation when it comes to heart and determination. The team's success is a testament to their hard work, excellent preparation, and the undeniable talent within their ranks.

TMA's performance at the Flanders Cup will be remembered as a shining example of what can be achieved with the right combination of skill, grit, and teamwork. With such an incredible showing, the future looks very bright for this small but formidable team on the global martial arts stage.



Amy and Edward Comerford



Dara Clarke on the Podium



Fergus Daly on the podium

GAA

Mixed results for hurling teams

RELEGATION play-offs along with quarterfinals took place across the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Hurling Championships.

In Senior 1, Cuala got the better of St Jude's on a scoreline of 2-23 to 0-17 points.

Jude's were succumbed to the unfortunate faith of facing the eight-time Dublin hurling kingpins after an eleven-point defeat to Whitehall Colmcille's in the final round of group stage action, after failing to win a game from their previous three fixtures.

In the other Senior 1 relegation play-off, St Brigid's defeated Craobh Chiaráin 0-27 points to 1-14, who will join Jude's in the Senior 2 hurling championship next year.

Ballyboden St Enda's lost out in the Senior 2 relegation playoff after a narrow 0-25 points to 0-23 loss to Castlenock.

Naomh Mearnóg defeated Ballinteer St John's by two points in the other playoff.

In the Intermediate Hurling Championship, Round Towers Clondalkin lost out to Good Counsel 2-12 to 2-15 in their quarter final clash.

Scoil Ui Chonaill will join Good Counsel in the semi final after a 1-21 to 0-19 points victory over Kilmacroc Crokes.

And to finish, St Marks will play Junior A hurling next year as they narrowly fell to a 2-19 to 1-18 loss to St Maur's, who will have their keeper Jack Higgins to thank after he made two outstanding saves to preserve their intermediate status.

Top Mark's



CHAMPIONS: St Mark's girls celebrate their cup final win over St Brigid's and inset: Manager Hayden Moore and Captain Tori Harte with the cup

Springfield ladies secure cup title after victory over St Brigid's

ST MARKS finished their 2024 season with a 3-11 to 3-04 victory over St Brigid's in the Division 12 Cup Final, reports James Ffrench.

The Championship success will be all the more sweeter for Mark's after an agonising one point league final defeat against Cuala last week.

Mark's came into the game having topped the southside group while Brigid's had topped the north side section.

As expected, the opening half was tense with Mark's behind by two at half time.

Brigid's started the better and scored two quickfire goals within the opening seven minutes of the game.

Zara Quirke took the first half by storm as she stood out in the half-

forward line, scoring all six Mark's points in the first half as they struggled to create chances in the final third.

A change of system to a two-woman full forward line opened the game up for Mark's, who outscored their opponents 3-05 to 1-02 in the second half.

Nicola and Ava Sherwood formed the mother and daughter full forward line, with Nicola's second half goal opening the floodgates for Mark's.

Tori Harte and Aimee Noonan-McGeever were key in doing in the middle of the park, as Harte linked the play from midfield to attack excellently while McGeever cleaned up any breaking ball.

However, it would be Quirke who would kill the game for Mark's in the

second half, who at just 16 years of age scored her second goal out of a tally of 2-8 in a remarkable performance.

Ciara McDonald, Caitlin McCarthy and Maria Berezhnaya all made key contributions off the bench as Mark's ran out seven-point winners.

The success is made all the more impressive considering this year is the first in 15 that Mark's have fielded a ladies football team.

Manager Hayden Moore hopes the success can be a launchpad for the continued fielding of a team in the

club.

"Win aside, this year was a massive success as it was the first proper ladies team we've had in 15 years, we had 35 active players this year," Moore said.

"Being Championship winners and getting to a league final we hope that it can spur the girls on to keep coming back and attract new players too."

Brave show by Tower's ladies in shield final

ROUND Towers Clondalkin fell to a three-point defeat to Round Towers Lusk in the Junior C Shield final on Wednesday.

Towers came into the game having won two and lost two in the championship and beaten Whitehall Colmcille comfortably in the shield semi-final.

Lusk being a division four side were heavy favourites against their division six opponents and they started in a confident manner.

Clondalkin struggled to get out of their own half in the early stages of the game as Lusk applied some heavy pressure.

Round Towers Clondalkin managed to get a hold in the game but went in four behind at the break.

The second half started in a very similar manner to the first as Lusk dominated the early exchanges.

However, Clondalkin would deliver two quickfire goals in the second quarter of the half with

Murinn Ward's finishing very impressively to aid their cause.

The double seemed to spark life into Lusk as they began dominating the play once again.

Their ability to take long range points was an impressive feature of their play throughout, and they could have been out of sight in the game if not for Catriona McGrath who made a key save in the final quarter of the game.

There was nothing to split the two Round Towers clubs with five minutes to play, contributing to an exciting finish.

Lusk finished the game strongly as they hit three consecutive points to tip the balance in their favour and secure the shield.

Clondalkin will look to bounce back in their last two league games in the coming weeks, as they face Crumlin in a game which will go a long way to deciding the destination of the Division 6 title.

ON THE RUN: Action from the Round Tower final. Photo by Matthew Lysaght



GAA

C'ship joy for Templeogue ladies

TEMPLEOGUE Synge Street produced a stunning second half comeback to claim the Go Ahead Ireland, Dublin LGFA Junior A Club Championship title against Kilmacud Crokes B 2-13 to 2-10 on Saturday afternoon in Clann Mhuire GAA club, reports Nigel McCarthy.

This final was certainly a tale of two halves, Kilmacud Crokes dominated the first and built up a very healthy nine point lead by the break thanks in no small measure to goal-scorers Clare Byrne and Jo Timmons.

Templeogue struggled to make an impact on the scoreboard in the first half, despite some really well worked transition play through the lines, but it broke down time and time again in the final third against a well drilled Crokes defence.

But the whole game turned on its head a minute into the second half when player of the match Hannah Galvin found the back of the net, and that three pointer proved to be just the shot in the arm Templeogue needed to get the confidence flowing through the team.

From that point on they upped their intensity levels and penned Kilmacud back inside the own half and chipped away at the deficit and found themselves level with ten minutes left on the clock.

A quick fire 1-03 in the closing stages pushed Templeogue four in front with three minutes of normal time remaining, Crokes reduced the lead to three in injury time and they thought they had grabbed the equalising goal in the dying seconds when Jo Timmins bundled the ball to the net, but the referee rightly ruled out the goal for barging and Templeogue Synge Street held on for a very deserved victory.

Templeogue got the scoring in the game underway in the second minute with a well struck free from Laura Cahill, two minutes later Kilmacud worked the ball down the left,

won a free, Jo Timmins picked out Aife Kavanagh who popped the ball over the bar to draw the sides level.

Crokes took a hold on proceedings minutes later, they worked the ball nicely down the pitch and some accurate passing between Jo Timmins, Aife Kavanagh and Evie Lehane set Claire Byrne in on goal and the corner forward made no mistake in finding the back of the net and Kilmacud led by three.

The Templeogue side were getting some joy with runs from deep from Ella O'Dell and Ashling O'Byrne Hadjami through the middle of the Crokes defence, with both of them very much involved in the next two scores, O'Dell intercepted a ball in her own half, rampaged through midfield into the Crokes half and was fouled, before Crokes were set Templeogue took a quick free to Holly Curran who popped the ball over the bar.

In the next attack O'Byrne Hadjami had similar success running at the Crokes defence and offloaded to Brosna O'Dell who split the posts to leave just one between the sides.

O'Dell popped over another fine effort to draw the sides level as the first quarter ended, but it was from this point on, till the half time whistle, that Kilmacud dominated possession and built up what looked at the break an unassailable lead.

Crokes worked the ball down the right to Clare Byrne whose initial shot at goal was saved, but she gathered the rebound and struck it over the bar. A pointed free a minute later from Suzy Lehane put two between the sides.

Two points from Clare Byrne further extended the lead as Crokes pushed to put the game to bed before the break.

Templeogue were under the cosh and struggling to get out of their own half, they won a well needed free out, but it was intercepted by Evie Lehane



Templeogue Synge Street celebrate their victory Go Ahead Ireland Dublin LGFA Junior Final Photo by Maurice Grehan

who offloaded the ball to Suzy Lehane who swung over another fine point.

With two minutes to go to the short whistle, Clare Byrne made a penetrating run down the right, popped the ball inside to Evie Lehane who knocked the ball over the bar to put six points between the teams.

Jo Timmins made sure in the next Crokes attack that, that lead would stretch out to nine points at the break.

Kilmacud won a free about twenty five yards out from the Templeogue goal, Erica Field took a quick free to an unmarked Timmins who's attempted point effort dipped at the last second over the flailing hand of goalkeeper Sophie Quinn and just under the crossbar and into the net to leave the score at the break 2-07 to 0-04.

Templeogue needed something special at the start of the second half to get back into the game and they got it inside the opening minute of the second period.

With Kilmacud on the attack, Ella O'Dell intercepted the ball just inside her own half and took off through the middle, she hand passed to Brosna O'Dell who in turn

found Holly Curran, she shot across the face of the goal and Hannah Galvin was on hand to scramble the ball home to reduce the deficit to six points.

A well worked move involving O'Dell, Hannah Galvin and Holly Curran ended with a fine point from Ashling O'Byrne Hadjami.

Crokes responded with a pointed free from Suzy Lehane in the thirty sixth minute, but it was Templeogue with their tails up and they swept back down the pitch and won a free which was converted by Brosna O'Dell.

Two more successful frees from O'Dell reduced the deficit to just three points with eleven minutes still to play.

Ella O'Dell intercepted a Crokes kickout and went on another run through the heart of the Crokes defence and connected beautifully with the ball to send it over the bar and suddenly there was just two points between them.

Two became one just seconds later when O'Byrne Hadjami scored her second point of the game. At this stage Kilmacud were rocking and Templeogue just continued to relentlessly hunt them down. The pressure told as

Kilmacud started to lose discipline in the tackle and two converted frees from Brosna O'Dell put Templeogue in front with six minutes left on the clock.

A point from Crokes Evie Lehane drew the sides level again, but Templeogue regained the lead with a point from second half substitute Holly Flood.

Then came the deciding score, Templeogue won the resultant kickout and the ever dangerous Hannah Galvin was released in behind the Crokes backline and she blasted the ball to the net to put her side four to the good.

The referee indicated eight minutes of injury time, Crokes to their credit pushed hard to get back into it, a pointed free from Suzy Lehane left just a goal between the sides, but Templeogue were resolute in their defending in the closing minutes and offered no easy scoring opportunities for their opponents.

Crokes did put the ball in the net in the dying embers of the game, but it was rightly ruled out for barging and Templeogue held on for a very deserving win.

Boden into final as Lucan and St Jude's crash out

BALLYBODEN St Enda's and St Vincents will contest the 2024 Go Ahead Ireland Dublin Camogie final after they defeated St Jude's and Lucan Sarsfields respectively in the semi-finals.

Boden and Jude's played out a very tense and nervy game with just 15 scores altogether.

Jude's started the game well and scored the first two points of the game.

Boden responded with four points of their own, with Dublin intermediate free taker Eimear O'Leary very reliable from placed balls to edge her side in front at the break.

Jude's were wasteful in their point taking in the first half and this trend continued into the second half as they scored just five points from 18 attempts.

The deciding moment of the match came in the 32nd minute of the second half as a ball was played into Emma Moran who had been starved of ball for the majority of the game and she turned and slotted over a point to give Boden the lead and to book their spot in the final.

Sadie Codd, Hannah Leddy, Grace Walsh and Katie McDonald were all very impressive for Boden in the match, and they now look forward to a county final in three weeks' time.

Their opponents in that final will be two in a row champions St Vincents, who got the better of Lucan Sarsfields 0-22 to 1-17.

Boden will look to prevent the reigning champions from making it three in a row when they meet in Parnell Park on the 18th of this month.

Davis seniors edged out

THOMAS Davis fell to a four-point defeat at the hands of Naomh Barrog in the quarter finals of the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Senior 2 Hurling Championship.

Davis came into the game after a successful group stage campaign, where they won three of four games after a one-point final round defeat to Kilmacud Crokes.

The 2022 Dublin Intermediate Champions had to retrieve a four-point half-time deficit and did so through the excellent Joe Flanagan who picked up 1-10 on the day.

Three of his tally came from play with Flanagan showcasing his excellent free taking abilities throughout the match, including a well taken penalty in the second half.

Dublin Senior hurler Sean Gallagher was every bit as good as Flanagan on the day, with Gallagher picking up four points from wing-back.

Davis worked tirelessly in the first half, as Eanna O'Toole and Anto Barrett complimented each other well in the middle of the park for the Tallaght side.

However, Naomh Barrog's attacking firepower was too much for Davis in the end, as Eoin Harte notched 1-1 off the bench while the likes of Conor Gibson, Aodán O'Donnchú, Nathan Kidd, Ciaran Gallagher and Paddy Doyle all done their part to keep Barróg ahead by the final whistle.

Davis ladies do league and cup double

THOMAS Davis ladies footballers won the Division 8 final on Wednesday night as they comfortably beat Geraldine P Morans 8-10 to 0-04, reports James Ffrench.

It was the second time in a matter of weeks the two sides faced off after Davis narrowly defeated Morans in the Division 8 cup final.

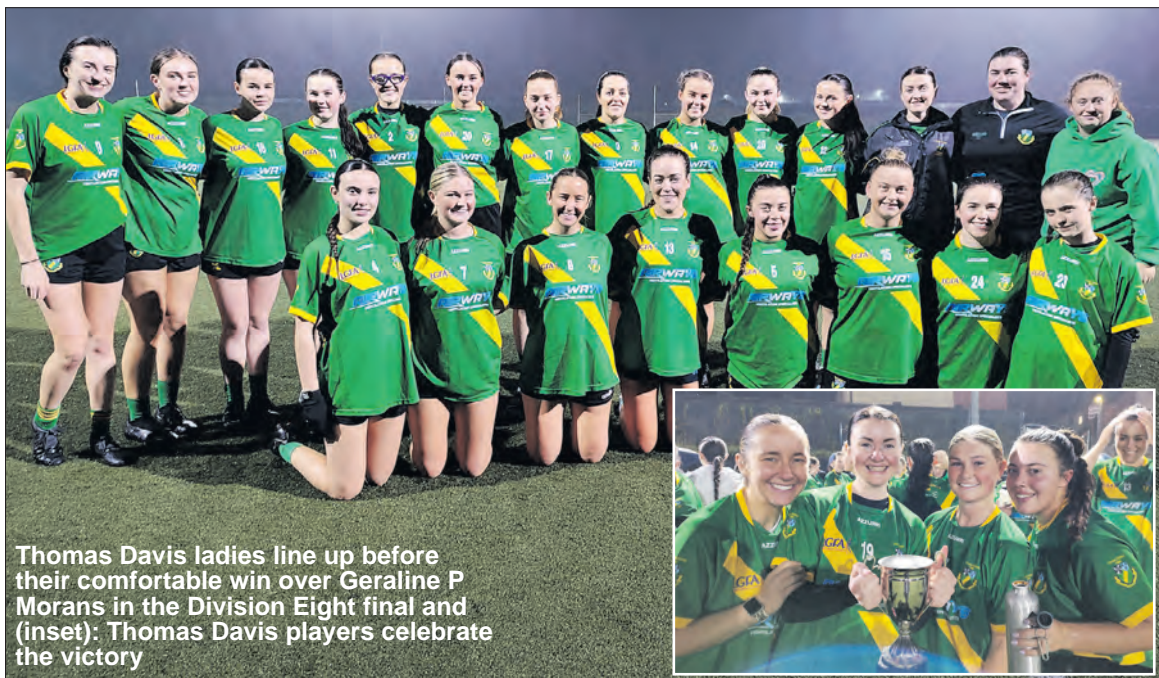
However, it was clear from the start of the match that the second meeting between the sides would be much less of a contest as Davis started brilliantly.

On a dreadful night in Kiltipper Road, the Tallaght side scored 1-5 in the opening quarter of the game to stamp their authority on the match immediately.

A Caitlin Murray first half hat trick put her side 3-08 to 0-01 up at half time, in what was an outstanding performance from Murray.

Nicola Staunton was also outstanding from half forward, scoring 1-2 while creating a host of opportunities for her teammates.

A goal off the bench from Morgan Berrigan put the cherry on top of the cake for Davis, as they celebrated a league and cup double.



Thomas Davis ladies line up before their comfortable win over Geraldine P Morans in the Division Eight final and (inset): Thomas Davis players celebrate the victory

GAA

Lucan's seniors into c'ship semis

Lucan Sarsfields are through the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Senior 1 Hurling semi-finals where they will face Kimacud Crokes, after a 0-25 to 2-13 win against Whitehall Colmcille.

Sarsfields started slowly in the match but pulled away in the second half after a dominant third quarter showing.

Against the wind in the opening half, Ciaran Dowling picked up two of six points from play he would get on the day, before James Raftery finished off a well worked Whitehall move to put a degree of distance between the sides.

Dublin footballer Cormac Costello continued the Whitehall renaissance with two scores from play including a peach of a point from out near the sideline.

Paddy Spellacy added two frees to aid Costello's brace before points by Dowling, Ben Coffey and Sean Harkness shortened the gap to seven points at the break.

Lucan enjoyed a renaissance of their own in the second half with the wind at their backs, as they hit 10 consecutive points through Dowling and Coffey once again before Whitehall finally opened their second half scoring account with Eddie Moran over ten minutes into the second half.

Dowling would finish the day on 0-09 points, with a late Spellacy goal a mere consolation in the context of the game.

Sarsfields face Crokes in the last four as they bid to reach their first final in eleven years.

Sarsfields inters too good for Boden

LUCAN Sarsfields defeated Ballyboden St Enda's 1-24 to 0-14 points in the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Intermediate Hurling Championship relegation play off at the weekend.

The result succumbs Boden to Junior A hurling next year.

Although the scoreline suggests the match was comfortable for Lucan, it wasn't for two thirds of the game with Boden enjoying a good start.

In a first half which saw mainly points from frees, Cian Kelly of Boden looked composed from placed balls throughout and helped his side to a healthy two-point lead for most of the first half.

Lucan's number 13 kept the scoreline ticking for his side as they went 0-08 to 0-10 points behind at the break.

The second half looked to have started similar to the first as Boden picked up the first point of the half, but Lucan would go on to raise six white flags in a row as Hugh Cuff put on a point taking exhibition.

Sarsfields point taking abilities and long-distance striking was all too much for Boden in the second half, as they outscored their opponents 1-14 to 0-04.

Evin Dowling looked sharp up front for Lucan, while their full back line dealt with everything Boden threw at them.

For Boden, Ronan Sharkey was very solid in goal and made some key saves while Enda Cashman and Darragh Smith at full back and centre back respectively both also impressed.



Action from the game between Lucan Sarsfields and Ballyboden
Photo Martina McGilloway

Boden sent packing from championship

Na Fianna are through to the Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin Senior 1 Hurling semi-finals after a convincing 4-26 to 2-14 victory over Ballyboden St Enda's.

The holders impressed from the very start with AJ Murphy and Gavin King looking very threatening in the inside line as both picked up early scores.

Niall Ryan and David Gleeson responded with two points apiece for

Boden, with the latter shining brightest in the St Enda's forward line.

However, Na Fianna took control of the match on 19th minutes as the ever-dangerous AJ Murphy turned on a sixpence and smashed home after a well-executed pass from Joe Kavanagh.

The Boden response was once again very good as wing-back Jack Lambert sent over three well taken points from play within four minutes before

Gleeson pounced on a loose ball which was sent over the Na Fianna defence and finished well to leave just a point between the sides at the break.

Following the break, Na Fianna wing forward Ciaran Stacey started to really leave his mark on the game as he sent over three points while Ballyboden tried to keep pace with scores from substitutes Timmy Hammersley and Kevin Desmond.

The game was effectively decided on 50 minutes as Currie picked up a loose ball before eventually driving it into the back of the Boden net.

An outstanding Stacey goal was followed up by a Jono Tracey penalty to put some gloss on an impressive performance from the holders.

They face St Vincents next in the semi-finals as they look to retain their crown.



Action from the semi-final at the weekend Photos by John Kirwan



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Soccer

Ward stuns Orchard with late winner

A LATE winner from club stalwart Sean Ward secured a 3-2 victory for Templeogue over Cherry Orchard on Sunday in Leinster Senior League 1a.

Templeogue started the game excellently and went in 1-0 up at the break thanks to a goal from striker Conor McCrea.

The start of the second half saw the windy conditions begin to influence proceedings as the match became quite scrappy.

Cherry Orchard used this to their advantage in their search for an equaliser and they found parity through a brilliant 20-yard strike from their number 11 Dunne, who was pivotal for Orchard on the day.

The goal acted as a wake up call to Templeogue who began to apply pressure themselves on their opponents goal.

And with 10 minutes to go, the game sparked into life.

Keith Corrigan put Templeogue back in front from the penalty spot, but their lead was short lived as Cherry Orchard equalised from a corner after an unfortunate own goal.

In search of the winner, Templeogue put four players up front and that gamble paid off as Mark Fabian delivered a brilliant corner to the back post and it was met by the head of club legend Sean Ward who nodded past the Cherry Orchard keeper to win the game for his side in the 94th minute.

The result sees Templeogue pick up their second win of the season, having suffered a draw and a loss in the other two games.

They host high flying Hartstown Huntstown FC next.



A late winner from Sean Ward handed Templeogue a 3-2 win over Cherry Orchard in the Leinster Senior League
Photos by Paddy Barrett



Keith Corrigan of Templeogue closes down David Ayoola of Cherry Orchard



Cherry Orchard couldn't hold on for the draw after they conceded a goal in the 94th minute

Ella Kelly captain's U17s to victory

Ireland Women's U17's had an impressive international break in their double header against Wales, winning both games 9-2 and 7-1 respectively.

Aisling Meehan, Leah McGrath, Lily Anne O'Meara, Madison McGuane, Beatrice Silickaite each got a goal in the 9-2 victory as well as Shamrock Rovers Anna Butler who scored a hat-trick in the game.

Goalkeeper Laura Fanning of Shamrock Rovers also featured in the win.

Fellow Shamrock Rovers player Ella Kelly captained the side in both victories, scoring a goal in the second of the two games against the Welsh.

Manager James Scott will be pleased with the two comprehensive results as they continue to prepare for their UEFA European Championship Qualifiers in November.

They are in Group A6 of the qualifiers where they will face Spain, Austria and Denmark.

Kenny's boys will be looking to keep momentum

THE best game in the Premier Division this season may have an even greater impact on the course of the league title, reports James Ffrench.

St Patrick's Athletic and Shelbourne played out a five-goal thriller at Tolka Park on Monday night which had it

all, a red card, cracking goals and even a bust up on the sideline.

Stephen Kenny's side came into the fixture after a significant 3-0 win in Tallaght last Friday, a result which shot life back into their pursuit of a European place.

Pats were two goals to the good within the first quarter against Rovers and they started well again at Tolka Park as they took the lead after 22 minutes, once again showcasing their prowess from set pieces as Joe Redmond made it two goals in four

days with a flicked header from a Brandon Kavanagh's free kick.

Shel's had the better of the play in that first half but failed to create any concrete opportunities and went in behind at the interval.

The game looked to have slipped

away from them as an uncharacteristic Paddy Barret mistake allowed Zak Elbouzedi to square for Kavanagh to put distance between the sides.

However, this was when the game would spark into life, as Duff made the bold choice to bring attackers Matt Smith and Sean Boyd on for Harry Wood and Evan Caffrey in the Shels midfield.

Fellow substitute John Martin created the first goal as he played a one two with Rayhaan Tulloch who then produced a finish out of the top drawer to bend his shot into the top right-hand corner.

Shels would find parity just under five minutes later as Sean Boyd produced a crucial knockdown to his fellow sub-Matt Smith who jinxed right before cutting back in on his left and bending one into the top left corner of the net.

Damien Duff and his players wild celebrations would be short lived as on 88 minutes Mason Melia swivelled and struck the post before Al-Amin Kazeem bundled home the rebound to give Pats the lead and their fifth win on the bounce.

The game boiled over near the end with altercations on and off the pitch, as goal scorer Matt Smith was sent off.

The consequence of that late goal to Shelbourne's title aspirations is unbeknown yet but for Pats, they now sit just two points off Shamrock Rovers in third and seven off their beaten opponents.

A late title charge may be off the cards considering the minimum games remaining but considering the drama and failures by the leading pack to take the initiative, you wouldn't rule it out.



Joe Redmond from Kilnamanagh in action for St Pat's on Monday and (inset) manager Stephen Kenny was delighted with the win.
Photos Eoghan Connolly

Soccer

Tallaght to host Rovers against Shels

WHILE all eyes will be firmly fixed on Shamrock Rovers opening game in the UEFA Conference League on Thursday, they face league leaders Shelbourne on Sunday in what is arguably the biggest game in the Premier Division this season to date.

Both sides suffered defeats to high-flying St Patrick's Athletic in the past week, but the league title remains up for grabs on either side, and Sunday should have a big say on the destination of it come the end of the month.

After the late 3-2 defeat at Tolka on Monday, Shelbourne now sit just four points ahead of Derry in second who hold a game in hand while Rovers trail the league leaders by five points, a lead which will be cut down to two with a hoops victory.

Shels come into the game after a heartbreaking defeat to Pats on Monday, a game which will have no doubt taken a mental as well as a physical toll on Damien Duff's players.

Matty Smith will miss Sunday's game following his sending off against Pats, the Scot was crucial in his side's 2-0 victory in the last meeting between the sides in Tallaght.

Rovers' sole injury doubt is Josh Honohan who came off after just eight minutes in the loss against Pats.

Shels have double the number of recovery days than Rovers ahead of the game, and Stephen Bradley's side have won just once from four attempts (2-1 away at Waterford) on the weekend following a midweek European fixture this season.

If his side wish to cling on to third and make a late title push, victory on Sunday is key.

SHAMROCK Rovers kick off their first ever European campaign in the new league format on Thursday night, as they welcome Cypriot champions Apol Nicosia to Tallaght Stadium.

Apol won their respective league on goal difference last season after finishing level on points with AEK Larnaca, and with the unpredictability of the Irish Premier Division this year you wouldn't rule out a similar conclusion from occurring come the end of the month.

Rovers had seemingly put behind their poor form after back-to-back defeats to PAOK and Bohemians in September as they went on a four-game unbeaten run, winning three and drawing away to Derry City.

However, their 3-0 defeat to Pats on Friday night ended that streak and is sure to be a wake-up call to Stephen Bradley and his side, who were a clear second best against their Dublin counterparts.

Josh Honohan is a doubt for Thursday after coming off with a knock after eight minutes against Pats, but Rovers hold no other fresh injury concerns heading into the game.

As for team selection, Jack Byrne and Johnny Kenny both saw no gametime on Friday so they could see minutes, with the latter having missed the majority of Rovers' European campaign to date due to injury, although he has scored twice in the three European games he has been involved in this season.

The hoops have won two of their four European games in Tallaght this year, only losing to Sparta Prague and PAOK, who both qualified for the UEFA Champions League and Europa League respectively.

Rovers have profited this season in Europe by being able to put their inconsistent domestic form to the side and produce performances of a calibre which has seen them qualify for the UEFA Conference League.

Apol do hold a threat though, with the 2011 Champions League quarter finalists boasting the likes of former Benfica player Pizzi and former German international Max Meyer, however he is an injury doubt for the game.



Rovers back in action in Europe

Stephen Bradley will be hoping for a win in Europe on Thursday evening

Under new manager Jose Dominguez who started the job in August, they sit fourth in the league after five games and drew their most recent game on Sunday.

€430,000 is the prize for the winner on Thursday, as Rovers look to kick off their historic European campaign in the best way possible.

Oldbury topple Kiltalown in first win

OLDBURY FC gained their first win of the season when they made the short trip to Jobstown Park to face Kiltalown FC, in this UCFL Division 3 encounter, and ran out 4-1 winners, reports John Mooney.

This in unknown territory for the Bury as usually they start really well but, for one reason or another, they have had to wait until their fifth game to record their first win, so they will be hoping that trend continues.

Saturday saw them put in a decent shift and they did deserve the points, but Kiltalown gave them something to think about when they pulled a goal back before half time to trail 1-2.

The visitors couldn't have gotten off to a better start as they were a goal to the good inside the opening minute through Tiernan O'Hanlon, after he chased a Daniel Barnwell ball, rounded keeper Derek Hewitt, and slotted

home.

They should have doubled that lead well before they netted their second but Hewitt denied Keith Foley twice, before Foley finally slotted home a blocked O'Hanlon effort to make it 2-0 on 28 minutes.

But for all the Bury's dominance, it was the home side who scored next, 10 minutes later, and it was Daniel Howe who was on the mark.

It rattled the leaders for a time and, to be honest, with the wind blowing at their back and playing down the hill on the pitch I thought the Bury would run riot.

The thing is they didn't and it was a penalty they were awarded when Ross Hand was taken down, and Barnwell stuck away, that finally broke any resistance the home side had.

That was plain to see minutes later when Ciaran

Patten, Keith Flynn and Dylan Farrell combined to set up Jack Lawlor for their fourth.

It meant that the home side are still searching for their first win of the campaign having registered one point from their four starts, and unless they turn that around quick a bleak season will lie ahead.

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Oldbury FC gained their first win of the season against Kiltalown FC



Kiltalown FC were beaten 4-1 by Oldbury FC Photos by John Mooney

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