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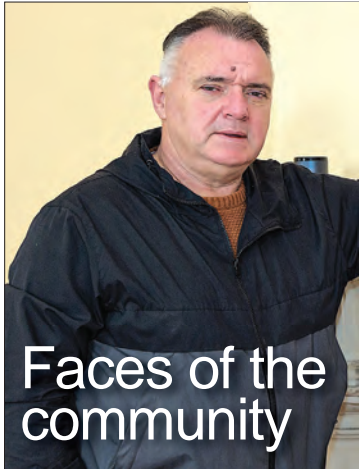
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# Communities celebrate St Patrick's Day locally

## 4 Districts in Rathcoole, Lucan and Clondalkin to stage parades

By **Aimee Walsh**

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AFTER three years, many of the local St Patricks Day Parades will take place on Thursday – here's the rundown of everything you need to know ahead of tomorrow's celebrations.

The three parades that will be taking place this year are Clondalkin, Lucan and the Four Districts parade, which is comprised of groups from the communities of Rathcoole, Saggart, Brittas and Newcastle. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Tallaght parade will not be taking place this year.

In Clondalkin, the festival is set to kick off at 2pm with live music at the stage area at Tuthills car park followed by the parade at 2:30pm down Old Nangor Road and looping around the area. It was recently announced that community activist Tommy Keogh has been chosen as the Grand Marshal for this year's Clondalkin St Patrick's Day parade. Tommy is well known for his tireless work in the community and Mr Keogh is a former South Dublin County volunteer of the year in 2018.

According to local councillor Francis Timmons, there has been great interest from local individuals and community groups, with numerous dance groups, sports groups and music groups taking part in this year's parade.

Also going ahead this year is the Lucan parade, which will be celebrating its 30th anniversary and is sure to put on a fantastic display.

Speaking about this year's celebrations, organiser Caroline Brady told *The Echo*: "We are pleased to let you know that preparations for the Lucan St Patrick's Day parade are well on track for this Thursday.

"This is the first opportunity for the community in Lucan to come together after an extraordinarily challenging two years. The parade committee are all looking forward to helping the community get back to a sense of normality and to



**GREEN PARTY:** Mr McHugh with Carter, Harrison and Tadgh at the Knockmore Junior School St Patrick's Day sponsored walk on Tuesday  
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Photo Paddy Barrett

celebrate our national culture. We can't wait to see everyone in person again.

"2020 would have seen 30 years of uninterrupted parades in Lucan. The fact that we've had to wait two years for our 30th parade makes it all the more worthwhile, exciting and enjoyable. We also celebrate an extraordinary achievement for the parade

founders, Peter Brady, Barbara Cummins and Mary Meehan, who organised the parade every year for 32 years."

The Lucan parade will be led by St. Patrick (Peter Brady jnr) and followed by the flag bearers. The flag bearers, who symbolise the community coming together, comprise a leader from each of the three Lucan scouting organisations, the 142nd Esker Lucan South Scouts, the 180th Lucan South Scouts and the 23rd Dublin Lucan Scouts.

The parade assembles at Greenpark in Hillcrest, opposite Tesco at 2pm and commences at 3pm sharp.

The parade makes its way down Dodsboro Road, under the N4

bridge past McDonalds, past the Ball Alley, and turns left over the Griffeen Bridge at Courtneys, passing the Munitir na Tire Hall where the viewing stand is located.

Over in the areas of Rathcoole, Saggart, Brittas and Newcastle, the four districts parade will be commencing at Rathlawns at 2:00pm, heading towards St Mary's GFC in Saggart.

Louis Fitzgerald will be leading the parade as Grand Marshal. The well-known publican and owner of The Louis Fitzgerald Group, which owns over 19 pubs including the Old Mill in Tallaght, the Laurels in Clondalkin and the Poinin Stil in Rathcoole, restaurants and hotels across Dublin.

**“ This is the first opportunity for the community in Lucan to come together after an extraordinarily challenging two years. The parade committee are all looking forward. . .**

# Traffic restrictions will be in place for parades advise gardai

GARDAI have issued advice to members of the public that there will be restrictions in place for the Clondalkin and Rathcoole St Patrick's Day parades.

The parade, due to take place on Thursday, March 17, starting at 2.30pm, will see road closures in the village from 2pm to 4.30pm. A garda spokesperson said: "To

advise people that there will be traffic restrictions in place in Clondalkin Village for St Patrick's Day from 2pm to 4.30pm.

"Traffic will be restricted in the

village to facilitate the St Patricks Day parade and festivities. Likewise there will be restrictions in place in Rathcoole Village from 1.30pm to approximately 3pm."

# Parents group campaign for new Gaelscoil due to increased demand

By **Maurice Garvey**

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A NEWLY formed group of parents are campaigning for a gaelscoil in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh.

Although Ballyfermot has a Naoinrá Teanga Beo, which was established in 2017, currently there is no gaelscoil for kids to progress with their education at an Irish speaking school in Dublin 10 and 12.

For many years children from Ballyfermot/Drimnagh enjoyed an education through Irish in Gaelscoil Inse Chór and Gaelscoil Mológa but due to increased local demand, a place for some Ballyfermot children is no longer an option.

"My lads went to Inse Chór. At one stage their biggest numbers were from Ballyfermot, but it has become more popular over the years, and only lower Ballyfermot is in the catchment area," said Marian Mhic Chárthaigh, Chairperson of the group Gaelscoil 10,12.

"The same thing happened in Drimnagh with Gaelscoil Mológa, because you have people moving back to the area, and sending their kids to the school."

The Ballyfermot Naoinrá Teanga Beo, currently

caters for 29 children and they have had to provide a second session due to demand.

"There is a will from government, the way there should be for Educate Together, for the latter the nearest one is Basin Lane. Huge developments are coming to the area but that will take 8-10 years.

"Parents in Ballyfermot sending their kids to the Naoinrá, are very disappointed when they cannot secure a place in a local gaelscoil. There is no progression for their kids."

Interestingly, the group propose 'streaming' at existing schools, to counter undersubscription, and provide options for parents and schools alike.

"Synge Street started this in 2017, mixing boys and girls in a gaelscoil because they weren't getting the numbers. Now, they are up to third class," said Marian.

"Ballyfermot and Drimnagh presently have primary schools that are undersubscribed and we are currently approaching local boards of management to consider streaming a gaelscoil into their existing school.

"This would mean a local school starting a mixed junior infants class through Irish in their school. We are calling on all local schools in these areas to seriously consider supporting this campaign and offering space within their schools."

The Gaelscoil 10,12 group can be contacted at gaelscoil1012@gmail.com



**CAMPAIGN:** Marian Mhic Charthaigh, Chairperson of the group Gaelscoil 10,12

# Biodiversity centre and cafe plans set for Liffey Vale House

€3.8 million plans on site derelict for the past 20 years would offer a range of activities

By **Maurice Garvey**

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REGENERATION plans are in place to create a biodiversity education centre and café in the picturesque surroundings of Liffey Vale House.

The proposal by Dublin City Council's Parks, Landscape & Biodiversity Department, could see an investment of €3.8m, should planning permission be approved in the coming months.

The city council appointed a conservation architect led by Blackwood Associates, to develop proposals for the sustainable development of this site, which has been derelict for over 20 years.

According to a report prepared for members at the South Central area committee meeting this week, the Cois Abhann centre will offer opportunities for people to learn about animals, plants, and "ecological systems that thrive in close proximity to the city and along the river's edge".

"The house and gardens will intertwine to form one unique experience of nature with learning opportunities throughout."

Liffey Vale House will be restored and a classroom, large enough for school groups, a small café and public toilets will be constructed.

The grounds of Liffey Vale will become publicly accessible with the insertion of pathways and outdoor interpretive materials.

Located on the northern banks of the River Liffey at Longmeadows along the Chapelizod Road, the site will be linked to the linear Liffey Valley Park and Chapelizod, through the transfer of lands from the Department of Defence to the west.

This area will include disabled parking and a bus pull-in area for schools and other tours.

Access to the site will encourage sustainable transport through, walking, cycling and public transport. Some additional accessible parking bays are also provided within the site.

The centre will provide multi-purpose interactive spaces, both internal and external, to



**REGENERATION:** An artist impression of the plans for Liffey Vale House

build awareness and interest in the natural environment.

According to the report, it will "offer a range of educational activities, children, youth and community programmes and events, workshops, training, and exhibitions focused on building awareness of nature and biodiversity."

Cois Abhann will run a range of initiatives

aimed at encouraging young people to come together to meet like-minded young people and develop their interest and enthusiasm for nature.

Liffey Vale once accommodated a family who tended a garden and orchard along the River Liffey's edge.

Today, the lands are home to multiple habitats containing a range of species who moved into the

damp walls, the overgrown orchard and adapted to life along the water's edge.

The report proposes issuing construction tender documents in Autumn 2022 with construction work to begin early next year and to take approximately 12 months to complete.

Project costs will be funded from the Parks Capital Programme with some additional grants.

# Heritage Trail App brings village social and cultural history to life

User-friendly app directs people to nearby places of interest to inform and educate them

By Aimee Walsh

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THE Tallaght addition to the South Dublin County Heritage Trail App was officially launched by the Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Councillor Peter Kavanagh at St Maelruain's Church.

Tallaght is the second village trail to be added to the app with 19 individual heritage points of interest in and around the village. The combination of image, text and audio for each point of interest makes the experience both immersive and engaging for the user, bringing the social and cultural history to life.

The fully interactive and user-friendly app is available in Irish, English, French and German, and using Android or Apple maps directs users to nearby places of interest.

The app is free to download to mobile phones and tablets by searching South Dublin



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Photo by Ben Ryan

**“ In Tallaght, the Council is progressing the concept of a Heritage Centre to act as a new cultural amenity for both the citizens of and visitors to South Dublin**

Co Heritage Trail.

Speaking at the launch, Mayor Kavanagh said: “The project team worked to deliver a comprehensive and diverse trail, placing social and cultural context to the Tallaght we see and live in today with the history and heritage of its past. The result is a wide-ranging and engaging experience through Tallaght to inform and educate the visitor on the wealth and breadth of the history of the local area.”

The idea for the app originated from the €300k Have Your Say Participatory Budgeting consultative process for the Clondalkin Electoral Area, where members of the public were asked to suggest funding ideas for their area and then vote on a shortlist of agreed projects.

“This app is just one of many investments South Dublin County Council is making to develop the visitor economy in the County,” said Ralph McGarry, of the County Promotion Unit at the Council's Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Directorate.

“In Tallaght, the Council is progressing the concept of a County Heritage Centre to act as a new cultural amenity for both the citizens of and visitors to South Dublin, whilst at the Castle Courtyard and Stables at Rathfarnham the Council is progressing the opportunity to develop a mixed-use hospitality, retail, lifestyle offering.

Ralph McGarry continued: “In Lucan, the council is pursuing an interest in the Old School House as potential tourist information hub following the drafting of a tourism development plan.

“And in Clondalkin, the Council recently launched an enhanced experience at the Round Tower Visitor Centre which includes a free downloadable multi-lingual audio guide available in 5 languages – English, Irish, French, German and Spanish, interactive touchscreens, printed interpretative panels, a heated outdoor space and opportunities to take the perfect #towerselfie adding further value for the visitor.”

## Calls to repair ‘a dangerous eyesore’ wall at perimeter of Firhouse Shopping Centre

TWO councillors have called on South Dublin County Council to repair a damaged wall along the perimeter of the Firhouse Shopping Centre, as it has become “a dangerous eyesore”, reports *Aideen O'Flaherty*.

The wall has been damaged for several years and is adjacent to the Firhouse Car Wash. Firhouse-Bohernabreena councillors Brian Lawlor (FG) and Alan Edge (Ind) lodged a joint motion at an Area Committee Meeting last week, asking the local authority to take action on the issue.

Cllrs Lawlor and Edge requested that “all possible steps be taken to ensure that the damaged wall at Firhouse Shopping Units, a dangerous eyesore for many years, is taken down or repaired.”

In a Facebook post last week, Cllr Edge wrote that the damaged wall is “a matter which has been a source of contention for residents [for] many years.

“A fairly cursory examination will tell [the council] what the problem is!”

In response to the joint motion, the council confirmed that arrangements had been made for the wall at that location to be examined by the council's building inspector.

“If deemed necessary, appropriate action will be taken under the provisions of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964,” it said.

Cllr Edge said he hoped that “all necessary steps will be taken” to repair or remove the damaged wall.



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# Getaway driver used mother's car for gangland murder

## Father-of-two John Gibson died in a hail of bullets at Citywest Shopping Centre car park

A GETAWAY driver who 'reprehensibly' used his mother's car to help gangland murderers escape the scene of a west Dublin hit has been jailed for eight years, reports Peter Doyle.

Sentencing judge Mr Justice Paul McDermott noted on Monday that the decision to use his own mother's car indicted Matthew Bell's "lack of suitability to his assigned role" in the gang.

John Gibson was a 28-year-old father-of-two when he died in a hail of bullets after he was targeted by gunmen from a rival gang in a carpark at the Citywest Shopping Centre in Dublin.

At the Central Criminal Court on Monday, Bell (25), of Ambervale, in Cookstown, Tallaght was jailed for his role in the killing after he pleaded guilty to participating in or contributing to the murder of Mr Gibson on September 18 2017, intending to facilitate the activities of a criminal organisation.

Sentencing Bell to nine years and three months' imprisonment, with the final 15 months suspended, Mr Justice Paul McDermott, said Bell had driven the car which allowed the gunmen to flee the murder scene and had been an "essential cog" in the gang operation which led to Mr Gibson's fatal shooting.

Speaking outside court, Mr Gibson's mother Tara Gibson said that while she was "happy" with the sentence handed down, she said she had hoped Bell would have been jailed for longer.

"I only hope they catch the other ones responsible," she said.

"They are still out there."

Ms Gibson previously told the court that "a part of me died" when gardai informed her that her son



had been shot dead.

Describing the killing as a "cold-blooded murder carried out in a public place", Mr Justice McDermott said any sentence imposed would

out of his car and ran for his life," she said in a victim impact statement, which she read out in court.

He said Mr Gibson's death had caused "deep sorrow" to his family and had left his two children, who were aged four at five at the time of the murder, without a father.

"The horror of his death and its aftermath remains with them," the judge said.

Although the offence was in the "upper end of the scale" and a headline term of 12 years and six months was merited, the judge said there were several mitigating factors which entitled Bell to a reduced sentence.

These included Bell's early guilty plea and his battle against drug addiction, which the judge said indicated there could be a "different path" for the accused in the future.

Mr Justice McDermott also described Bell's decision to use his mother's car to transport the killers from the crime scene as "reprehensible" and had indicted the accused's "lack of suitability to his assigned role" in the gang.

At a previous hearing (March 4), Ms Gibson fought back tears as she described the "nightmare" she and her family has endured ever since being told her son was dead.

She said that there were "no words that can be put on paper" to describe the devastation that her family was feeling, adding that her only solace was knowing that her "gentle giant of a son, who was a kind and loving man, was in heaven right now, looking down on his two young children".

"He was a victim of violence, not a perpetrator," she said.

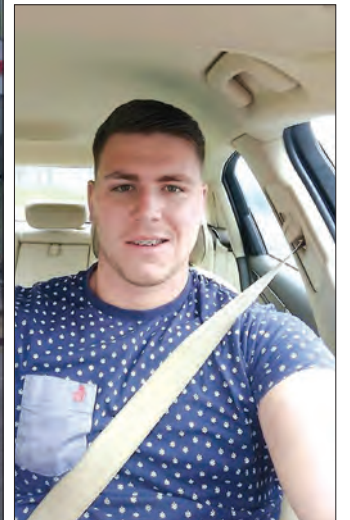
The last time Ms Gibson said she saw her son alive he had hugged her and told her he loved her after they enjoyed a family meal at her house.

Two hours later, she was told in a garda station that her son was dead.

The next time she saw him, she said, "he was laid out in the coffin with his head stapled together and bullet wounds in his chest, something no mother should have to see.

"I constantly think about the last few minutes of his life and the fear he must have felt as he got

**MURDER: Gardai at the scene of the fatal shooting in Citywest Shopping Centre in September 2017 (inset) John Gibson was murdered**



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# Man gets prison sentence for three 'reprehensible' attacks on his partner

A MAN has received a prison sentence of two years and nine months for three "reprehensible" attacks on his partner, reports Declan Brennan

In one attack in April 2017, Evan Keogh (26) pulled the victim down the stairs, causing her to fall on her arm in pain and fear she had broken it.

In another attack in December 2017, he bent the young woman's ankle to the point of pain, while in the third attack in January 2018, he split the girl's lip and bit her finger drawing blood.

Keogh of Alpine Heights, Clondalkin, pleaded guilty at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to three counts of assault causing harm at various locations in the capital on dates

between April 2017 and January 2018. The victim was aged in her 20s at the time.

Garda Sergeant Eamonn Whelan told Antonia Boyle BL, prosecuting, that Keogh and the victim were in an "on again off again" relationship since March 2014.

She said on April 17, 2017, they had separated when Keogh showed up at the woman's house.

When she told him she didn't want him there he began shouting at her "who are you going to get to ride you" and he threw her phone on the floor smashing it, the court heard.

The woman was sitting on the top of the stairs and Keogh pulled her foot and she fell onto the stairs, "whacking" her backside off the

stairs and getting her arm stuck between her and the wall.

The court heard Keogh apologised after and offered to bring the victim to hospital.

She later went to gardai and Keogh was arrested, charged and released on bail pending prosecution.

He was out on bail the following December when he and the woman were together again.

She told gardai later that they were sitting in her home when she "made a smart comment" and Keogh flipped out.

He began bending her ankle back "trying to break it" and causing her to cry out in pain.

She told gardai that she walked with a limp for days after the attack and Keogh said he wasn't sorry because "she deserved it".

On January 8, 2018, Keogh again attacked the woman, this time backhanding her in the face causing her lip to bleed and swell.

He also bit her baby finger at a point where she had broken it three years earlier.

Defending counsel told Judge Martin Nolan that this was a tempestuous relationship, but that his client takes full responsibility for his actions and is unequivocally remorseful.

Judge Nolan said these were pretty nasty and "reprehensible" assaults.

He imposed a 15 month prison sentence for the first attack and a consecutive term of 18 months for the following assaults.

He backdated the sentence to March 2021 when Keogh went into custody for these offences.

# Woman allowed €20k be lodged into her account avoids jail time

41-year-old made a 'very poor decision' to get involved in the offending

By Brion Hoban

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A WOMAN who allowed over €20,000 obtained from an email redirect fraud to be transferred into her account has received a fully suspended sentence.

Mary Aderonke Adeola (41) provided her bank details to a third party, leading to money intended for an Irish brewing company to instead be lodged in her account and then withdrawn.

Aderonke Adeola of Mac Uilliam Green, Tallaght, pleaded guilty at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to two counts of money laundering both at AIB, O'Connell St, Dublin 1, on November 15, 2019, and December 30, 2019. She has no previous convictions.

Passing sentence, Judge Melanie Greally said the accused had made a "very poor decision" to get involved in the offending and was "motivated by financial considerations".

The judge noted Aderonke Adeola was operating on the instructions of a third party and had repaid the partial withdrawal from the second tranche of funds.

She said the accused was doing a very good job raising her five children and has an "excellent" employment history in the caring sector.



Judge Greally sentenced Aderonke Adeola to 12 months imprisonment, but suspended the sentence in its entirety on strict conditions, including that she pay over €500 to the Red Cross in support of Ukrainian nationals.

Detective Garda David Jennings told Diarmuid Collins BL, prosecuting, that the emails between an Irish brewing

company and other companies were intercepted.

Emails purporting to be from the Irish company were sent claiming that the bank details of the company had changed.

Det Garda Jennings said this resulted in money intended to be paid to the company in fact being lodged in the

account of the accused woman on two occasions.

In November 2019, €15,718 was transferred into her account. This money was then transferred out of and withdrawn from the account and has not been recovered.

In December 2019, a further €6,862 was transferred into the account. This

money was partially withdrawn, but the account was frozen after Aderonke Adeola went to a bank to withdraw money and was unable to say where the funds had come from.

The court heard that the accused paid back the unrecovered amount from the second tranche of funds, so there was no net loss resulting from the second transfer.

Det Garda Jennings agreed with George Burns BL, defending, that his client received €1,400 from the third party who directed her to withdraw funds.

He agreed that she had been reckless in allowing her account to be used in this manner.

The detective agreed with counsel that his client came to Ireland around 2007 or 2008 and initially resided in direct provision.

Mr Burns submitted that his client's role as "akin to a drug mule situation", except that the person at the very lowest level of these cases is always caught.

Counsel said his client would be classified as "extremely vulnerable" due to her being a woman on her own with children who is now living in homeless accommodation.

He said his client had €500 in court with her as a token of her remorse.

# 'Are you here for me, boys', man says to gardai throwing object over prison wall

A FATHER-of-one seen throwing an object over a prison wall said to gardai when they approached: "are you here for me, boys?", a court heard.

Joseph Curran then trespassed at several addresses as he fled the gardai on foot.

Judge David McHugh sentenced him to three months in prison.

Curran, aged 22, with an address at Cashel Avenue, Crumlin, pleaded guilty to attempting to convey an article into Wheatfield prison, obstructing a drugs search and trespassing at a number of houses at the back of the prison on August 5 last.

Sergeant Maria Callaghan said gardai were on duty at 3.45pm on

the day in question when they saw the accused at the back of the prison throwing an object over the wall into the prison.

When the gardai approached Curran, he said "are you here for me, boys?" and took off running.

He jumped into a garden at Elmdale Crescent and climbed over several fences and into other

gardens as he fled, Sgt Callaghan said.

Curran was caught after a "lengthy foot chase". He was on remand in prison when he appeared in court. The accused had 55 previous convictions for offences including theft, robbery and trespass. Curran did not have a very good record and had left school at

the age of 16, his barrister Ciaran MacLoughlin said.

He was now attending education while in Cloverhill, "doing very well" and keeping his head down, Mr MacLoughlin said.

Judge McHugh imposed the three-month sentence on one of the charges of trespassing and took the remaining counts into consideration.





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# Red Cow Hotel overwhelmed with donations for Ukrainians

Hotel accommodates Ukrainian families fleeing from the war with support from community

By **Maurice Garvey**  
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THE Red Cow Moran Hotel is one of a number of centres nationwide that is understood to be accommodating Ukrainians, fleeing from war.

The hotel held a public appeal for clothing/toiletries, but had to ask for people to stop donating on March 11, due to the high volume of donations by local residents and groups.

The Red Cow is one five pre-reception facilities in Dublin, and there are many different types of emergency accommodation

centres across the country.

Pre-reception centres are for people who have come to Ireland seeking asylum but have not yet been sent to the national reception centre in Baleskin and on to a more permanent place.

*The Echo* visited the Red Cow Moran Hotel on Tuesday morning, but were asked to leave due to the hotel being closed to the public.

Rooms at the hotel are fully booked for the foreseeable future.

Outside in the carpark, *The Echo* met some men from Algeria and a lady from Sudan, enjoying some



fresh air.

According to Parliamentary response by Children's Minister Roderic O'Gorman last month on emergency accommodation centres, the Red Cow has a contracted capacity of 302 and occupancy of 358.

A spokesperson for the Department of Children and

Equality told *The Echo* they cannot confirm which hotels are accommodating Ukrainians as the list is likely to "change quickly depending on the number of Ukrainians arriving in the country on a daily basis".

The spokesperson said: "The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response

to welcome people fleeing the war in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland. The Department is contracting temporary hotel accommodation across the country in order to accommodate Ukrainians as the need arises.

"At present, it is not possible to provide a list of hotels as hotels are being contracted at the

moment and the list is likely to change quickly depending on the number of Ukrainians arriving into the country on a daily basis."

A spokesperson for Dublin City Council said: "The DRHE (Dublin Region Homeless Executive) does not currently use the Red Cow Hotel to provide accommodation to families."

**“ The government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the war in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland**



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## Parents Plus Children's Programme 6-12 Years

Deansrath Family Centre will run the Parents Plus Children's Programme for parents of children aged 6 - 12 years old this **April**. The course will be held over Zoom and will run for 8 - 10 weeks.

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## Pete St John was a proper song writer and a proud Dub

By **Maurice Garvey**  
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TRIBUTES have been paid to singer-songwriter Pete St John, who died on Saturday, March 12, aged 90.

The folk musician is best known for writing *The Fields of Athenry* and *The Rare Ould Times*.

Born Peter Mooney in 1932, and originally from Inchicore, he was educated at Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal and Synge Street CBS, and worked as an electrician before emigrating to Canada.

He returned to Dublin in the late 1970s.

His songs have been recorded by the Dubliners, Mary Black, Daniel O'Donnell, Brendan Shine and many others. He also penned *The Ferryman*, *Luke Kelly's Land* and *Ringsend Rose*, and more recently composed on topical themes. This included a song *Never Drink and Drive* for the Road Safety Authority.

Tributes flowed in from far and wide for the popular musician, with the likes of the Wolfe Tones, President Michael D Higgins, the FAI, IRFU and Glasgow Celtic FC.

Musician Phil Coulter said: "Deeply saddened to hear the news of the passing of the great Pete St John, a gentleman, a proud Dub and a proper songwriter who contributed at



**PROUD DUB: Pete St John**

least three classics to the Great Irish Songbook. Ar dheis De go rabh a anam dilis."

Pete St John, who died at Beaumont Hospital, is survived by his sons Kieron and Brian Mooney and was predeceased by his wife Susan.

## Liffey Sounds St Patrick's Day show

LIFFEY Sound 96.4fm is recording a special programme on St Patrick's Day with the pupils of Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada.

The programme *Lá Fhéile Pádraig le Eiscir Riada*, will be broadcast at 3pm on St Patrick's Day on 96.4FM and will be available as a podcast on the website afterwards.

On Wednesday, March 30, Maria Murphy from 'Lucan Live' will be conducting a special interview regarding Census 2022. If anyone has questions about the census, forward them to [lucanlive@liffeysoundfm.ie](mailto:lucanlive@liffeysoundfm.ie)

The deadline for submitting questions is Sunday, March 27.

## Light segregation schemes update

SOUTH Dublin County Council have given an update on the NTA funded light segregation schemes throughout the county which were due to be completed in 2021.

Councillor Yvonne Collins requested the update on the expected completion dates of the schemes at a recent council meeting. The two light segregation schemes (LSS) that were due to be completed last year and have been carried into this year are Templeville Road and the D12 Bike Bus Route.

According to the council's recent update, the Templeville Road scheme will be delivered as a new raised adjacent cycle track this year rather than a light segregation scheme.

The D12 Bike Bus Route will be delivered in two phases - Limekiln Lane to Riverview will be delivered as a LSS in Q3 this year and the Whitehall Road West section of the route will have to go through a Part 8 process which will commence later this year.

The 2022 NTA has provided funding provides for €1.5 million for further LSS across the county. Assessment of suitable routes has commenced.

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# Conor McGregor donates €20k to Mick and Michelle

## Couple left with life-changing injuries following freak accident two weeks ago

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FORMER UFC champion Conor McGregor has donated €20,000 to a fund for Ballyfermot couple Michelle and Mick Cardiff, who were left with life changing injuries following a freak accident two weeks ago.

A GoFundMe page, set up by Becca Lynch, has raised over €2,000, as of Tuesday morning, McGregor donating his generous contribution on Monday.

The married couple are well liked in the community, and Mick, who works with the National Ambulance Service, is known for his tireless work as the divisional manager of St John's Ambulance, Ballyfermot.

The Gurteen couple were walking home at approximately 8.40pm, on Saturday, March 5, after attending a funeral for a local resident earlier that day, when two vehicles collided at the junction of Drumfinn Road and Drumfinn Avenue.

One of the cars was upended and collided with the couple on the footpath, causing serious injuries.

The Echo understands the couple's grandchild was walking just yards ahead of them on the footpath at the time of the collision.

Sadly, Michael had to have a leg amputated, while Michelle has undergone a number of surgeries.

The incident led to a huge reaction in the community with



hundreds, if not thousands of people, offering support and well wishes.

Writing on the GoFundMe page, Becca said: "This awful accident has had a huge impact on a lot of people in the community. Both will have a long road to recovery, but thankfully they do get the chance to recover."

Becca said the pair are well known in the community for the "selfless work they do" and "it is time for the community to give back".

"In the coming months when Mick and Michelle return home, they will need a lot of help, care and structural changes to their home. One thing they should not have to worry about is the financial impact of this. If you are in a position to donate any money, please do. If not, please share the [fundraiser] link with your family and friends."

The Cardiff family expressed thanks to everyone who has sent best wishes and prayers.

Donations can be made at [shorturl.at/wyFJ4](http://shorturl.at/wyFJ4)

**“ This awful accident has a huge impact on a lot of people in the community. Both will have a long road to recovery, but thankfully they do get the chance to recover**



**LIFE CHANGING:** Mick and Michelle Cardiff sustained serious injuries

## Google's community grants programme open for applications

GOOGLE'S annual community grants programme reopened this week for applications in the Clondalkin area

The programme supports eligible organisations and initiatives that directly and positively impact the local community surrounding Google data centers including the one located at Grange Castle in Clondalkin.

Since 2017, the Google Community

Grants Program has funded more than 70 different projects locally.

The programme supports projects that focus on and enhance the areas of education, economic opportunity, bridging the digital divide, sustainability, health and science and arts and culture.

Grants will be awarded to those who are able to demonstrate the impact of their project on the local Clondalkin community.

Measurable benefits, possible previous experience with similar projects, networking with other communities in the area, and innovative reproducible implementation methods will be considered as part of the proposals.

Beneficiaries will be selected in June and contacted immediately after.

Gilda Petri, Google, said: "We are delighted to be running our community

grants programme once again this year in Clondalkin.

"We have been able to help fund some excellent initiatives over the years and it's great to have insight into some of the great work being done in our local community here."

In previous years, grants have been awarded to eight local schools, as well as organisations such as CEEDS (Clondalkin Centre for the Unemployed), Foróige and the Dublin West Education Centre with funding going towards areas such as improving digital skills and helping adults to upskill and get jobs.

People can get in contact about the grants or the possibility of sponsoring local events at [dublin-datacenter@google.com](mailto:dublin-datacenter@google.com) or if you wish to apply you can find more information at Data Center Community Grants Program.

**“ We are delighted to be running our community grants programme once again this year. . .**

## Cherry Blossoms initiative promotes positive events

DUBLIN City Council is supporting a month long programme of events in April for Cherry Orchard.

The move is in response to serious incidents of violence that has been occurring in Cherry Orchard recently, specifically joyriding and burnt out cars. The initiative is called Cherry Blossoms.

DCC is supporting the Cherry Orchard Response Group to organise a month of events throughout the area to celebrate

community organisations that are active in the area.

Residents are being encouraged to get involved. The programme of events aims to promote what's positive in the area and help groups recruit new members.

Meanwhile, a draft plan to upgrade Ballyfermot Garda station and provide additional policing resources, was formed by local stakeholders in the council and sent to Government Ministers.

# Families only desire is to help kids survive war

WALK staff will travel to Ukraine border to pick up families who have children with disabilities

By Aideen O'Flaherty

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TWO staff members from WALK – the Walkinstown Association for People with an Intellectual Disability, are travelling to the Poland-Ukraine border this week to collect two families with children with intellectual disabilities from the war-torn country.

WALK CEO Joe Mason and director of day supports, Kevin Power, will also be dropping off supplies at the border to help those in Ukraine.

The two men will set off in the WALK minibus on Thursday, when they will get the ferry to Holyhead. They will then take the Folkestone Eurotunnel to Calais, France, before heading to their destination – Lublin, on the Poland-Ukraine border.

They plan to pick up two families from Kyiv, who have children with intellectual disabilities, at the border and bring them to Dublin so they can escape the ongoing conflict.

Mr Mason told *The Echo*: “The vast majority of people in Ukraine who have intellectual disabilities haven’t been able to get out to the refugee camps on the border.

“One of the families we’re collecting has a friend who has offered to drive them to the border, but we’re still waiting for confirmation from the second family about how they’ll get there.”

One of the families has a 12-year-old daughter with “significant needs” and severe epilepsy.

They only have three weeks’ worth of medication for their daughter and, due to the severity of her condition, they are unable to go to the basement of their apartment building when there’s shelling.

The second family has an 11-year-old boy, who has physical and sensory disabilities.



**SUPPORT: Kevin Power and Joe Mason will travel to the Ukraine Polish border on Thursday**

Accommodation and supports are already in place for when the families are expected to arrive in Dublin next week.

Explaining what motivated him to help Ukrainian families with children with intellectual disabilities, Mr Mason said: “I have read a lot of documentation about how conflict affects those with disabilities.

“I had read a lot of reports and realised the vast majority of people with disabilities haven’t been able to escape.”

After watching news reports about the worsening situation in Ukraine, and being concerned about the ability of families with children with disabilities to escape the conflict, Mr Mason made the decision to travel to the border

with his colleague, who was also on board with the idea.

In recent days, WALK accepted donations of essentials at their Long Mile Road premises, which will be delivered to the border before the families are collected.

“What we’re doing might be small, but it’s still something,” said Mr Mason. “But if everybody does something small, it can turn into something massive.

“These families have children with physical and intellectual disabilities. We’ll collect them, bring them here, and give them support with housing and things like that.

“The families’ only desire is to help their children survive the war. They have no family in Ireland, but I’m assured that the Ukrainian

diaspora here are a very warm and welcoming group, so we want to link in with them.”

The two men expect the outward journey to take roughly 14 hours, while they expect it to take several days for them to return.

When asked about how he feels about the impending journey, Mr Mason said: “To be honest, there’s probably a little bit of anxiety about facing into the unknown.

“But the distinction is my ‘unknown’ is very different from the families’ unknown. At the back of my mind, I know that no matter what I’m feeling, it’s nothing like what people in Ukraine are feeling.

“I know that I’m safe, I know that my children are safe – but these people can’t say the same thing.”

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### Stay safe this bank holiday weekend

IT IS important that people respect their communities and the people around them as we approach the double bank holiday and St Patrick’s Day this year.

It is the first St Patrick’s Day celebration in three years, coupled with a new bank holiday and of course it is expected that people are going to enjoy themselves, but it is imperative that it is done safely with consideration for other people.

Despite almost all of Covid-19 restrictions relaxing over the last few weeks, not everybody will ‘reintegrate’ into society at the same pace. Some people may want to keep socially distanced, wear masks for a while longer, or avoid crowds.

The Omicron variant is still very much transmissible, and there are people who are more vulnerable than others.

Be mindful if you are out over the bank holiday weekend and respect people’s personal opinions and decisions surrounding Covid safety measures.

St Patrick’s Day celebrations usually go hand-in-hand with an increase in alcohol consumption, and now that most people have up to five days off work, it’s also important to take it easy, pace yourself, and be mindful of others.

With this increase in alcohol consumption comes an expected increase in anti-social behaviour in our communities.

Don’t disrespect your community and neighbours by littering or engaging in threatening or intimidating behaviour and spoil the celebrations for everyone this St Patrick’s Day.

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# Action called on the long waiting lists at Tallaght University Hospital

TALLAGHT University Hospital (TUH) has made “a concerted effort to address the length of time patients are waiting for access to scheduled care”, according to a HSE spokesperson, reports Aideen O’Flaherty.

The issue of waiting lists for scheduled services in TUH was raised by Fianna Fáil councillor Charlie O’Connor at a meeting of the Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum on Tuesday.

Cllr O’Connor called for “action on the long waiting lists at Tallaght University Hospital” and also requested details and assurances from the HSE in relation to the waiting lists.

In response, Trevor O’Callaghan from the HSE said that over the course of the

pandemic scheduled care was provided on an “urgent time-sensitive basis only” which caused “some growth” in the waiting times for scheduled care.

Outlining the work TUH has done to address the issue, Mr O’Callaghan said there has been a reduction of 80 per cent of day case surgery patients waiting over 12 months since the start of 2021.

He added that inpatient waiting lists have reduced by five per cent since the start of 2021, while endoscopy waiting lists have reduced by 32 per cent within the same time frame.

Mr O’Callaghan concluded his response by noting that OPD patients waiting longer than 15 months has reduced by 18.5 per cent since the start of 2021.

WAITING TIMES:  
Tallaght University  
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# Lack of funding forces Square Oratory to close after 28 years

## Community saddened that 'a very special place' will close its doors for good

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IT HAS been announced that the Oratory of The Holy Family located in The Square Shopping Centre will be closing permanently at the end of March after being open for 28 years due to a lack of funding.

The decision to close the doors of the oratory on Thursday, March 31, 2022, was made at a meeting that was held between representatives from the Archdiocese of Dublin and the oratory staff on Friday, February 25.

Speaking about the closure, Fr Liam Rigney, who has pastoral responsibility for the Tallaght area, told *The Echo*: "The

Oratory of the Holy Family in The Square will sadly close on Thursday, March 31. The decision was made at an open meeting held in the oratory on Friday, February 25. This came after several months of efforts to keep the oratory open.

"The oratory has served the needs of visitors to The Square since 1993. Unfortunately, it was not possible to secure the necessary funds to put it on a sound financial footing. The decision, made locally, was taken with much regret.

"We are very grateful to those who contributed so much to the care of the oratory over the years, including Fr Pat Lucey and his fellow Tallaght Dominicans and the local group who dedicated themselves to the oratory's

**“ We are very grateful to those who contributed so much to the care of the oratory over the years, including Fr Pat Lucey and his fellow Tallaght Dominicans and the local group who dedicated themselves to the oratory’s maintenance**



**CLOSURE: Jim Lovett, outside the Oratory of the Holy Family at The Square (inset) Notice of a public meeting that was held to discuss the closure**

maintenance.”

Jim Lovett, who has been the eucharistic minister at the oratory for over ten years, said that there have been calls to the Archdiocese of Dublin to hand the oratory over as a gesture of good will to the people of Tallaght to prevent closure.

“People are very saddened by it – it happened so fast and what will happen on March 31 is that security will probably just turn a lock on the door that’s the end of it,” said Jim.

“It is the people who I feel sorry for, they come here all the time and they will be very disappointed and there has been some very special things that have happened here over the years.”

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, numbers attending the oratory have dropped significantly which resulted in the drop off in donations and ultimately has led to the decision to close.

“There have been people coming in here for years. It is a very special place, and the owners should be turning it over to the people because there is no way that those numbers will ever resume,” Jim added.

“It is disgraceful. This is the Holy Family we are talking about, and I think that anything that carries the name of the Holy Family, I just think - how dare they close it.”

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# Apartments on former Woodies site needs ‘further consideration’

326-build-to-rent apartments submitted for pre-planning consultation on Belgard Square East site

By Aideen O’Flaherty

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PLANS for the development of 326 build-to-rent apartments at the former Woodies site in Belgard Square East in Tallaght require “further consideration/amendment”, according to An Bord Pleanála.

The plans were submitted last November as a pre-planning consultation by Ravensbrook Limited, which has a registered address in Parnell Square East and was set up in March 2020.

Pre-planning consultations are held in advance of developers submitting full planning applications for Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs).

The three directors of Ravensbrook are Monaco-based Siobhan Quinlan, a property investor and wife of financier Derek Quinlan; John Gordon, also with an address in Monaco, and solicitor Michael Quinlan, with an address in Castleknock.

The Quinlans previously submitted plans for a pre-planning consultation for 241 build-to-rent apartments at the Agnelli Motors site on the Greenhills Road under the company name of Green Optical Limited.

The plans for the Agnelli Motors site have a “reasonable basis” for a planning application for an SHD, An Bord Pleanála ruled last month.

The Woodies site was bought by property tycoon Bernard McNamara for approximately €20m before the recession.

Mr McNamara’s company, Laytar, originally acquired the former Woodies site from a group of investors assembled by businessman Derek Quinlan – whose wife is one of the directors of the company that lodged the plans for the pre-planning consultation for the Woodies site.

The site had originally been earmarked for a shopping facility and 350 apartments. However, these plans never came to fruition and the site went

**PLANS: Developers plan to build 326 build-to-rent apartments on the former Woodies site**



back on the market in 2016 for €4.5m.

The new proposal for the Woodies site is the latest of a number of large SHDs proposed for the central Tallaght area.

Approved developments include a €10m, 502-unit apartment development at the site of the former Gallahers cigarette factory on the Greenhills Road. The former Cable and Wireless site on the corner

of Airton Road and Belgard Road is set to house 328 apartments, across two apartment blocks, after developer Power Scaffolding Supplies Ltd was granted planning permission in 2020.

# Works to be carried out on park footpaths repeatedly flooding

Issue has caused park users to take ‘excessive detours across uneven grass’

By Aideen O’Flaherty

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SOUTH Dublin County Council’s decision to carry out works on footpaths in Greenhills Park that repeatedly flood every time there is heavy rainfall has been welcomed by a local councillor.

The footpaths are located near the top of a hill in the park, and has caused park users to take “excessive detours across uneven grass”, according to Social Democrats councillor Carly Bailey.

The issue also impacts elderly people who use the park, and those with mobility issues, stated Cllr Bailey in a motion she tabled at a recent Area Committee Meeting.

Speaking to *The Echo* about the issue, Cllr Bailey said: “It’s one of those things...it’s very annoying when it happens.

“When we get very heavy rainfall the pavement is covered and it floods.”

The Temple Manor and Wilkins Residents’ Association also previously raised the issue with South Dublin County Council.

In response to Cllr Bailey’s motion,

the council stated: “A commitment was given [at] a recent deputations meeting with the Temple Manor and Wilkins Residents’ Association to resolve the footpath ponding issues in Greenhills Park as requested here.

“A contract is in place at present for minor footpath surfacing works in parks and on estate open spaces, and the park has been inspected recently along with the contractor to determine the extent of footpath overlay which is needed to resolve these issues.

“It is expected that arrangements will be in place in the near future to have these works carried out.”

Commenting on the council’s response, Cllr Bailey told *The Echo*: “I was very happy to accept the council management’s response and I know they’re going to tackle it now. It’s very reassuring.”

Cllr Bailey added that this is a positive move in line with other plans for the park, including the development of a teen space near the existing playspace and calisthenics facilities, the planting of native trees, and the development of a biodiverse section of the park to encourage pollination.



**ISSUES: The footpaths flood in Greenhills Park after heavy rainfall**

## Donations to help families in need

A DONATION to help families in need takes place in Lucan, on March 26.

The Community Connect drive and drop takes place, on Saturday March 26, from 1pm-3pm, at St Mary's Church Car Park.

The volunteer-run national initiative is seeking new items only.

This includes nappies, size 1 to 6, baby wipes, nappy sacks, baby wash/shampoo, nappy cream, baby sponges, baby cotton wool, packs of babygros and vests, packs of baby hooded towels, baby blankets, baby bibs, baby bottles.

Also, hospital bag items, dark towels, maternity nightdresses, slippers, toilet bags, sanitary towels, breast pads, nipple cream, new packs of dark underwear.

Unopened gift items for mothers, hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, body wash, fluffy socks/slippers, but no candles or glass items please.

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# Sheldon Park owners appeal council decision

## Permission refused for a five storey apartment block with 12 units at Kylemore site

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THE owners of the Sheldon Park Hotel on Kylemore Road, have appealed a decision by Dublin City Council to refuse planning permission for a five storey apartment block at the site.

Plans for the block contain proposals for 12 apartments.

The Kylemore site has 115 units, granted under previous planning permissions, under construction at the site.

The hotel and leisure centre has been closed to the public for 18 months, and currently operates as a family hub for mostly non-national residents.

In September 2020, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) entered into a contract with Sheldon with Sheldon owners Jackie and Vincent Cosgrave to provide accommodation to 67 families.

Plans for 12 additional apartments was rejected by city planners in February,

who determined the proposed development would "seriously injure the amenities of properties to the east, by reason of its overbearing impact".

City planners had also expressed concern about the lack of communal space for potential residents in the scheme.

Hughes Planning and Development Consultants, on behalf of Arcourt Limited, submitted an appeal with An Bord Pleanála.

They consider the proposal is in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In the appeal, Hughes state the proposal would meet objectives set out in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-22, and that the layout and design of the proposal "seeks to protect the amenity of adjoining properties and also to respect the character and appearance of the area in the vicinity of the Old Naas Road".

The appeal case is due to be decided by July 4, 2022.



APPEAL: The Sheldon Park Hotel have appealed the City Council's decision

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# Women celebrate International Day with Saoirse fundraiser event

Groups in community turn out for afternoon tea and talks at The Edge Cafe

By Aimee Walsh  
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WOMEN in the community came out to The Edge Café to celebrate International Women's Day with an afternoon tea and talks from successful local women in aid of Saoirse Domestic Violence Services.

There was a large turnout at the event at the Edge Café in Bolbrook, which celebrated local women and their success. The ladies who gave speeches on the day were Liz Kennedy, production manager at *The Echo* Newspaper and chair of Tallaght Community Council, Melanie Martin, a teacher at Tallaght Community School and Sarah Moynihan from Saoirse.

Speaking about how the idea for the fundraising event came about, Amy Keatinge, Enterprise and Projects Manager at Partas told *The Echo*: "Myself and the café manager were having a coffee in the café one day and the newspaper was open in front of us and an article about Saoirse Domestic Violence Services was in it. We were going to do something small for International Women's Day, but when we read the article, we knew that we wanted to do some kind of fundraiser for Saoirse."

"Partas has four different centres, and they also have a women's WEBNET programme, so we

“ It was a really great day and there were so many groups from the community such as the local drama group, staff from Tallaght University Hospital, staff from TUD Tallaght and loads of local people came out as well to celebrate the day



invited all of the women from there, and loads of different women from the community. There were so many women from the community in Tallaght with different experiences all there to enjoy each other's company and to raise money for the refuge."

Amy added: "It was a really great day and there were so many groups from the

community such as the local drama club, staff from Tallaght University Hospital, staff from TUD Tallaght and loads of local people came out as well to celebrate the day."

The total amount of money raised for Saoirse Domestic Violence Services is currently being counted and will be donated in the coming weeks.

**CELEBRATION:** Orinn Kieran, Partas, guest speakers Liz Kennedy (The Echo and Tallaght Community Council), Sarah Moynihan (Saoirse) and Melanie Martin (Tallaght Community School) with Aimee Keatinge, Partas

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## Students are on the ball with Ukraine football fundraiser

INSPIRED by a public appeal for Ukraine, students at Deansrath Community College in Clondalkin took part in a successful fundraising football tournament, reports Maurice Garvey.

Deansrath teacher Matt Corbett said the idea was prompted by students who are aware of events in Ukraine and a recent Late Late show appeal.

"The students were eager to take action to support the campaign and the wider plight of refugees," said Mr Corbett.

"In fairness, the idea came from the students themselves. They were asking about what we could do as a school and a community and looking for practical ways to help. Organising the tournament gave students the chance to raise money, talk to people in their locality and express themselves doing what they love."

Fifth year student Callum Forte (17), said: "We wanted to do something that would not just raise money but help

people to understand that everyone can make a difference through their actions and words. Sport can play a big part in this. Mr Corbett has run fundraisers before for Women's Aid and Pieta House so we went to him and asked could we do something to help".

The students will continue their fundraising in the coming weeks and expect to raise over €500 for the Irish Red Cross and other organisations supporting those in desperate need.



**SUPPORT:** Students from Deansrath Community College competed in the fundraiser



## Proposals for 283 residential units in Newcastle

A PROPOSAL for the construction of 283 residential units in a townland west of Newcastle South requires "further amendment/consideration", according to An Bord Pleanála.

The plans were lodged by Cairn Homes – one of the largest housebuilders in the country – last November for a pre-planning consultation with the appeals board.

Pre-planning consultations are held in advance of developers submitting full planning applications for Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs).

The plans consist of the development of 123 houses, 160 apartments, a creche, and associated site works.

On March 2, An Bord Pleanála ruled that the plans required "further consideration/amendment" before being submitted as a full planning application via the fast-track planning scheme for SHDs.

# Moyle Park non-uniform day raises €3k for Ukraine

## Teachers also held coffee morning where donations were also collected

By Aideen O'Flaherty  
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OVER €3,000 was raised for people in Ukraine by students and staff from Moyle Park College in Clondalkin, as a result of a non-uniform day they recently held.

The entire school community took part in the fundraiser on Friday, March 4, which was organised by Tina Lee and Roisin McGowan, and school staff member Francis O'Keefe.

While pupils donned clothing of their choice and donated to the cause, the teachers held a coffee morning where donations were also collected.

Fiona Quigley, a language teacher in Moyle Park College, told *The Echo*: "The entire school community of Moyle Park College has been moved by the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

"Like so many in the Clondalkin community, we felt we must try to assist in the national effort to help the most vulnerable impacted by this humanitarian crisis."

Commenting on the success of the fundraiser, which also saw the school collecting essentials like nappies, toiletries and clothing for those in Ukraine, Ms Quigley said the school was committed to helping those affected by the war.

"The generosity of our community has been heartwarming and a total of €3,083 was raised," she said.

"Our students want to assist in any way possible and their remarkable response reflects this desire by so many to help the most vulnerable.

"We have also collected a vast amount of urgently required supplies such as toiletries, clothes, nappies etc which have been sent to a local drop off point in preparation for transport to Ukraine.

"As a school we will continue to collect these urgently required supplies in the weeks to come as further deliveries are made to Ukraine over the coming weeks and months.

"As a school community we will continue to hold the Ukrainian people in our thoughts and prayers."



HEARTWARMING: Ms Tina Lee, Ms Francis O'Keefe, Ms Leigh Ellis, Ms Roisin McGowan at the coffee morning

# Householders and businesses reluctant to have bottle banks near them says county council

HOUSEHOLDERS and businesses in South Dublin County are "reluctant" to have bottle bank facilities near them, according to South Dublin County Council.

The local authority stated this at a recent Area Committee Meeting in response to a question by Fianna Fáil councillor Deirdre O'Donovan, concerning bottle bank allocations in the Knocklyon area.

This follows on from the removal of bottle banks in Knocklyon Shopping Centre last year to facilitate upgrade works to the car park. The bottle banks at that site have yet to be reinstated.

A council spokesperson said: "These works have been completed now and the property management company in charge of the area have been asked to put the bottle banks back in place.

"A response to this request is awaited."

This is symptomatic of a larger issue with the placement of bottle banks in the county, as while [the council] said it's "anxious" to secure more bottle banks in the county, this is scuppered by an apparent reluctance by people to have them in close proximity to homes or businesses.

"The council is anxious to establish additional bring bank sites around the

county," stated the council.

"However, in recent years it has been possible to establish only a very small number of additional sites.

"While the community in general requires this service, householders and businesses are reluctant to have these facilities close by.

"The council's community recycling strategy requires that consultation with affected residents or businesses is required on any proposal to locate a bring bank within 50 metres of that property.

"It is also the case that many privately-owned sites, such as neighbourhood shopping centres for example, are suitable for the siting of bring banks, however, in most cases, the property owners or property management companies are unwilling to give permission for such proposals.

"The council will however continue to seek additional sites where possible and any assistance that can be provided in this regard would be gratefully received."

The council will be carrying out a review of its recycling strategy this year, including looking at the issues which are "obstructing progress" in the placement of bottle banks in the county.



WORKS: The bottle bank was removed from Knocklyon Shopping Centre to facilitate upgrade works

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A NUMBER of submissions have been lodged on the Draft South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028. This week, Aides Glenasmole in Bohernabreena, the Naas Road and Saggart Village. The submissions are being voted on by councillors in meeting the submissions and motions and decide whether to adopt or amend the draft plan. According to South Dublin County Council, the documents for a local authority. It impacts on how the county deals with climate change, how people move around, where people

## Link road would alleviate traffic issues in Citywest and Saggart

WORSENING traffic issues in Citywest and Saggart Village could be alleviated by the inclusion of a new link road from Garter Lane to Mill Road in the development plan, according to two local residents.

In the submission lodged by Kevin and Emer Rodgers, they voiced their frustration about traffic congestion in Citywest, Saggart and Greenogue, and a lack of measures to address this in the County Development Plan.

“The traffic situation in Saggart Village is now dire and beyond intolerable for residents,” stated the Rodgers’.

“Fortunestown Lane and Garter Lane are now almost impassable during school drop-off and collection/rush hour due to the build-up of traffic to Citywest Hotel.”

They also criticised the “drastic overdevelopment of Greenogue” leading to junction four of the N7 being “seriously over capacity”, compounded by the presence of HGVs at peak times.

“There are no plans in the Draft Development Plan for the remediation of either situation,” they claimed.

In order to combat this issue, the Rodgers’ proposed the inclusion of a link road between Garter Lane and Mill Road to reduce the “significant volumes of traffic” in Saggart Village.

“I suspect that most, if not all of the traffic, to and from the Citywest Hotel would not need to enter or approach [Saggart] village if this alternative link road was available.

“The council needs to do something about this in the next development plan,” concluded the Rodgers’.

# Amendment to relax one-off rural housing in county



## In five years only five people got planning permission for a one-off rural home

AN AMENDMENT on the upcoming County Development Plan to relax the strict planning rules around one-off rural housing in the county was passed at a development plan meeting last week.

During the course of the current South Dublin County Development Plan, which was enacted in 2016 and lapses this year, only five one-off rural houses were granted planning permission by the council.

The motion with the proposed amendment was tabled by Fine Gael councillor Shirley O’Hara, who said it would make it easier for residents in rural areas like Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart and Brittas to obtain planning permission to build a home on a family plot.

Cllr O’Hara said: “I got support for my motion that makes it easier for planning approvals for people in rural South Dublin who are from the area, and are

looking to build on a family plot and stay in the locality.

“There is a similar rule in place in Kildare County Council to allow this, so there is precedence for this.

“I think it’s a real win for people from Brittas and the hinterlands Rathcoole, Newcastle and Saggart who want to build their own home in the place they grew up in.”

The Clondalkin councillor, who is from Rathcoole, received backing from her party colleagues, and Sinn Féin and Independent councillors, as they voted in favour of the motion which was then passed.

Talking about the current situation when it comes to one-off housing in South Dublin County, Cllr O’Hara said: “Around 85 per cent of all one-off housing planning permissions are granted each year nationally, but that is far from the case in South Dublin County Council.

“In the last five years only five people got planning permission for a one-off rural home.

“That simply doesn’t add up and I really hope that changing the rules of application will help people who want to apply or re-apply for planning.

“One-off housing is a small aspect of the current national housing supply but there will always be demand for this development with a design and planning framework in place which is sustainable, well managed and well regulated.

“We’re not fully over the line on this yet, as this change needs to go to public consultation and will likely have to be re-voted on this summer.

“But, once the Development Plan is finalised, if we can make sure this change is in it, I think we’ll deliver real hope for young couples and families who want to raise their family where they themselves were reared.”

## Glenasmole landowner requests land be reinstated for possible housing clusters

A GLENASMOLE landowner has requested that his site at the Glassamucky Road be reinstated as an area for possible housing clusters in the upcoming County Development Plan.

The submission by McCutcheon Halley Chartered Planning Consultants on behalf of landowner

Pat Grimes detailed the landowner’s difficulty with securing planning permission for his site under its current ‘high amenity’ zoning.

The site was previously zoned for a possible housing cluster – with Mr Grimes’ son being granted planning permission for a house in 2007 – but this zoning has been omitted from

every County Development Plan since 2010.

This existing zoning “impedes our client’s children and two other qualifying locals from utilising the lands for family dwellings as intended,” according to the submission.

They stated that the allocation of the

site for possible housing clusters would be appropriate, as several houses are already located in a ribbon arrangement along Glassamucky Road. It is acknowledged in the submission that any dwellings on the site “would be required to be compatible with the predominantly rural/residential nature of this area”.

The reinstatement of the zoning for housing clusters would allow Mr Grimes’ children to construct homes, pursuant to required planning permission, on the subject site.

In concluding the submission, the planning consultants reiterated on behalf of Mr Grimes, their request for the site to be rezoned.

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s this week and in the coming weeks, when they will assess  
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live and work, and the quality of their lives.



RURAL HOUSING: An aerial view of Rathcoole

ne-off rural home claims councillor



REQUEST: An aerial view of the site on Glassmucky Road

# Green Isle Business Park lands should be zoned residential



LANDS at the Green Isle Business Park in Clondalkin should be rezoned from enterprise and employment use to instead facilitate residential development, according to the landowner.

The submission was lodged by Manahan Planners on behalf of landowner Bill Dowling, seeking the rezoning of his land between the Naas Road and the Bushfield estate.

The current zoning of the site for enterprise and employment use would be “considerably small” in terms of employment potential, according to the submission.

“We consider that the employment use generated from this site to be considerably small having regard to the low-density design of the business park and the low intensity employment uses currently contained on site, i.e., car sales, tanning salon,” stated Manahan on behalf of Mr Dowling.

The transient nature of the business park, and the site being adjacent to large residential developments, makes it an unsuitable site for enterprise and employment zoning, according to the submission.

“The site is located c.1.5 km from Clondalkin village centre and adjacent [to] an established residential neighbourhood and Corkagh Park which provides high quality residential amenity,” stated Manahan.

“The existing business park is not a large employment generator with transient businesses such as auto sales and servicing.

“The population growth in this area has stagnated as there are no developable sites available due to the semi-detached housing estate typology which dominates the area and by the large areas of amenity green spaces within the immediate surrounding area.

“A rezoning of these lands to RES-N residential, would allow the development of new residential dwellings on a highly accessible and serviced brownfield site and would form a natural extension to the adjacent residential neighbourhood.”

Manahan Planners lodged the submission in September 2021, during the public submission window for the Draft County Development Plan.



REZONE: The area in blue zoned for enterprise and employment



# Judge has 'no hesitation' in sentencing personal trainer for aggressive behaviour

A JUDGE has said he had "no hesitation" in sentencing a personal trainer for his aggressive behaviour towards paramedics who found him drunk and unconscious on the ground.

Shane Goodall was jailed for two months at Blanchardstown District Court when he admitted public order offences in the incident.

Judge David McHugh said the ambulance services had "enough to be doing."

Goodall, aged 44 with an address at St Mark's Green, Clondalkin,

pleaded guilty to being drunk in public and engaging in threatening, abusive and insulting behaviour at Nangor Road, Clondalkin on September 2 last.

Sergeant Maria Callaghan told the judge gardai responded to a report that there was a highly intoxicated male lying on the ground.

When they arrived, an ambulance was at the scene and the crew were in the process of seeing to the accused.

Goodall became highly

aggressive in the back of the ambulance as he was being treated and gardai were requested to intervene by the crew.

Goodall was arrested and brought to Clondalkin Garda Station where he was charged.

The accused had 41 previous convictions, Sgt Callaghan said.

These included public order and driving offences and several assaults.

Goodall was a personal trainer with his own business and had been clean and sober for a number of

years, his barrister Ciaran MacLoughlin said.

He had lost his marriage and business and began drinking, the court heard. At the time of the incident, Goodall was unconscious on the ground and when the paramedics arrived, he was confused and disorientated, Mr MacLoughlin said.

Things "went very dark" for the accused around the time of the offences.

"This was simply a slip when things went very bad for him in his

personal life", Mr MacLoughlin said.

Goodall was now doing very well again, things were back on track for him and he hoped to reopen his business.

"I have no hesitation in jailing this man," Judge McHugh said. "He has a violent past."

What "swung" the case in favour of an outright sentence, the judge said, was the fact that the ambulance service was involved.

They "have enough to be doing," he said, and he viewed this as an aggravating factor.

# Woman had 'momentary lapse of judgement' when she posted

Photos of Boy A and Boy B convicted of murdering Ana Kriégel were posted on social media

By **Brion Hoban**  
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A WOMAN who was "probably overcome" with emotion when she decided to identify the boys convicted of murdering Ana Kriégel has received a fully suspended sentence.

Louise Heaney (49) posted a photograph featuring the two boys on social media, but removed it shortly thereafter. There was no suggestion she took or generated the photo herself, Dublin Circuit Criminal Court heard.

The court heard that the murder trial had brought back the memory of the murder of the son of a friend of hers and she posted the picture in "a momentary lapse of judgement".

Heaney of Killinarden Heights, Tallaght, pleaded guilty to publishing photos of Boy A and Boy B on Facebook in contravention of the Children's Act 2001 on June 18, 2021. She has no previous convictions.

Passing sentence, Judge Martin Nolan said that on the particular date, Heaney was "probably overcome" with emotion, but that that was no great excuse.

The judge said it is quite a serious crime in the sense the court had ordered there should be no publication of any material that would identify these children. He said this was made clear by



judges in court and their comments were broadcast and published greatly.

He said he took into account the offending was at the lower end of the scale and very few people were likely to see the photograph.

Judge Nolan sentenced Heaney to 18 months imprisonment, but suspended the sentence in its entirety on strict conditions.

Sergeant Eamon O'Neill told Gerardine Small BL, prosecuting, that two males known as Boy A and Boy B

were convicted of the murder of Ana Kriégel in June 2019. Orders were made that nothing that tended to identify either boy could be published.

Sgt O'Neill said it came to the attention of gardai that an image depicting a group of children had been published on social media.

The faces of three of the children were covered "crudely" by red markers, while the faces of two boys were circled with the letters "A" and "B" beside them.

Gardai contacted Heaney regarding

the image and she invited them to attend at her home.

When they attended, she admitted to posting the photograph.

Heaney told gardai she had kept herself informed on the court outcome via social media. She said she had a family friend whose son had been murdered, so she had an interest in any injustice to children.

She admitted she knew of the order and that the children were not to be named. She said she had sent the image

via Facebook Messenger to around 10 people.

When asked why she shared it, Heaney said it was emotionally driven, that there was no malice intended and that she would not do it again. She said she had got the image from the comments section of another post on the trial and removed it herself soon after she put it up.

Heaney told gardai she regretted posting it and was very sorry.

Sgt O'Neill agreed with Emmet Nolan BL, defending, that it was reasonable to suggest that while his client knew what she did should not be done, she did not fully appreciate the consequences of what could happen to her.

The garda agreed with counsel that there was no suggestion his client had taken or generated this photo.

Mr Nolan said his client was from a community where the son of a friend of hers was murdered. He said the trial brought all of that back and in "a momentary lapse of judgement" she posted this picture.

Counsel said this was something done in an instant and taken down very quickly. He said his client has never been in trouble before.

He said his client has six children and has also been involved in fostering numerous children. He said his client has volunteered with the Rape Crisis Centre.

# Man (30) takes stolen bike 'for a cycle'

A FATHER-of-four found with a stolen "Dublin city bike" told gardai he did not know who owned it and had taken it for a cycle.

Gavin McDonagh Carroll was also separately arrested when he tried to flee gardai at the scene of a suspected drugs transaction.

He was sentenced to a month in prison when he appeared in Blanchardstown District Court.

McDonagh Carroll, aged 30 with an address at Kilcronan Crescent,

Clondalkin, pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property and obstructing a drugs search.

The court heard on September 6, 2020, gardai saw the accused walking in Clondalkin in possession of a stolen Dublin city bicycle.

When questioned about it, he admitted he had "taken it for a cycle" and did not know who the owner was. It turned out to be stolen.

Gardai saw McDonagh Carroll acting suspiciously at Ninth Lock

Road, Clondalkin on September 14, 2020. They saw what they thought was a drugs transaction taking place and when McDonagh Carroll saw the gardai approaching he began to leave the scene on foot.

He was apprehended a short distance away.

The accused had 222 previous convictions including 20 for theft-related offences and 154 for road traffic charges.

The accused had grown up in the

family home in Ballyfermot, his barrister Ciaran MacLoughlin said. McDonagh Carroll had got involved in illicit substances from a young age, was taking cocaine, tablets and cannabis at the age of 15 and had been in and out of prison all his adult life.

He was "doing quite well" at one point after leaving prison but after a bereavement, McDonagh Carroll went back on heroin and crack cocaine. The accused was serving a

sentence for a separate charge when he appeared in court. He had been in custody since January, was clean and sober and "doing well inside," Mr MacLoughlin said.

His children came to see him on a regular basis. The accused accepted he had an "appalling record."

Judge McHugh made the one-month sentence consecutive to the term McDonagh Carroll is already serving.

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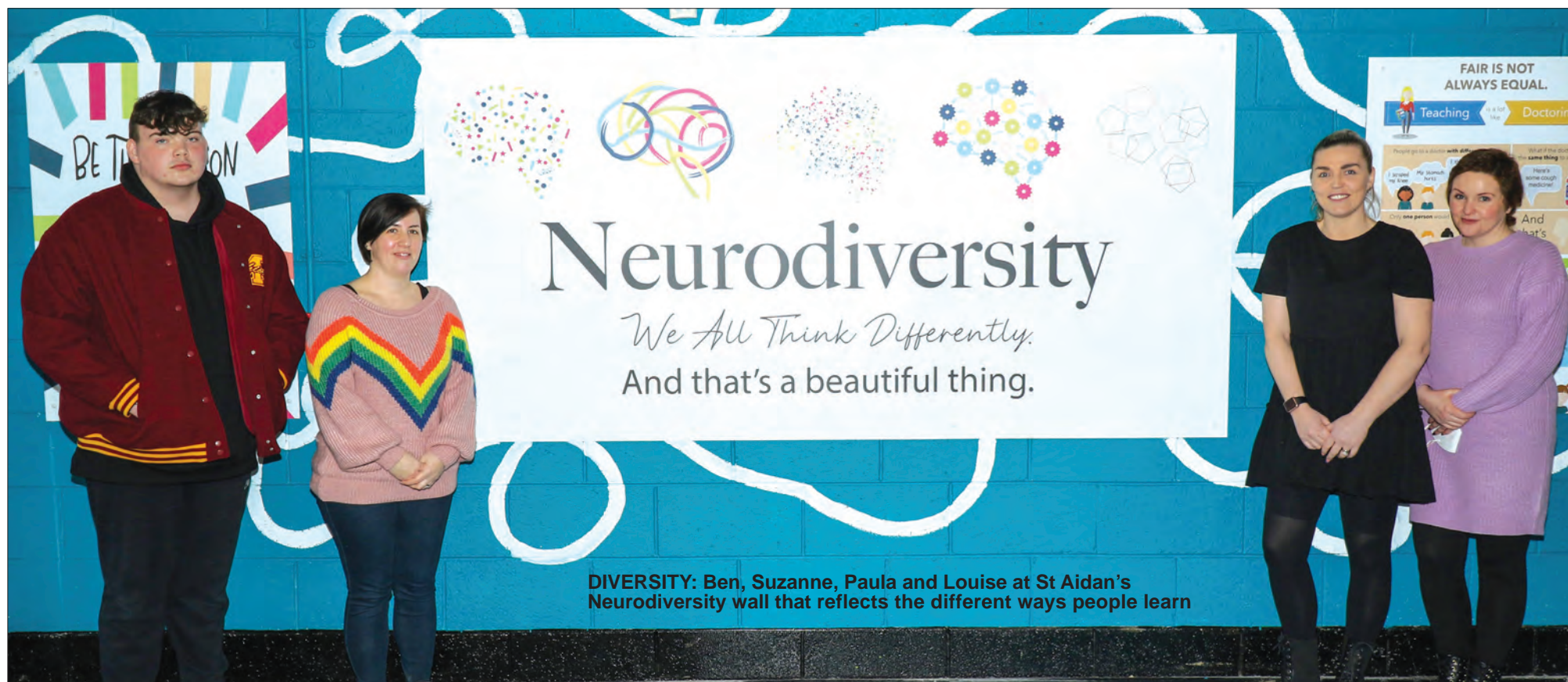
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# St. Aidan's wellbeing and neurodiversity walls

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ON FRIDAY, March 4, 2022, the teachers and students at St Aidan's community school in Tallaght revealed to the public their amazing Well-being and Neurodiversity walls.

The new walls in the school were made and created by ideas from members of the student council. They worked with artist Julie The Genie who designed both walls, she has also worked with other schools on making their walls interesting.

When asked about the importance of the walls Kevin Shortall, principal of St Aidan's said: "If you're well you can excel, I'll explain why. The starting point to everything in school life is well-being and if you're not feeling 100 percent your best then you can't learn. So, we want to make well-being our main priority."

This shows how much the school cares about students. By having these walls and getting students involved in the creation of them makes it really special.

The school is very proud of what they have created and the walls have brought a happier atmosphere to St Aidan's.

Well-being is your mental and physical health and how you feel in everyday life. For young people a big part of their daily life is school so having the well-being wall in the school is a great way for kids to know how to manage their mental health.

Neurodiversity is a way to describe the different ways that people learn. In every school there are people that learn differently to other people. Learning and social education is something that sometimes is not talked about in schools.

Having the Neurodiversity wall let's people know that there are people that learn differently. We have to be sensitive to people's needs no matter what they are.

Deputy principal Una Maloney said: "It's the most important wall in the school," referring to the well-being wall.

The school's student council supervisor Shane Casey echoed the importance of the well-being wall, he said: "I believe that when you are well you can learn better and at the core of learning that's where well-being is. The well-being piece is educational to people who don't know or understand where to start with well-being."

He added that the neurodiversity wall reflects the different ways we learn, he said: "That when we think of learning we think of how we learn but there are a lot

of ways different people learn and neurodiversity refers to the different ways people learn and it has been displayed outside of the ASD and NBSS classrooms."

Lord Mayor of South Dublin Councillor Peter Kavangh was in attendance at the launch as well as, people from Barnardos and the board of St. Aidan's community school.

First-year student Samantha Barry said: "Having someone [Mayor Kavanagh] that is important in the community there for something that people in the school have worked so hard on is a moment that students and teachers won't forget. The well-being and neurodiversity walls have made this school so much more inclusive and a better place."

Friday (March 4) was also a day that the students wore in bright colours to represent their support for positive well-being. Two members of the student council Chloe Geoghan and me, Ella Chaney spoke about what the well-being and neurodiversity walls are about.

“That when we think of learning we think of how we learn but there are a lot of ways different people learn and neurodiversity refers to the different ways people learn and it has been displayed outside of the ASD and NBSS classrooms

# Students and staff speak up about mental health in St Aidan's Community School

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STUDENTS face many mental health issues in school. With the opening of the Well-being and Neurodiversity walls at St Aidan's Community School on March 4, 2022, students and staff tell *The Echo* about their experience with mental health in school.

Many students were asked about how their social and educational experiences reflect in school, as well as some emotions they feel in school and what they would like to feel in school.

When students were asked how they feel, the majority said they feel anxious, tired, pressured, angry and unheard. A sixth-year student said: "Even though I know support is there for us, I want to feel like it."

This is a prime example that just having resources for students isn't enough. They have to feel that it is okay to reach out and that no one will judge them. Someone said that these feelings can cause them to get in trouble, with both teachers and friends for doing or saying things they don't mean.

When asked how they would like to feel in school most said, happy,

relaxed, heard, calm and confident.

A school counsellor Dorothy, and a member of the care team, said that some of the most common issues they see are anxiety, lack of self-worth and lack of self-esteem. Dorothy pointed out that: "These can lead to other issues like depression, panic attacks, eating disorders and more."

When asked what caused these to arise, both Dorothy and the care team member agreed that exam stress, bullying and changing from primary to secondary can cause a lot of these issues.

Both pointed out that influences outside of school such as home situations, grief and their general upbringing are huge contenders in student mental health. They also said that there is a huge range of access to resources but there could be more and that "the care team plays a key role in informing teachers about how to help and what is going on".

Students with Special Educational Needs e.g autism, A.D.H.D - face other issues as well as the aforementioned feelings. Suzanne McVicker, a teacher in the ASD room, said she would like to see more education for staff members about special educational needs.

She said: "During Covid this did



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happen. Staff were able to learn this online at home and it has hugely benefited students."

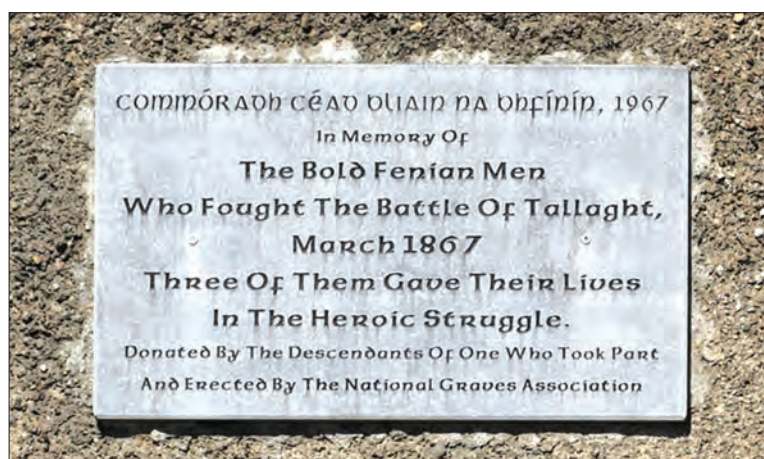
She said this same education should be given to students who might not understand or even be aware of it. She also said that more funding would be a great help for

more staff and things needed for the department.

A student in the ASD room said: "People annoy me more than others. They slag, disturb and threaten me. The staff help me a lot. They listen when this happens, and when I'm in mainstream classes, I always have an

SNA with me."

St Aidan's has many resources for a variety of issues and needs, staff members who care about their students and their well-being, and students who try their best in school regardless of what they are feeling or going through.



**BATTLE:** Plaque on the Priory wall in Tallaght village

## Echoes of the past

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SOME of you may know that, Saturday, March 5, was the 155th anniversary of The Battle of Tallaght. During the Fenian Rising the Fenians assembled at Tallaght Hill on March 5, 1867.

Now, we look back at this historical day and commemorate the memory of those Fenians who fought to take back our town.

The large number of people who were meeting at the hill alerted local police. They sent a message to the nearest barracks. 14 constables and one head constable were at those barracks at a position where they ruled over Greenhills and Templeogue.

When the men from Greenhills passed the barracks, they came under heavy police fire and swiftly retreated. The men from Templeogue were also under fire and followed suit.

This was the last rising under British rule until The Easter Rising of 1916.

In 1936, a skeleton, sword-bayonet and water bottle were found in a hollow tree stump near Terenure. It was a fierce battle, and the British came out the winners.

After the rising, many soldiers were executed, but after many protests for justice of the Fenians, the rest of the soldiers' death sentences were reprieved.

When asked about the importance of remembering The Battle of Tallaght, history teacher at St. Aidans, Ms. Heidi Tully said: "It is really important that we commemorate events in history and the Battle of Tallaght is a significant event in our local history. Although the battle and the Fenian Rising weren't successful, it was one of many attempts made by nationalists to gain Ireland's independence from Britain and inspired future rebellions such as the 1916 Rising."

## LGBT+ community in Ireland

By Samantha Barry  
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THERE is a very strong LGBT+ community in Ireland amongst adults and teens. There have been many changes in legislation and events to make this community more inclusive but more needs to be done.

On May 22 2015, same sex marriage was legalised in Ireland.

It was a very big day for the community and couples celebrated at the news. The referendum passed with 62 per cent of voters (1.2 million people) voting yes.

Though it was only legalised in 2015, the first pride parade was 25 June 1983.

Fast forward almost five years to January 13, 2020, same sex marriage was legalised in Northern Ireland. Not only did this mean that same sex couples could tie the knot

in Northern Ireland, couples married elsewhere would have their marriage recognised by the state.

Today, the annual pride parade has grown to become one of the biggest festivals in Ireland. Beginning at the GPO on O'Connell Street. It finishes up at Merrion square.

On June 29, 2019, the 40-year anniversary of Ireland's first pride week was celebrated. Tens of thousands of people took to Dublin City to celebrate the occasion that marked the largest parade in Dublin history.

Stand Up Week is another event on the LGBT+ calendar, where second-level schools, youth services and Youthreach in Ireland join forces with BeLongTo and take a stand against homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying.

Students from St Aidan's spoke about the importance of standing up and acceptance, Kyle Boylan said:

"LGBT rights are important in today's culture as they show all people straight, gay, bi or other are valid in the eyes of the public."

Ella Chaney said: "Be who you want to be." And Samantha Barry said: "Love is love and everyone deserves it no matter their sexuality gay, straight, bi or other."

The students of the school have a lot of support for members of the LGBT+ community. When asked about this support teachers spoke about self-acceptance and the need to improve rights

Teachers; Martina Flynn said to the students: "We love you how you are." Lisa Douglas said:

"Everybody has a right to be with who they want." Stephen O'Brian said: "It's ok to be what you are if you respect people." And Sharon Dunne said: "It's a great movement"

This shows that even teachers in St Aidans support and care for students no matter their sexuality or gender.

However, teachers also told *The Echo* that more still needs to be done for the rights of the LGBT+ community.

Teachers; Martina O'Neil spoke about struggles from the past, she said: "I have long term friends who struggled a long time ago." Annemarie McDonnell said: "Trans rights still need to be improved." And Meghan Maher said: "More needs to be done to normalise it."

To summarise, overall Ireland is a mostly supportive country for the LGBT+ community with all the celebrations we have and it is a good place to be.

However, things can always improve and become more inclusive in the future.



**PRIDE:** Dublin Pride Festival Saturday June 30, 2018 in Dublin city

*In a series of weekly articles, we'll get the full story on the 13 projects awarded funding through the €100k Tallaght Fund, and how each project aims to positively impact the community.*

# Sustainable project takes root with students in Old Bawn CS

School benefits from €1,800 Síol Foundation funding to purchase polytunnel and garden equipment

By **Mary Dennehy**  
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A SUSTAINABLE project has this month taken root at Old Bawn Community School, with students and teachers digging in to develop and grow a new way of learning.

Old Bawn CS was one of 13 successful applicants to the 2021 Tallaght Fund, which granted the local school €1,800 to support the purchase of polytunnel and gardening equipment.

Established by the Síol Foundation, a social enterprise founded by Tallaght entrepreneur Ed Dunne, the Tallaght Fund is a €100k annual investment into the creation of innovative, sustainable and inclusive projects within the community.

The benefits of the fund were evident this week when *The Echo* visited Old Bawn CS, and its new outdoor learning hub, a 14ft polytunnel.

Speaking with *The Echo*, Principal Ursula McCabe said: "When I saw the Tallaght Fund, I had an idea about a polytunnel and applied for funding... it was worth a shot.

"[The polytunnel is] an outside classroom, it can take a whole class.

"It's amazing... kids who had never lifted a shovel before are out there digging and planting.

"It's fun for kids and they will learn skills they can transfer to their own lives.

"We're very grateful to the Tallaght Fund for the start..."

As the outside learning begins this month, strawberries, peas and sunflowers are currently growing in the polytunnel.

Alongside a firm focus on sustainability and growing your own food, the polytunnel will also be used to support learning across other subjects such as science, art and home economics.

Emma Black is a home economics teacher in Old Bawn CS and is leading a multi-disciplinary, horticultural team of teachers that are working with students across all year groups.

"This polytunnel is supporting a new way of learning...and it will have a cross curriculum link," Ms Black said.

"It's helping to bring life skills into learning."

Currently an irrigation system, with a timer, is being installed, with plans to introduce a rainwater harvester in the pipeline.

This simple, cost-effective yet innovative project hopes to have longterm benefits for students, teachers and the entire school community as it grows over the years.

According to Ms Black, this is truly a sustainable project in all ways.

"It's all about learning to grow your own food and learning to be sustainable," Ms Black said.



**PROJECT:** Ms Emma Black with Sarah Whelan, Ryan Brothwood and Alexandr Mysak in the polytunnel

"Young people are seeing where food comes from and the effort put into growing food, which will help them to look at food waste differently.

"This is a longterm project and we're just getting going.

"It's really exciting and the students absolutely love it."

While supporting all subjects in the school, the new outdoor classroom will also link in with a current junior cycle programme called Grow It, Eat It, Cook It – with plans in place to create a Transition Year horticultural module.

Principal McCabe also noted how the woodwork department is looking at designing and building potting benches for students to work at in the polytunnel.

Old Bawn is also connecting with Holy Rosary in Rathcoole, which has a polytunnel, and other local and national organisations in the hope of building its sustainable and inclusive outdoor learning hub.

"This project can just grow and grow", Ms McCabe said.

"Watch this space..."



**LIFE SKILLS:** Ms Emma Black with Sarah Whelan, Ryan Brothwood and Alexandr Mysak in Old Bawn Community School

**“The polytunnel is supporting a new way of learning. . .and it will have a cross curriculum link. It’s helping to bring life skills into learning**



# New app will improve patients quality of life and wellbeing

## Smart CP app will provide access to Tallaght University Hospital medical team

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PLANS for a new phone app for patients with chronic pancreatitis, which will allow them to have more direct and timely access to their medical team in Tallaght University Hospital (TUH), were announced last week.

The new app was announced by TUH and its Interdisciplinary Chronic Pancreatitis Service last Wednesday, March 9.

The app, called Smart CP, along with helping to provide access to the hospital's medical team, will also provide clear, appropriate, accessible and accurate information for people with chronic pancreatitis.

Chronic pancreatitis is an incurable condition in which the pancreas is inflamed. This leads to constant, unmanageable stomach pain, difficult-to-manage gut symptoms, severe 'brittle' diabetes and poor wellbeing for the patient, according to TUH.

A reporting function on the app will allow patients to notify medical staff if their condition deteriorates and they experience worsening malabsorptive symptoms and signs of new diabetes, so that doctors can intervene earlier to achieve better outcomes.

The project will be coordinated by Professor Kevin Conlon, consultant

surgeon at TUH and Professor of Surgery at Trinity College Dublin, and Dr Sinead Duggan, a senior research fellow in Trinity College Dublin.

Professor Conlon said: "Our hospital is very well placed to take a lead on the development of this technology, we run the only dedicated chronic pancreatitis service nationally, providing care for over 300 patients.

"This new digital tool will improve patient access to specialist care, no matter where they live in the country.

"Our Clinical Nurse Specialist, Ms Marie Egan is central to the running of our service and will be integral to the roll out of this new technology.

"We are grateful to the Innovation Department of TUH for their support."

Ireland has among the highest numbers of people suffering from chronic pancreatitis, the most common cause of which is drinking excessively over several years.

The app will allow those with the condition to receive treatment beyond the confines of the hospital walls, with the app meaning the hospital can care for patients within their homes and communities.

Dr Sinead Duggan said: "The overall aim for these patients is to keep them healthier for longer and keep them out of hospital.

"This app will empower patients with chronic pancreatitis thereby improving



**DEVELOPMENT:** At the announcement of the successful application for funding are from left to right Marie Egan (Clinical Nurse Specialist at TUH), Professor Kevin Conlon (Consultant Surgeon at TUH & Professor of Surgery at Trinity College Dublin) and Dr. Sinead Duggan (Senior Research Fellow in Trinity College Dublin)

their quality of life and wellbeing.

"Whilst we have built a research programme over the last decade, traditionally chronic pancreatitis has been very much a neglected condition.

"We envisage that the SmartCP app will represent the lynchpin that

enhances the quality of our service and facilitates a shift from illness to wellness, and ultimately towards an integrated care programme for chronic pancreatitis."

The announcement of the SmartCP app follows a successful application for

funding to the Department of Public Enterprise and Reform Innovation Fund.

"I and the team are delighted to receive this funding and the benefits the development of this app will bring to our patients," added Professor Conlon.

# Almost time to close the Covid-19 Time Capsule

## Contact TCC to register your interest today be part of history as Tallaght remembers

THE community-led Tallaght Community Council (TCC) project to gather art, merchandise, letters and mementos from the pandemic that capture our shared experience of Covid-19 is drawing to a close.

This is a unique opportunity to be part of Tallaght history and to help tell the story to Tallaght in 2080 of what living through a global pandemic was like.

TCC have been pleased with the response to date and urge anyone else who wishes to be part of history to make sure and contact them and submit your item before March 24.

The items reflect resilient community efforts to adapt and support each other during Covid-19. Some of the items submitted are also very touching and personal, masscards of family members who passed away

during Covid-19.

In challenging times art is often a way to help process and capture the emotions of the situation.

So it is very pleasing that The Civic have contributed some items for the capsule as have TUH Arts Programme.

The Civic's submission contains a poignant desk calendar from 2020, which shows March 20, the last day the theatre changed their daily calendar that year, as the country was asked to "Stay at Home" to help fight the spread of Covid-19 across our country.

Like most in the country, the staff in The Civic had to close the theatre and work from home. The Civic pivoted quickly to respond to the serious impacts the Covid-19 restrictions had on the arts.

They raised €58k for the arts, they went digital with



**SQUARE MEMORIES:** Liz Kennedy, Chair of Tallaght Community Council receives the box of memories from Dillan Coomber, Square Centre Management

performances to help keep the flow of cultural events alive and eventually moved to outdoor events for families.

"We are delighted to be part of this community project run by Tallaght Community Council to capture how The Civic experienced, adapted and endured a global pandemic. It is important to help inform future generations of our experience through this unique time in Tallaght," said Niamh Honer, Marketing, Engagement & Audience Development Manager in The Civic.

The Square also bore the weight of restrictions during the pandemic. Jack Martin and his team in The Square worked hard

to make sure the community had safe access to essential services and complied with the restrictions during the pandemic.

Their submission for the capsule includes merchandise on their community support campaigns they ran to help those in hospital and nursing homes, and produced and distributed care packs for them as they couldn't have visitors during the restrictions.

They also celebrated their milestone 30th birthday during the pandemic, their celebrations took on a different format – online videos and awards instead of a large in person event.

These too are captured in the time capsule.

Contact TCC on tallaghtperson@gmail.com to register your interest today. All submissions must be in by March 24, 2022.



**CIVIC REMEMBERS:** Sandra from The Civic hands over the desk calendar to Gerry Stockil (TCC), showing the last day the Theatre changed their calendar in 2020



### National Covid-19 Remembrance Day, 2022

Tallaght remembers....



Tallaght Covid-19 Time Capsule

Last call to be part of history  
**SCHOOLS, CLUBS, BUSINESSES,  
ORGANISATIONS, INDIVIDUALS**  
Capsule closes March 24th, 2022  
To be included, email:  
**tallaghtperson@gmail.com**








**SPIRIT:** Lily Ramirez-Foran from Picado Mexican, Winner of the 'Entrepreneurial Spirit' Award with Tom Rooney (Head of Enterprise at South Dublin Local Enterprise Office), Laura Leonard Economic Enterprise Tourism Development, Cllr Laura Donaghy Deputy Mayor and Mayor Peter Kavanagh



**OVERALL WINNER:** Susan, Aoibhinn and Blathnaid Murphy from Bia Belle Winners of the 'Overall Award' with Tom Rooney (Head of Enterprise at South Dublin Local Enterprise Office), Laura Leonard Economic Enterprise Tourism Development and Mayor Peter Kavanagh



**GREEN AWARD:** Stuart Montgomery and Michael Clark from Grey Fox Design, winners of the 'Green' Award



**SUPPORT:** The LEO Team at the Awards in The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel



# BiaBelle Beauty secures top prize a

BIABELLE Beauty had plenty to cheer about at the South Dublin Local Enterprise Awards after picking up the Overall Award in The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, reports William O'Connor.

A Tallaght based family-run business, BiaBelle was founded by sisters Aoibhinn and Bláthnaid along with their mother Susan. Beginning as a cosmetics company with retail outlets in stores across Ireland, BiaBelle has seen a

significant increase in business since the development of their self-tanning products which are sold online and through pharmacies and salons.

Their product is cruelty free and vegan friendly while the promoters place a large emphasis on green/sustainable nature of their business.

With a recent distributor signed for Australia and their eyes firmly set on the UK market in 2022 the

future looks bright for BiaBelle who held off tough opposition from other businesses on the night.

Also on the night, eight category winners were announced. The **Start-Up Award** went to Keith O'Grady of Sensory House which is Ireland's first Multi-Sensory manufacturer specialising in affordable full Sensory Room packages to schools, crèches, institutions & private homes throughout Ireland.



**MURPHY'S LAW:** The Murphy family from BiaBelle Winners of the 'Overall' Award with Tom Rooney and Cllr Ronan McMahon  
Photos by Ben Ryan

# Businesses celebrate



**CELEBRATION:** Some of the winners at the LEO awards in The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel. See more photos on page 54 & 55

## at the South Dublin Enterprise Awards

**The One to Watch Award** went to Deirdre Casey founder of Bond Hair Health. Bond Hair Health is committed to delivering solutions for clients having difficulty with their hair and it's overall health.

They provide options for clients to achieve styling and colouring results; but also specialise in helping clients that have concerns regarding scalp and hair health.

**The Export Award** went to Emma Hedderman of Stride Boot Wear which is an equestrian footwear brand designed in Ireland made in Europe. Stride Boot Wear is focused on exporting to the USA, Europe, Canada, and the UK.

**The Innovation Award** went to Mark Sweetman of Botfiler. Botfiler is an automation and integration technology platform that helps accountants around the world to manage local and cross border VAT and Sales Tax for their clients.

While **The Green Award** went to Stuart Montgomery, Michael Clarke, Gerry Whelan of GreyFox Design. GreyFox is a research and design led initiative, whose ambition is to develop, produce and distribute high quality, humanised furniture solutions for the 21st Century.

**The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award** went to Lily Ramirez Foran of Picado Mexican. Lily is a stalwart on the food scene in Ireland, always

willing to offer advice or assistance to those that reach out while also being a tireless promoter for Mexican cuisine in Ireland.

**The Food & Drink Award** went to Nicola Kearns – Niks Tea. Niks Tea provide a full tea service directly to the public online, to retail supermarket health stores, speciality food stores and cafes, restaurants and most recently to hospitality with their new range of sustainable teas.

**The Resilience in Business Award** went to Jim Dunne of Smart Studios. From iAcoustics which provide expert acoustic consultancy to Smart Studios which manufacture acoustic modules (sound studios) for music, gaming, TV industry.

Jim has demonstrated over his 30 years in business his ability to be able to adapt his business to market needs, his openness and willingness to continually learn and develop, demonstrated by his active participation across many LEO supports.

Tom Rooney, Head of Enterprise added 'it was fantastic to have had so many businesses in South Dublin applying for these Awards.

He said: "This Annual Awards event is a great opportunity to celebrate the talent, determination and business success which exists in South Dublin. The founders of these outstanding businesses are an

inspiration to many others to follow their dreams and their passion and turn their business ideas into a successful new business venture.

"As these businesses build and grow they are creating more job opportunities for local residents, for our graduates and school leavers and they make a significant contribution to their local economies."

All of the Award winning businesses are supported by Local Enterprise Office South Dublin and will share a €13,000 investment fund.

The Overall winner BiaBelle will go on to represent South Dublin in the National Enterprise Awards later this year.

The Local Enterprise Offices in local authorities are funded by the Government of Ireland through Enterprise Ireland.

Established in 2014, the Local Enterprise Offices are the essential resource for any entrepreneur looking to start a business or any small business that is looking for support or advice to help them grow.


The LEOs work with over 7,000 client companies across Ireland in a diverse range of sectors offering mentoring, training, expert advice and financial supports to small businesses.

For more information see [www.LocalEnterprise.ie/southdublin](http://www.LocalEnterprise.ie/southdublin)



**DELIGHT:** Kevin Finn with Nicola Kearns from Niks Tea, Winner of the 'Food/Drink' Award in The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel

AS PART of *The Echo* celebrating over 40 years, we're celebrating you, and local faces and places. Over the last two years we've shared the stories of local people, and remind ourselves of the great community spirit alive across local areas. This week, **Aimee Walsh** talks to Pat Daly, the manager of the Tallaght Rehabilitation Programme in Kiltalown House, Jobstown.



**MOTIVATION:** Growing up in a working-class community gave Pat Daly the passion and the motivation to carry out the work he does today

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



BROUGHT up in Ballymun, Pat says that growing up in a working-class community and witnessing addiction and its devastating impact gave him the passion and the motivation to carry out the work he does today and to help others in need in the Tallaght community.

Starting out his career working in Coolmine Treatment Centre back in the early 1990's, Pat went on to manage the Ashleigh House complex, a residential for women struggling with addiction.

"I was there for six years before I went on to manage the Coolmine day programme on Lord Edward Street for a couple of years," said Pat.

"I had been working in the field a long time by then, and I was in a bad car accident, and I was out of work for about eight months during that time and it got me thinking whether I wanted to go back into the field or do something different.

"I decided to step out of the addiction field and go work for the SPCC for Childline and I worked there for eighteen months, and it was a completely different experience for me."

Whilst enjoying his new role at Childline, Pat was approached by a friend, Marie, who he knew from college, and she told him about a new programme that she was starting in St. Thomas' Church in Jobstown.

Despite being in two minds about whether to get back into the field, Pat went out to meet Marie to discuss the new programme.

"Marie asked me to come up for an interview and to give them a bit of a dig out to see where we land and I am here 30 years later," Pat laughed.

"I had a load of respect for Marie and what she was trying to do here in the community and coming from Ballymun I knew exactly what she was trying to do. I suppose it is where my forte really lies at the end of the day – giving back to the community and help people and I found my

niche again to do that.

"At that time the need was identified in Tallaght for a dedicated rehabilitation programme and Marie had established that programme," Pat explained. "There was a local priest in the area at the time – Fr Val Martin, he was a local legend, and everyone knew him in the Jobstown area.

"He and Marie had a meeting and Marie had told him that she was putting together the programme and luckily Fr Val invited us to use some of the rooms in the church for the clients. We had two rooms and we had a dining room that we could use, and Fr Val took us in there and looked after us."

The Tallaght Rehabilitation Project (TRP) was officially established in 1997 and began providing vital services for people with drug or alcohol addiction who are currently drug or alcohol free. Soon after establishing, TRP began to evolve and gaining more clients and began to take off from there, requiring them to need a bigger premises.

"We had our eye on Kiltalown House, but it was very delapidated at the time – I think the council were going to knock it down at one stage," said Pat. "The gardens were in an awful state, and it was like a jungle.

"There were three local women running groups up here and they were the ones keeping it open, and only for them I think the house would be gone by now. Marie and I thought that it would be a great place for us to run the programme from and an ideal setting.

"We had this lad, Tony O'Hagan, and he was one of the main men who worked for South Dublin County Council, and he was on our board. We got talking to Tony about this and he went and spoke to the council, and they decided that TRP was going to move up there and see how it works out. I have to say that the council were fantastic when we moved up here, they really supported us

in what we were trying to do, and we are forever grateful to them."

Reminiscing on the day that TRP moved into its current location at Kiltalown House, Pat said: "It was July 18, 2005, beautiful summers day - I will always remember it. We were ecstatic to say the least when we got here and there was only four or five staff at that time and we were looking at each other thinking that we need to pinch ourselves.

"We had a beautiful facility, and it was ideal for what we needed it for. We got settled and started hiring some people from the local community through CE such as gardeners and maintenance and we started getting stuck into the gardens."

About a year after moving to Kiltalown House, Marie became ill and had to retire from her role as manager, with Pat stepping into the position. Despite his initial reservations, Pat took the position and has been the manager at TRP for the last fourteen years and oversees the operations and 23 staff members.

"We have just grown and evolved, and we have people from all over Tallaght come here to access our services," said Pat. "We have the day programme and an aftercare service here, so a person can enter into a harm reduction treatment centre like JADD or CARP and can engage in the programme, become stable and then step into recovery and aftercare, so in Tallaght there is the whole package.

"My staff here, they are all academically trained but some of them have had experience with addiction and they are the most passionate and loyal people you could ever meet. They would do absolutely anything for the clients here, go the extra 100 yards and they are so passionate and just want to help."

Outside the day service and aftercare programme, TRP also run different initiatives

such as a residential trip away for four days in the summer, which is always proven to be a success with the clients.

"It is absolutely crucial that we do that and the HSE and the taskforce have been fantastic to ensure that we have the funding for it," Pat explained. "It gets the clients out of the community for a few days and there is a fun element as well as a therapeutic element to it and they can be a lot more open and transparent.

"That trip is the key moment for a lot of clients who come back and say 'ok, I am moving on now'.

"We also do an initiative called box smart and we hire the local gym in Brookfield every year and a professional trainer and the group go and do a physical module as well as a nutritional module and our guys absolutely love it."

Speaking on the back of the recent reports of increased use and dealing of drugs in the Tallaght area, namely crack cocaine, Pat says that he believes that recovery is something that should be "celebrated" rather than stigmatised.

"We want to highlight and challenge stigma and bias," he explained. "There is a lot of bias towards people who are in addiction and people who are in recovery. People can say 'a leopard never changes its spots' and all of them sorts of things, but we want to challenge that and say hang on, people do get well, people do get better, and they do recover.

"There is a recovery community in Tallaght, there is no doubt about it," Pat continued.

"I could give you a list of hundreds of people who have come through not only our programme but also the residential programme New Hope, JADD, CARP and other programmes and have really made a success of their lives and have really improved the quality of life for them and their families."

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**CELEBRATED:** Pat believes that recovery is something that should be "celebrated" rather than stigmatised

# Moyle Park College students Mensa winners are class act

Secondary school hosts scholarship awards for the top 30 students in First Year



**AWARDS:** Pupils from Moyle Park College proudly hold their awards

See more photos on page 46

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A POST-PRIMARY school recently hosted a Mensa and scholarship awards ceremony for 30 of its first year students, celebrating their smarts.

Over 160 students sat entrance exams in Moyle Park College in 2021 and of them, just 30 were invited to sit the prestigious Mensa exam.

The Mensa is an internationally recognised organisation, which acknowledges people within

the top two percent of intelligence in the general population.

To qualify for Mensa, students need to sit an exam and achieve a score of 148 or above. Five students were successful, with scores ranging between 148 and 158.

Established in the 1940s, the purpose of Mensa is to identify and foster intelligence, encourage research into the nature, characteristics and uses of said intelligence, and provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for members.

There are over 145,000 Mensans in around 100

countries worldwide.

Moyle Park has run it annually since the introduction of the programme in 2012 and currently some 42 students have been awarded Mensa membership in the post-primary school.

Stephen Doyle, Mensa Coordinator in Moyle Park College, explained how the school is immensely proud of its student-base continuing to achieve well in Mensa examinations.

“On average in a school five to 10 percent of the student body are considered exceptionally able,” Mr Doyle said.

“However, if we look at Moyle Park College we know that currently 29% of students are considered to be exceptionally able. This is three times the national average.

“This is something that we are really proud of here in Moyle Park College and we hope to continue this legacy long into the future.

“We are continuing to build the Mensa mentoring programme for high achievers here in Moyle Park and we know that with the support of staff, students and parents, the future is bright for these young men.”

## Inclusive library collection launch



**COLLECTION:** At the launch of the new inclusive library collection in TUD Dublin Tallaght campus

A NEW inclusive library collection, with an emphasis on racial literacy, was recently launched in the library in the Tallaght campus of TU Dublin, reports Aideen O’Flaherty.

The collection was launched on Friday, March 4, by Professor David FitzPatrick, the President of TU Dublin.

Helena Doody, the Head of the Department of Humanities in the Tallaght campus of the college, also spoke at the event.

Ms Doody said: “Developing Racial Literacy is a process that TU Dublin as a university must embrace if it is to become known as an inclusive learning environment.”

The collection is now available to all students of TU Dublin as printed books and ebooks from the different libraries across the university’s three campuses in Grangegorman, Blanchardstown and Tallaght.

## Round Towers U16s looking good



**SUPPORT:** Lenny Howell from Hairlough Barbers Rowlagh and Ninth Lough Road presents a new set of jerseys to Round Towers U16 football & hurling teams. At the presentation were Mark Donnan, Cillian Downey, Lorcan Downey and Colm Morris

The Echo reception is going fully remote with plenty of options for getting in touch...operating from 9.00am - 5.00pm Mon to Fri.

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# Former Dubs star Michael joins urban leisure clothing company

Ballyboden St Enda's GAA clubman and All-Ireland winner joins firm as Chief Impact Officer

By **Maurice Garvey**  
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EIGHT time All-Ireland winner Michael Darragh Macauley has recently joined urban leisure clothing company Human Collective.

Ballyboden St Enda's man Macauley, has joined the ethically and environmentally conscious group as a Chief Impact Officer.

A school teacher by profession, Macauley is a man of many talents, and well known for his many commendable charitable deeds, at home and abroad.

He also works with NEIC, an initiative that supports social and economic regeneration of Dublin's North East inner city.

The Human Collective announced they were "thrilled" to welcome Michael Darragh Macauley to the group.

They said: "Most people know him from his sporting achievements but those who really know him will know what he stands for. To working and helping inner-city communities

to his numerous charity endeavors, he has an inner goodness and we are delighted that he is on our team."

Ethical and sustainable fashion is by far the fastest growing sector in the industry.

Forecasts predict the market will almost double between 2020 and 2025 with an overall value of approximately €7.5 billion.

Macauley, who retired from inter-county football with the Dubs in January last year, won an incredible eight All-Irelands, 10 Leinster titles, two All Star awards, and two Leinster's and an All-Ireland club title with Boden.

Human Collective design Irish urban leisure clothing that's "environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive".

Their line of jumpers are made with organic cotton and recycled polyester features an equal "=" symbol on every jumper to show support for racial, LGBTQI+ and opportunity equality.

They donate €3 of every jumper to their charity partners, Sports Against Racism Ireland, LGBT Ireland and The Irish Youth Foundation.



**URBAN LEISURE:**  
 Former Dublin player Michael Darragh Macauley joins Human Collective as Chief Impact Officer

“Most people knew him from his sporting achievements but those who really know him will know what he stands for

# Council taking 'leading role' in helping regenerate Cookstown Industrial Estate

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SOUTH Dublin County Council are taking a "leading role" in helping to regenerate and improve the image of the Cookstown area, with the private sector advancing the development of privately owned sites in the area.

Last year, South Dublin County Council secured funding and "proposed significant developments" that will promote more employment opportunities and hopefully encourage businesses to move to the Cookstown Industrial Estate.

Cookstown is a designated neighbourhood in the Tallaght Local Area Plan (LAP), which provides a new urban structure and a series of specific policies and objectives to support the area in realising its full potential as an economic driver in the region. According to the council, this will be achieved through investment in the delivery of new

infrastructure and the regeneration of the area creating a mixed-use environment home to more intensive forms of economic activity, innovation and public services.

To date, a total of €4.58m of URDF funding is being invested in the Cookstown and central Tallaght area as the council is developing a significant public realm project, an innovation centre, a transport mobility hub and the Airton road extension, whilst the Belgard Road North link road is almost fully constructed, which will enhance access and permeability to the area.

With a further €15m URDF funding recently secured for development in the area, coupled with the fact that the council will commence construction of the affordable apartment scheme consisting of 133 apartments at a cost of €30m in the Cookstown neighbourhood,

Plans are also in place to develop an inventory of vacant commercial and industrial premises in the county which will inform the business community of opportunities to locate in Cookstown Industrial Estate.



**REGENERATION:**  
 Cookstown Industrial Estate

# Study reveals 82% have firm plan to reduce carbon emissions

Nangor Road firm Techies Go Green says most tech companies plan to achieve carbon neutrality

By **Maurice Garvey**  
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FINDINGS from a recent study reveal most tech companies have plans to achieve carbon neutrality, but a majority have not yet measured their carbon footprint.

The survey involved 58 signatories of Techies Go Green - a collective of IT organisations committed to becoming more sustainable - revealed almost half of respondents are planning on incentives to encourage employees to reduce their commute and travel.

Techies Go Green has now gained 180 signatories and aims to increase membership to 300 by the end of 2022.

Michael O'Hara, Group Managing Director of New Nangor Road business DataSolutions, and co-founder of Techies Go Green, said: "Sustainability is undoubtedly a crucial focus for IT leaders in 2022 and our research demonstrates its ever-growing importance in the world of business. But while organisations are starting to recognise and realise how crucial

going green is, this appreciation needs to translate into consistent action.

"It is certainly positive to see companies review and reassess how they operate - for example, the use of green energy providers among Techies Go Green signatories increased 14 per cent compared to six months previously. And it's even more encouraging to see that dedicated resources are being put in place to progress sustainability efforts."

The survey, conducted between November 2021 and January 2022, found that 82 per cent have firm plans to reduce their carbon emissions and 78 per cent have plans to become carbon neutral.

Furthermore, 59 per cent of tech companies have an Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) strategy in place and 55 per cent have a dedicated internal resource responsible for sustainability.

Mr O'Hara believes taking practical steps is key to turning the aim of carbon neutrality into a reality, but advises companies to look at the bigger picture and understand where they are starting from in order to identify the changes which will help to bring about widespread change.

**CRUCIAL FOCUS:**  
Michael O'Hara, co-founder of Techies Go Green



**“Sustainability is undoubtedly a crucial focus for IT leaders in 2022 and our research demonstrates its ever-growing importance in the world of business**

## Two local community groups awarded funding from Irish Youth Foundation

TWO LOCAL community groups have been awarded funding from Applegreen via the Blossom Fund from the Irish Youth Foundation (IYF), reports Aimee Walsh.

Citywise Education, based in Jobstown, and Saplings in Rathfarnham were included in the 16 groups across Ireland to receive funding which will go towards encouraging children aged 6-18, who come from disadvantaged circumstances, to remain in education.

The Blossom Fund is part of the Applegreen charitable fund, which provides monetary support to four Irish charities and worthwhile initiatives. Every time an Applegreen customer makes a shop and fuel or a shop-only purchase in Applegreen in Ireland, the company donates 1 cent to the Applegreen

Charitable Fund on the customer's behalf. Applegreen currently supports Irish Youth Foundation, Pieta House, Food Cloud and Enable Ireland as part of the fund.

To date, the Blossom Fund has raised over €450,000 for the Irish Youth Foundation. The funds have fostered positive change in more than 133 local community groups, with over 8,000 children benefiting from direct support to date.

The 16 projects that have been awarded funding, seek to address inequalities that discourage or prevent young people from completing education. Projects include supporting children with complex needs, providing work experience to students in areas of STEM, offering support and counselling, and facilitating escapes in the

countryside. Each project is designed to equip young people with the tools and resilience needed to stay in education.

One of the recipients, Saplings School in Rathfarnham, is a co-educational school that provides specialist education for pupils with autism and complex needs.

Commenting on the funding, Michael Wood, Principal at the Saplings Rathfarnham school, said: "Our pupils here in Saplings have very complex needs and the funding provided by the IYF Applegreen Blossom Fund will be vital in helping us to meet those needs."

Lucy Masterson, CEO of the Irish Youth Foundation, commented: "The young people we support have been disproportionately affected by the last two years. We're now starting to see the

worrying effects of that in higher levels of disengagement in and early school leaving.

"Through our close work with youth projects across the country we know that the transitions from primary to secondary, and from junior to senior cycle are crucial times in a young person's life. Ensuring that they are supported during those transitions can be life changing - for instance, early school leavers are three times as likely to be unemployed.

"That's why the support provided by the Applegreen Blossom Fund is so important. It will ensure 16 incredible projects will be better able to meet this need and change the lives of young people across the country. We're grateful to Applegreen for making this the focus of the fund this year."

  
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# Chimac sauces gains popularity with 97 retailers stocking products

## Ballymount based company sought advise from LEO to grow business

By Aimee Walsh

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A DUBLIN couple who opened a successful Korean inspired fried chicken restaurant, Chimac, have now begun selling sauces produced in Ballymount which are stocked in 97 retailers across Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Couple Sofie Rooney and Garret Fitzgerald opened Chimac, located on Aungier Street in Dublin City Centre back in May 2019. Despite being hit with an unprecedented pandemic and many lockdowns, the restaurant has gone on to gain huge popularity for its mouth-watering Korean inspired dishes.

Chimac was established after Sofie and Garret took a trip to Seoul and were intrigued by the popularity of 'Chimaek' - a pairing of fried chicken and beer, served in the evening in many South Korean restaurants.

"Garret and I went over to Seoul for a wedding four years ago and we just fell in love with the whole concept and wanted to bring it to Ireland," Sofie told *The Echo*.

"Everything was going great when we opened and business was booming, people were coming and coming back and then the pandemic happened and we had to close the restaurant. Only Garret and I worked there, and we just did deliveries for four months before we started taking staff on."

Seeking help to grow the business, Sofie turned to the Local Enterprise Office South Dublin for financial help as well as one-on-one mentoring.

"We got the priming grant from them to help with the wages for our staff members which is amazing, and I also received a

trading online voucher, and I am doing an export programme with them as well," said Sofie. "I didn't even know what they were before, and they have been such a great help to me."

Grappling with the pandemic and forced to close the restaurant for indoor dining during 2020, Sofie and Garret looked for an extra source of income.

"People were trying to figure out different ways to make money, so we decided to bottle and sell our sauces," she explained.

The three sauces that were bottled to sell from Chimac and Deliveroo were Sriracha Caramel, Korean Hot Sauce and K-BBQ sauce, which then gained some interest from retailers.

"We rebranded them and redesigned them so that they looked nice, and we decided to make it a separate business from the restaurant, and we moved the production of it to Ballymount," Sofie explained.

"It has been going great the last few months and we are in 97 retailers now in Ireland and Northern Ireland - it's amazing."

The sauces are stocked in retailers in Dublin such as Fallon & Byrne, Lott's & Co, Fresh & Wilde and many more.

Speaking about the plans for the future of the company, Sofie said that she has her sights set on the UK market.

"We hope to begin to export into the UK in the second half of this year and see how that goes because there is a huge market for sauces over there. Right now, we are focused on independent retailers in Ireland and continue to grow in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

"We also hope to have another restaurant open in the next year - fingers crossed."



**TASTY:** Produced in Ballymount, Chimac sauces are now available in retailers across Ireland

## HealthBeacon signs distribution deal with US pharmacy firm

DIGITAL therapeutics company HealthBeacon has signed a distribution deal with a major US pharmacy firm, reports Maurice Garvey.

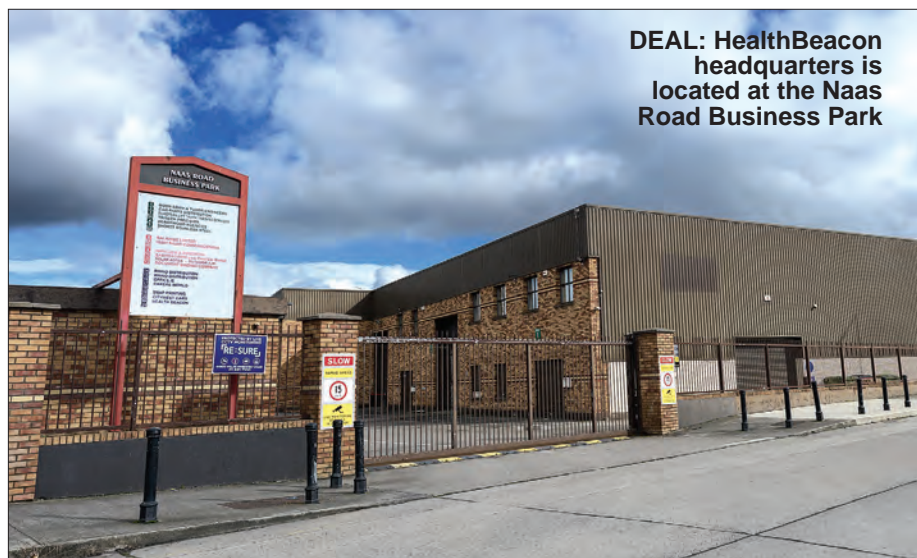
The move will open up the market for HealthBeacon's products to 9 million US patients.

Headquartered at Naas Road, HealthBeacon develops products to help patients manage injectable medications, including Smart Sharps Bins, which track and remind patients when to take their shots.

Recent peer-reviewed evidence showed HealthBeacon's products improved injectable medication adherence by up to 26 per cent by patients using its Injection Care Management System (ICMS).

The company's ICMS tracks adherence and persistence with medication schedules through the provision of medication management reminders, safe and sustainable sharps disposal devices, educational tools, and artificial intelligence driven data analytics

HealthBeacon expects the contract to help it deploy 15,000 smart bins in the US this year. The bins have already been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration. The medtech firm is targeting 100,000 new patients this year, an approximate ten-fold increase on 2021.



**DEAL:** HealthBeacon headquarters is located at the Naas Road Business Park

The contract comes on the back of a robust trial and assessment of its technology across 48 US states, in a range of inflammatory conditions.

"The signing of this contract is a significant milestone for HealthBeacon, unlocking greater access to our injection care management system for the millions

of patients in the US that self-administer subcutaneous injections at home," said HealthBeacon founder and chief executive Jim Joyce, CEO.

HealthBeacon started listing on the Euronext Growth Market, a market operated by Euronext Dublin, last year, at a market capitalisation of around €100m.

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## Residential development of 227 dwellings approved at Adamstown

By **Hayden Moore**  
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A RESIDENTIAL development consisting of 227 dwellings in the Adamstown area has been granted permission by South Dublin County Council.

Quintain Developments Ireland Ltd has obtained permission for 123 houses and 52 duplex apartments at Development Area

8, Adderig, Adamstown, in Lucan. The residential aspect of the plans consist of 95 three-bed two-storey houses and 28 four-bed three-storey houses along with 52 three-bed duplex apartment units.

The Strategic Housing Development application was granted permission on February 21, 2022.

There is provision for roads, central public open space, 361 car parking spaces, 168 bicycle

parking spots bin storage areas and two ESB substations in the plans.

Proposals also show two access points to the site from Airlie Park Road, an access point from Adamstown Way.

Four access points are proposed to the east and west of the site.

The developer has been ordered to pay over €2.5m as a financial contribution to South Dublin County Council as a condition for

granting permission.

As one of the conditions, the developer/landowner is required to submit a phasing schedule for the lands prior to the commencement of works.

The council stated that in the case of on-curtilage/driveway parking, 100 percent of spaces must be provided with electrical connections for electric vehicles (EV).

At surface level, all spaces must

have electrical ducting and termination points, while 10 percent of surface spaces must have EV charging points.

There is provision for play space in another condition, with particulars around slides, landscaping and other equipment laid out.

A street naming and numbering scheme is to be approved by the planning authority prior to the commencement of works on site.

## Plans to reconfigure extension to create additional bedrooms at nursing home

By **Hayden Moore**  
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PLANS to reconfigure an already approved extension to a nursing home to create additional bedrooms have been approved by South Dublin County Council.

Woodlawn Building Services Ltd has been granted planning permission to create additional floor area of 82sq.m at ground floor and 35sq.m at first floor of Millbrook Manor Nursing Home.

This additional floor space is to allow for the reconfiguration of four double bedrooms to eight single rooms at the nursing home located on Slade Road in Saggart.

Included in the now-approved plans is a new ground floor storeroom and enclosing fire exit stairs along with the relocation of eight car parking spaces to extend the existing carpark.

Proposed material finishes are to match previously approved changes to the previously granted extension.

The previously approved application was to provide 16-beds and extension of existing dining area across a new part-one part-two-storey extension to

the original building.

This reconfiguration was approved, subject to seven conditions, by the local planning authority on March 2, 2022.

One of the conditions is to provide five per cent of vehicular parking spaces for mobility impaired users and 10 per cent should be equipped with electrical vehicle charging points.

The developer is also required to provide a detailed landscape and planting plan for the proposed development for the written agreement of the planning authority.

Within six months of the commencement of the development or during the first planting season, the proposed planting plan, to include tree and hedgerow planting, shall be completed according to a condition.

There is a requirement to submit €5,000 in a "hedgerow bond" to the local authority to ensure the protection of the existing boundary hedge and trees to be retained on site.

In granting permission, the council deemed the planning application to be in accordance with planning policies and objectives, and was therefore in accordance "with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area".



DEVELOPMENT: Millbrook Manor Nursing home in Saggart

## Leixlip Water Treatment Plant gets go-ahead to progress works

PLANS to demolish, construct and reconfigure buildings at the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant site have been approved by South Dublin County Council, reports Hayden Moore.

Irish Water has been granted permission to progress with its works at Cooldrinagh and Blackwestonpark lands in Leixlip.

The proposed line of works is firstly for the demolition of an existing workshop and defunct activated carbob building adjacent to the older northern treatment plant building.

The construction of a new single-

storey sulphuric acid storage and dosing facility building adjacent to the new treatment plant building makes up the first part of the construction works planned.

Proposals include associated two external storage silos with an external staircase partially enveloped with a perforated metal architectural screen, ancillary plant and equipment.

The reconfiguration and repurposing for use as a de-alkalisation plant of the existing disused high-lift pump hall within the old northern treatment plant building

and the development of a new ancillary workshop building to the rear of the building is part of the plans.

Plans also incorporate temporary and enabling works to facilitate construction and continued/uninterrupted operation of the treatment plant site.

There is provision of additional car parking, underground pipeline network, modification and extension of existing drainage and all other associated and ancillary development and works above ground level.

South Dublin County Council

granted planning permission subject to 10 conditions on February 28, 2022.

One of the conditions is for Irish Water to provide further detail on the design of the lime dosing building/silos, including the design and size of perforations and architectural screening.

No additional development is permitted to take place above the roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, aerials or other equipment unless authorized by a further grant of planning permission.

The applicant is required to submit full details of a Ecological Walkover Survey and Bat Survey, which was undertaken on December 14, 2021.

Services of a qualified ecologist is required to be availed of for the duration of the development.

Floor levels are required to be a minimum of 500m above the highest known flood level for the site.

The facility is to be monitored using an online pH probe which will trigger an automatic shut down when the pH deviates from an acceptable range, according to one condition.

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# Chadwicks seeking permission to remove existing asbestos roof

## Materials distributor looking to instal roof panels at Ashfield metal supply yard

By **Hayden Moore**

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BUILDING materials distributor Chadwicks is seeking planning permission to remove an existing asbestos roof covering for new insulated roof panels at a metal supply yard.

Chadwicks Group is applying for permission for the proposed development at its subsidiary, Heiton Steel, which is located at Ashfield off the Naas Road in Clondalkin.

The proposed development is for the replacement of an existing asbestos roof covering with new Kingspan insulated roof panels and the subsequent replacement of roof lights.

Up until 1999, asbestos was commonly used in building material.

However, under legislation brought through in 2003, it is now illegal to use asbestos due to health concerns around breathing in the material.

There is also provision for the installation of roof-mounted solar photovoltaic panels and the plans include all ancillary site works and services.

The planning application was filed by the Chadwicks Group on March 3, 2022, with third party submissions due to close on April 6.

South Dublin County Council is expected to make a decision on the planning application by April 27, 2022.

Chadwicks Group (then Grafton Group) purchased Heiton Buckley in 2005.

At the time, Heiton was the main competitor of Grafton Group and the acquisition saw the latter take control of around 20 percent of the builders merchanting market in the country.

Grafton Group rebranded its corporate name to Chadwicks Group as part of a €5m investment programme in 2019.

The company's corporate offices are located in Ashfield, next to the Heiton Steel yard.

Chadwick's Group operates 50 stores with 1,300 "colleagues" nationwide.



## 'Prime' Citywest residential development seeking €950k

A PLOT of "prime residential development land" on the Blessington Road in Citywest has gone on the market seeking offers in excess of €950k, reports Aideen O'Flaherty.

The 0.85-hectare site is located to the rear of the existing Corbally Heath estate and has been brought to the market by estate agent Lisney.

The land is described by Lisney as being in an "irregular shape", but it benefits from being in close proximity to educational, recreational, leisure and residential amenities.

With current zoning for residential use, Lisney stated the subject site "offers an exceptional opportunity to acquire and develop a much-needed boutique residential scheme subject to planning permission."

According to the brochure for the land, the site would appeal to a



number of parties – such as housebuilders, developers and investors.

"The lands offer a purchaser the opportunity to develop (subject to

planning) a boutique enclave of highly sought after detached and semi-detached dwellings, in a proven residential location," according to Lisney's brochure.

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## Nature on our doorsteps

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## Planning ahead for Dandelion season



**BLOOM:** From mid-March, warm sunny days encourage Dandelions to bloom

DEPENDING on springtime weather, the grass in our lawns and roadside verges can show the first signs of growth from about mid-March.

By April, lawns can begin to look a bit shaggy. By May, the yearly chore of keeping the grass under regular control is well under way.

As the grass begins to grow, the ‘weedy’ Dandelions and Daisies are also waking up.

Nature’s calendar is finely tuned. These wild plants begin to flower just as the queen bumblebees and solitary bees are emerging from their winter dormancy, desperate for food.

Dandelions are critically important at this time because they provide plenty of pollen and nectar to early season

insects. A roadside verge full of these flowers is particularly welcome, as the insects do not waste vital energy flying long distances between flowers.

Where it is important to maintain a neat lawn or verge, and when springtime weather allows, perhaps only one or two cuts of grass could be planned for mid-to-late March, just to keep the early spurt of grass growth under control.

If mowing was then stopped long enough to let early Dandelions bloom, insects would benefit enormously. Then, by the time grass growth catches up, the Dandelions will have finished flowering and everything can be cut back once again: a win-win situation for everyone.



**POLLEN:** Early season bumblebees rely on Dandelions for pollen and nectar

# E letters

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## Educational experience in vexillology at SDCC

Dear editor  
WALKING past South Dublin County Council headquarters at Belgard over the past several years has become an educational experience in vexillology (the study of flags!).

It’s apparent that SDCC are disposed to fly whatever flag advertises the most recent international news media cause celebre with commendable promptness.

The flying of Ukrainian, rainbow, transgender, Palestinian, or other flags in itself is not by itself any cause for comment, except that I wonder if SDCC have somehow forgotten what country they are located in?

There is a national flag of Ireland too - (incidentally, a great symbol of ‘Pride’ for the majority of Irish people) - although you may be forgiven for not realising that by its perennial absence at SDCC HQ.

SDCC clearly have no problem flying whatever flag they feel appropriate whenever

there is a virtue to be signalled. Might we take from all SDCC’s effusive moral demonstration that they think there is some cause to be broadcast by omitting the tricolour from their regular rotation?

Just to remind everyone, that if SDCC want to signal Irish solidarity, there’s no challenge in flying an Irish flag alongside whatever their choice of flag du jour, subject of course to the relevant flag protocol.

They have more than one flagpole on their premises. I expect that on our national day, SDCC will make an exception and deign to dust off a tricolour from whatever dark basement they have secluded it in.

However, I may be wrong about that. Please be aware that if SDCC need an Irish national flag donated for their collection, kindly forward my contact details, and I will gladly purchase one for the use of the council.

Kind regards, Ruairi Fiachra Belgard Square West Tallaght



**SYMBOL:** The Ukrainian flag outside South Dublin County Council

## St Patrick’s Day parade return

Eagarthóir a chara:  
AS St Patrick’s Day approaches, Dublin braces itself for an influx of visitors.

Hotels are charging US tourists close to €1,000 for two nights’ accommodation with cheapest rooms going for €300-€400 a night.

The annual St Patrick’s Day parade is being held for the first time in two years, with the annual extravaganza being touted as the biggest ever. Seats at the grandstand are priced at €77, where attendees can watch all the action which attracts 500,000. Pubs and hotels pack with revellers to boost hospitality.

Tourism Ireland launched its

Push the Green Button campaign in the US. Green Button ads were aired on ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox news.

The \$8.5 million campaign sought to engage audiences with the highest potential to travel to Ireland. Tourism minister, Catherine Martin visited Chicago and New York in a series of promotional events undertaken by Tourism Ireland since the pandemic.

Forbes reports anecdotal evidence from US travel agents that claim a: “small but noticeable” rise in trip cancellations because of the Ukraine war. Travel and tourism has become a behemoth as the

government measure tourism success by the number of visitors. But if the war escalates further, US tourists will stay away in droves. Save for two ministers, virtually the entire government has vacated the country to meet and greet foreign leaders and corporate kingpins in 32 countries in hopes of rekindling the investment wave that fuelled Ireland’s Celtic Tiger boom of 1994-2007.

Naomh Pádraig Easpag na hÉireann guí ar son an beirt mhíliúin teifeach atá ag teitheadh an Ucráin cogadh stróicthe.

Is mise, Gearoid O’Cochlain, Cill na Manach, Baile Átha Cliath D24.

## Actual adult involvement on the ground needed in our communities

Dear editor;  
THE proposal to fill Sean Walsh Park with floodlights and CCTV cameras (*Echo*: Thursday Feb 24 “Calls to Reclaim Sean Walsh park”) is an extreme and short sighted technocratic reaction to issues that are better solved through local in-person interventions.

First, the diminishing populations of threatened nocturnal wildlife living in this relatively minor green space in the centre of our suburban sprawl will have their lives and routines irreparably harmed by light pollution. The consequences of reckless urbanisation affect everyone’s quality of life, and protected habitats in the park itself have already been infamously scarred by outrageously negligent development in recent years, to no ones benefit.

Second, the presence of constant monitoring in public by unnamed and unaccountable public servants should raise the hackles of anyone who values whatever precious freedom of movement and expression we can still maintain in this over-digitised society.

I attended the public meeting in Sean Walsh Park where these demands were originally circulated by

overtly political activists, and there were fewer than a few dozen people there.

The hearsay recollections of some of the speakers did not accurately describe the use of the park I and countless others enjoy on a daily basis. The calls for more technological impositions are no kind of democratic initiative, but a hysterical response in the name of the growing cult of panic and “safety-ism”.

The imposition of more government-directed regulation will not solve the root causes of juvenile delinquency or its immediate effects. For their part, the gardai are underutilised in this situation too. Many alleged crimes are not even reported. Why then, would anyone expect more involvement by such ineffectual actors to solve any problems?

Stronger moral commitment and actual involvement of adults on the ground is required in our communities to make any kind of lasting change.

This is common sense.

Regards  
Ruairi Fiachra, Belgard Square West



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# Quarter of motorists admit to driving over the limit the morning after a night out

ONE in four motorists (26%) admitted there were times when they may have been over the limit when driving the morning after a night out according to new attitudinal research\* released by the Road Safety Authority (RSA). The stark findings come as the RSA and An Garda Síochána launch an appeal for all road users to act responsibly and not to drink and drive over the extended St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday weekend 2022.

The appeal also comes following a worrying start to the year with 37 people killed on the roads to date this year. This is an increase of 20 deaths or 118% compared to the same time last year.

As part of the St. Patrick's road safety appeal An Garda Síochána has released data which shows that from January 1st, 2021, to February 28th, 2022, there have been a total of 10,206 drink and drug-driving arrests, 1,398 of which were made this year. 10% of these arrests took place between the hours of 7am and 12pm.

Speaking ahead of the Bank Holiday, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Ms. Hildegard Naughton said: "We are all looking forward to celebrating our first meaningful St Patrick's Day weekend in three years with an extended bank holiday weekend. We want everyone to enjoy themselves however, we would urge people to do so safely and responsibly. These findings are concerning, the Road Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána have been warning of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol for many years but some motorists continue to take risks.

"I am particularly struck by the number of people admitting to driving the morning after a night out with alcohol in their system. Remember you must take extra care the morning after a night of socialising, wait until it is safe before returning to the road or use public transport, take a taxi or a lift from a friend or colleague."

**“Our priority is to keep people safe and prevent death and injury on our roads. I would appeal to those of you who are socialising and consuming alcohol to leave your car at home or designate a driver and remember you may still be over the limit the morning after**

Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive, Road Safety Authority, said: "Both collision and enforcement data tells us that alcohol related collisions do happen the morning after a night out. I am urging people to take extra care this extended bank holiday weekend and to think before they get behind the wheel after a night of drinking. It is important to remember that the only way you can get rid of alcohol from your body is time.

"What you can do is plan safe travel to enjoy your celebrations but also plan the following day if you've had a big night and are on the move the morning after. I wish people well in celebrating St Patrick's Day and to have fun but please don't drink and drive. Think, plan and act responsibly before you use your vehicle the following morning."

Assistant Commissioner, Paula Hilman, Roads Policing, An Garda Síochána, said: "While the majority of people act responsibly and don't drink and drive, there are some who continue to take risks, for example, getting behind the wheel the morning after when they are still under the influence of alcohol. Garda detections indicate that one in every ten arrests for 'Driving Under the Influence of an Intoxicant' happens the morning after. We will be doing checkpoints day and night throughout this festival period".

Assistant Commissioner Hilman continued: "Gardaí will be keeping people safe on our roads and will be visible across the country over this St Patrick's Day and weekend. Our priority is to keep people safe and prevent death and injury on our roads. I would appeal to those of you who are socialising and consuming alcohol to leave your car at home or designate a driver and remember you may still be over the limit the morning after. We must change the current trends we are seeing in road fatalities in 2022. Too many families have already lost loved ones this year. An Garda Síochána are pleading with people to stop taking risks, make the right decisions and never ever drive while under the influence of alcohol."

The RSA's survey of driver attitudes which was conducted by Behaviour & Attitudes and carried out in November 2021, also revealed that a quarter of motorists surveyed (26%) think it



is acceptable to drive short distances in their local area after one alcoholic drink.

As Ireland moves out of the COVID-19 pandemic and prepares to celebrate the first extended St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday, the RSA is encouraging drivers to mark the occasion responsibly and has highlighted some key guidelines to remember the morning after alcohol consumption. These include:

1. The only cure is time – after alcohol consumption, the only way to expel alcohol from your body is to wait.
2. It takes roughly one hour for a unit of alcohol to leave the body – one unit of alcohol is a standard measure of spirit, wine, or a half glass of beer.
3. Fatigue magnifies the impairment effect of alcohol – If you went to bed very late after consuming alcohol, you may not be fit to drive until lunchtime the next day.

Drivers are being reminded, if planning to head out socialising, to plan how they are

going to get home safely. Book a taxi, or hackney, use public transport or designate a driver. The same also applies if we are planning to walk, particularly in rural areas where there may be no footpaths or street lighting. Ireland's fifth government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 aims to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by 50% over the next 10 years.

This means reducing deaths on Ireland's roads annually from 144 to 72 or lower and reducing serious injuries from 1,259 to 630 or lower by 2030. Some of the actions contained in the Road Safety Strategy to tackle impaired driving include 'to legislate for increased sanctions for polydrug and drug and alcohol use while driving'.

The strategy is the first step in achieving the 2020 Programme for Government commitment of bringing Ireland to 'Vision Zero'. This is to eliminate all road deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by the year 2050.

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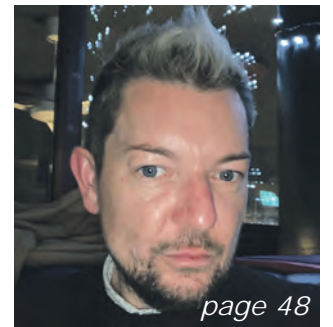
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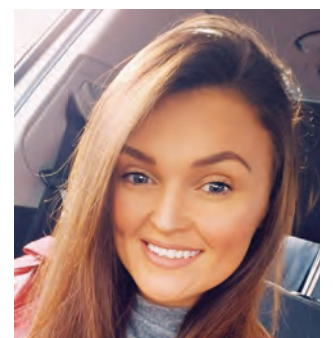
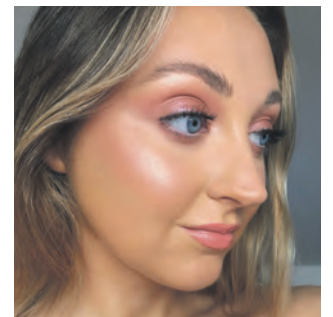


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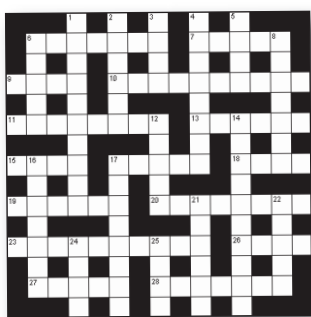
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# 6am in Brookview

## DEBUT SINGLE RELEASED BY JOEXXVINCY

by Aideen O'Flaherty /aideen@echo.ie

**R**apper Joexxvincy found inspiration in his hometown of Brookview, Tallaght, leading to it being the key focus of his recently released debut single '6am in Brookview'.

A 22-year-old past pupil of St Aidan's National School and Old Bawn Community School, Joexxvincy takes great pride in coming from Brookview and he recorded the video for his new single in the estate.

He lists 50 Cent and Drake as his musical inspirations, and is currently in the process of recording his debut EP, 'Council Baby', with '6am in Brookview' giving listeners the first taste of his musical output.

Joexxvincy told his local paper about his thoughts on the Brookview community, what it was like growing up in the area, and the point when he made the crossover from music fan to musician.

### What was growing up in Brookview like for you?

Growing up in Brookview was regular for the most part. I was involved in football clubs but there weren't many extra activities locally for kids to get involved in, resulting in people getting caught up in some extra stuff down the line. My parents made sure we got by and I wouldn't change a single minute of it because it shaped me.

### What impact did being involved in local football clubs have on you?

Initially, football was my first love. It kept me out of trouble a lot and helped me gain confidence within myself. At eight years old I joined Brookview United and for the first time in my life I discovered I was really good at something. So, in terms of impact, it really gave me the edge I needed to progress – not only as a footballer, but as a person. I still apply the same work ethic and strong mindset in my music career today.

### How would you describe the Brookview community?

I've seen everything you can possibly imagine growing up in Brookview but, for me, the best part is the people and the community. As much as everybody has their own struggles and problems, we as a community always have each other's back – either it's your car won't start or your house is on fire, the people of Brookview will always be there to help. I can recount multiple times where I needed a helping hand and I'm grateful for that. It's tough growing up here, not everyone is cut out for it, but that's what makes me who I am.

### What rappers inspired you most when you were growing up, and what about their music appealed to you?

My earliest, most vivid memory of a musician inspiring me was 50 Cent. He came across as a superhero, knowing he had been shot nine times, bounced back and is still relevant to this day. Drake was another great artist too – he can do both singing and rapping, and he's not scared to get super vulnerable on a track. Nothing beats it.

### When did you decide to make the crossover from music fan to performer?

I was dabbling around with music in early 2019 with childhood friends, mainly for fun, but didn't take it as seriously. Seeing Travis Scott's performance and Crowd Control at 2018's Longitude Festival prompted me to really go for it. I wanted to have that level of influence and impact on other kids' lives, whilst keeping it all the way real with my music.

### Your new single '6am in Brookview' was



Brookview rapper Joexxvincy

### filmed in your hometown, how do you feel about your local area being represented in the video?

It doesn't get any more real.

### What impact do you hope '6am in Brookview' will have on listeners?

A positive one. It's as real as it gets and I hope they take in the visuals too, because it truly encapsulates everything I was feeling

and going through during a certain period of my life. Some may or may not relate, but they're definitely going to feel something.

### Where can people go to find out more about your music?

I'm @JOEXXVINCY everywhere, and my 'Council Baby' EP is on the way.

'6am in Brookview' is out now on all streaming platforms.

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**Back Row (L-R) Adam Fallon, Mark Craig and Jack Martin; Front Row (L-R) Ali Aidara, Sam Brady and Alexander Kaczorouk**

“ Eight hours after putting out a cigarette, you are 97% nicotine-free. After just three days of not smoking, you are 100% nicotine-free.

Allen Carr

# Health & Fitness

## QUITTING SMOKING

by Lee Moroney / info@coachapproach.ie

**T**his week I spoke to Slaintecare Healthy Communities Health Promotion Officer with the HSE Alan Mc Donnell about quitting smoking. Alan has a previous background in working in addiction and mental health in Tallaght as a nurse and works between Fettercairn and the Kilnamanagh/Tymon Primary Care Centre for 1:1 tobacco cessation support.

### Q1. What advice do you have for someone who wants to reduce or quit cigarettes smoking?

Firstly, my main advice is that it is never too late to quit and the benefits of quitting start from Day one. It is really important to prepare to quit, writing down the reasons why you would like to quit and then weigh up the pros and cons. As a Stop Smoking Advisor our recommendation is to quit smoking by setting a quit date. I offer support to all my clients regarding preparing to quit as the client identifies the best strategies for them to support them on this journey. We also discuss the best form of Nicotine Replacement Therapy or Stop Smoking Medication for you, which will help relieve withdrawal symptoms. The most frequently used Nicotine Replacement Therapies are a combination of a nicotine patch and other nicotine products including chewing gum, mouth spray or lozenge. It is also important to have good support on your quit journey with your Stop Smoking Advisor, family, friends and work colleagues.

### Q2. I have heard that food sometimes replaces cigarettes smoking, and people put on weight. Is that true or a myth?

The truth is that it varies for everyone. It is important to say that it is possible to stop smoking AND maintain your weight.

Some people can gain weight when they quit smoking and some do not. However others who have quit smoking have actually lost weight after they quit. Most of the weight gained after quitting smoking is due to eating more food and the wrong types of food. It is important to plan ahead and snack on healthy foods. I would also suggest trying to remember the hazards of smoking including lung disease, heart disease and cancer will affect your health a lot more than temporary weight gain.



**Lee Moroney** HAS BEEN COACHING ADULTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN FOR OVER 20 YEARS, SPECIALISING IN TUTORING FOR DDLETB IN SPORTS, EXERCISE AND FITNESS QQI LEVEL 5S, ALONG WITH MANY COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES AROUND WELLBEING. THE 1,450TH PERSON COMMENCED IN 2020 BY GETTING OFF THE COUCH FOR HIS 'COUCH TO 5KM' PROGRAMME — OVER 500 PEOPLE HAVE USED HIS ONLINE WEIGHT-LOSS PROGRAMME.

### Q3. What strategies do you advise for people to replace the urge to smoke cigarettes?

Your recommended Stop Smoking medication will help reduce your urges to smoke. Alongside these supports the most effective methods to deal with urges to smoke a cigarette consist of what we call the '4D's'. These are tips we ask our clients to consider when they experience an urge to smoke.

1. Drink Water – or fruit juice. This helps to pass cravings.
2. Delay – Wait at least 3-5 minutes and the urge will pass.
3. Distract Yourself – Move away from the situation, keep yourself busy.
4. Deep Breaths – Breathe slowly and deeply for 5 minutes and the urge to smoke will pass.

Other tips to avoid the urge to smoke include: Change your routine and plan ahead – replace or change activities that you usually associate with smoking. Think positively, you may have withdrawals once you quit smoking but these are positive signs that your body is recovering from the harmful effects of smoking and they will disappear once the body gets used to the change.

### Q4. Where can people get more information around quitting smoking?

Visit [www.quit.ie/clinics](http://www.quit.ie/clinics) for more tips or advice. People can also call the National HSE Quitline on 1800201203 to talk to someone who understands and can help you to quit. They will also advise you on Stop Smoking services in your area.

If you are interested in hearing other people's stories on facebook, or in sharing your own story, then you are invited to join [www.facebook.com/HSEquit](http://www.facebook.com/HSEquit)

For more information about the one to one smoking clinics or the We Can Quit Group Programme with Fettercairn Health Project and Kilinarden Community Centre, contact Alan on 0876131061 or email [alan.mcdonnell2@hse.ie](mailto:alan.mcdonnell2@hse.ie)

There are so many health related and financial related benefits to those who quit so I encourage anyone thinking of it to contact me or any of the above contacts listed for more information.

“ I always thought you've got to believe in luck to get it.

Victoria Hall

Happy St Patrick's Day

# Food with passion

## BEEF & GUINNESS STEW WITH IRISH POTATO CAKES

by John Paul Kennedy / jpcooking@gmail.com



I've made many versions of Irish stew over the years but I believe I've mastered it with this delicious version which is made using Guinness as one of the main ingredients! Served with these Irish potato cakes, you have the perfect St. Patrick's day themed menu. I love this stew as its one pot cooking; perfect comfort food that requires little preparation - all you need to do is bung it into the oven to cook low and slow after which you are left with most tender fall apart beef that is mouth wateringly good. The Irish potato cakes are perfect served with the stew but can be served with many other dishes such as my maple glazed ham and cabbage or on their own as mid-week supper! Happy St. Patrick's Day.

### Beef & Guinness Stew (Serves 6 – 8)

1 large piece of Beef Brisket about €12 in monies worth- Best to source this from your local butcher and ask them to trim it and cut into four separate chunks, that way it cooks quicker! Or you can use 2lbs of stewing beef pieces if you can't get Brisket .

2 tablespoons of rapeseed oil  
2 Carrots roughly chopped  
2 sticks of celery roughly chopped  
1 large onion roughly chopped  
100g smoked bacon lardons  
1 tablespoon of fresh thyme  
1 tsp garlic powder  
1 pint of beef stock  
400ml Guinness  
6 bay leaves  
3 heaped tablespoons of beef gravy granules (optional)  
Sea salt and cracked black pepper for seasoning



#### Method

1. Preheat your oven to 150 degrees/ Gas Mark 2.
2. In a large casserole dish heat half the oil over a medium heat, then add the beef and cook for about 5 minutes turning to ensure evenly golden brown. Remove the beef from the casserole dish and place onto a plate.
3. Add the remaining oil, onion, carrots, celery to the pan and cook for 5 minutes until softened.
4. Then add the beef stock and Guinness; cook for another 5 minutes then add the bay leaves and fresh thyme. Season with salt and pepper and stir to combine.
5. Return the beef back into the pan and bring to a simmer.
6. Cover with a lid and pop into the preheated oven, turning the beef half way through cooking for 3.5 hours until the meat is lovely and tender.
7. Remove the beef from your casserole dish and using two forks pull the meat apart and pop back into the casserole dish (if using stewing beef pieces you won't need to complete this step). Add the beef gravy granules to thicken the sauce stir (if required) and return to the oven for 10 -15 minutes.
8. Before serving remove the bay leaves and serve with my Irish Potato cakes!



### Irish Potato Cakes: Makes 8- 10

1kg potatoes (Maris Piper are the best I find)  
1 egg Yolk  
100ml crème fraiche  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
2 spring onions finely chopped  
100g smoked bacon lardons

cooked (or leftover chunks of ham)  
2 tablespoons plain flour  
2 tablespoons of butter  
Sea salt and ground black pepper



#### Method

1. Cook the potatoes in a large pot of boiling salted water until nice and tender, drain and mash with a potato masher.
2. While the potatoes are still warm add in the crème fraiche, mustard, egg yolk, salt and pepper then add in the spring onions and mix well to combine.
3. Add the flour and bacon lardons / ham pieces and mix well again.
4. Using a tablespoon take a generous piece of the mixture and roll into a ball and pat down into a patty shape.
5. Melt the butter in a frying pan over a medium heat and fry the potato cakes on both sides until nice and golden brown. I recommend doing this in two batches to make it easier to turn them on the pan.
6. Transfer to a warmed plate until you are ready to serve them with my Beef and Guinness stew – Irish Comfort food heaven!



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# NOISE Music

## SOUTH DUBLIN MUSIC GENERATION

by **Mary Dennehy** / mary@echo.ie

**N**OISE Music, located in Tallaght, is part of the Music Generation South Dublin programme. They aim to ensure that young people have autonomy and control over their own art.

The team of musicians and artists from NOISE Music work with young people across Youth Services and post-primary school settings.

They facilitate a space for young people to grow their skills, develop confidence and gain an insight into the music industry. They want young people to reach their possible musical selves through access and opportunity.

Traditional models of music education mostly focuses on technical abilities, says Aideen McLaughlin from Noise Music. She states that there is a whole other side to being a musician that involves working with producers, managers, using studio spaces and learning about how to set up the equipment and stages for performances.

"NOISE Music works with young people to connect them to artists who have been through the process already and who understand the industry inside-out as well as both the good and bad aspects of it. There is a real focus on mentorship in NOISE Music rather than on 'teaching' young people how to achieve their goals," Says Aideen.

NOISE Music especially focuses on Rap, Hip-Hop and Electronic music as these genres have

massively grown over the past few years.

"Young people love the accessibility of using top quality studio-based equipment to make the music they're interested in. They connect to lyrics, to beats and to the wider message portrayed in these genres of music. DJ'ing is a great way for young people, particularly those who are attending youth services and who are often 'hard to reach', to experience musical outcomes quickly and to grow in confidence very quickly. Often these young people need to be heard, they want to be recognised and to feel like they've accomplished something," explains Aideen.

Music Generation started in 2010 and is now in over 30 regions of the country. Nationally it is funded by U2, The Ireland Funds and the Department of Education.

In South Dublin Music Generation started in 2015 and is locally funded by South Dublin County Council, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB, South Dublin Libraries and Dublin West Education Centre.

NOISE Music annually reaches over 4,500 participants and that number will possibly only grow. Over the next two or three years they hope to establish a county-wide collective of young people to work together in collaboration with different forms of art, such as, dance and visual art.

Eventually NOISE Music hopes to connect with collectives all across Ireland. Especially



with Music Generation Cork City and Limerick, as similar programmes are used here. They hope to go to Europe as well.

"We want to ensure NOISE Music is sustained long into the future and are currently working with local organisations to set-up funding partnerships which will ensure we can continue to facilitate high-quality workshops for 14-18 year olds," Says Aideen.

NOISE Music takes place at different times and locations, this depends on the schedule of the youth service or school. However, they do hope to develop a specific DJ programme through Tallaght and North Clondalkin libraries that will be open to 14-18 years olds very soon.

If you want to join the NOISE Music, you can get involved through youth services. It is also possible to call Gerry Horan on 086-8341840 or email noisemusicsouthdublin@gmail.com

# See It Be It

## TWENTY IRISH WOMEN, TWENTY INSPIRING STORIES

by **Merle van Erve** / news@echo.ie

**A**Solicitor from Tallaght has self-published a motivational and timely book that shares the stories of 20 inspirational Irish women. Amy Martin, who grew up in a family of

seven children in Tymon North, has published 20 unique stories, which aim to celebrate, inspire and motivate while raising money for charity.

Speaking with *The Echo*, Amy said that from a young age she always had an awareness of the systemic inequalities in society.

Over the years, this sense of awareness led Amy to numerous diversity, equality

and inclusion initiatives, both through her personal life and her career as a solicitor.

She has also inspired others through youth mentoring programmes, workshops with women from migrant communities and talks about diversity in the workplace.

Amy told *The Echo* how her involvement in an International Women's Day event in 2021 was the catalyst for her new, self-published book, *See It, Be It: Twenty Inspiring Stories*.

Through interviewing women for last year's event, Amy was inspired by their stories and believed they could be a source of inspiration for others too.

In a change of direction from her daily solicitor work, Amy set herself a task, to write and publish *See It; Be It* in one year – having it ready for publication by

International Women's Day 2022.

Writing in the book's Introduction, Amy said: "The purpose of this book is to celebrate some of Ireland's most inspirational women of 2022, with the aim of encouraging Irish women and girls to break down barriers and reach their full potential.

"Among the interviewees are politicians and entrepreneurs; award winning artists; athletes, adventures and medical practitioners; campaigners, activists and change-makers.

"They are women of all ages, from all walks of life, with unique outlooks and perspectives. "I really hope you enjoy reading this book as much as I did creating it."

She added: "Strong female role models also improve our sense of belonging – if we see other women like us doing great things,

we are more likely to pursue our dreams without fear of judgement, failure, or resentment.

"Thankfully, Ireland is, and always has been, full to the brim of inspiring, interesting and brilliant women that we can all look up to."

Among the 20 women included in the book is Senator Lynn Ruane and Tallaght entrepreneur and Peachylean founder, Sharon Keegan.

All profits from the sale of the book are being donated to not-for-profit organisations that promote and support gender quality, The Shona Project and Work Equal (formerly Dress for Success Dublin).

*See It; Be It: Twenty Irish Women. Twenty Inspiring Stories.* Can be purchased by emailing [SeeItBeItByAmy@gmail.com](mailto:SeeItBeItByAmy@gmail.com).

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# Celebrating St Patrick's Day

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**Lilyanne, Omar, Roman and Harper**



**Jodi, Novah and Kendall**



**Mr McHugh with Carter, Harrison and Tadgh**



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**Bella, Ariana, Blossom, Baylee, Freya and Bobby**



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# Coffee Morning

## HELD IN TALLAGHT REHABILITATION PROJECT

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Donna Doyle and Nicola Quinn



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Barbara Bennett and Joanne Nicholl



Denise Joy, Donna Doyle and Niamh McGuinness

# Card Night With 'Cúpla Focal'

## ROUND TOWER GAA CELEBRATING SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



Lile Ní Annracháin Frost agus Liam Garfan



Eileen Uí Chroínín agus Josephine Faughnan



Leonardo Mac Tiarnáin, Séailait Seoighe agus Eibhlín Mhic Thiaráin



Béanna O Cuinn, Símon O Breaghaín, Oisín Mac Tiarnáin agus John McGrath



Marc Ó Fathaigh, Cllr Eoin Ó Broin agus Val Ní Cheallaigh

“ Being Irish is very much a part of who I am. I take it everywhere with me.

Colin Farrell



# eBeauty

## GET THE LOOK: PADDYS DAY GLAM

by **Aine Pollock** / @ainepollockmakeup @ainepollock@gmail.com



**O**ur Paddy's Day festivities are finally back and not only do we get to celebrate the day again, but we are also getting an extra bank holiday along with it. Time to put our makeup on, get out and make the most of it. Green eyeshadow surprisingly can be very wearable. I've created this look here using soft browns to blend out the green that will be sure to make your eyes pop.



**Aine POLLOCK** is a Graduate from IADT Design for Stage and Screen, Majoring in Makeup and is currently working for TV and Film Productions as a Makeup Artist. She has worked in retail for Christian Dior, expanding her knowledge of contemporary beauty while seeking out the latest trends. Working on movie sets has enabled Aine's expertise to reach beyond beauty makeup and gain versatility in prosthetics and model-making. She is excited to share her enthusiasm and passion for all things beauty-related.



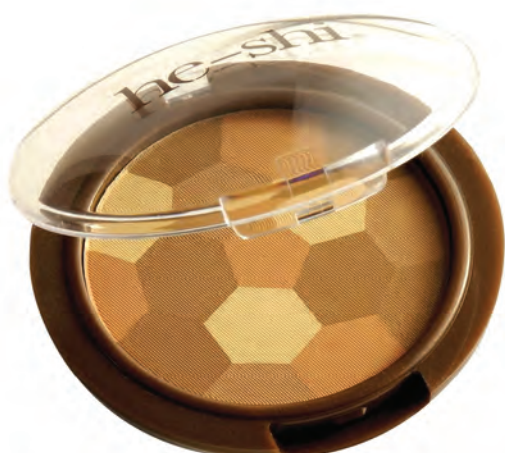
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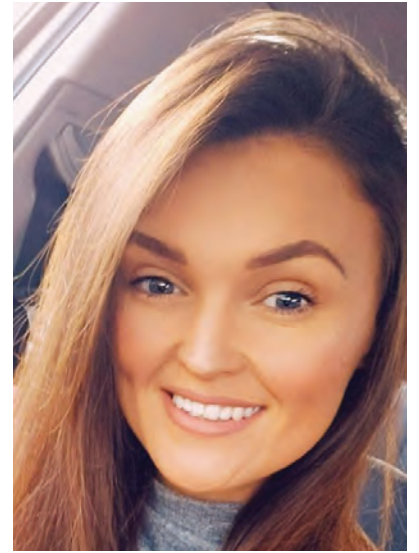
Audrey Hepburn

# eFashion

## STRAPS

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Straps are set to really take hold from summer 2022 onwards. Whether it's a top with multi-straps, trousers with a strapped waistband, or strappy shoes this trend is set to be a big one - I had to add a splash of green for St. Patrick's Day.



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Peter Connolly (South Dublin Local Enterprise Office) greets Paul Murtagh as he arrives at the LEO Awards at Louis Fitzgerald Hotel



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Emma Keogh and Jonathan Finnegan



Phil O'Neill and Mark Sweetman



Jolene and Damien Cox



Lisa Cunningham (Mentor) with Keith O'Grady

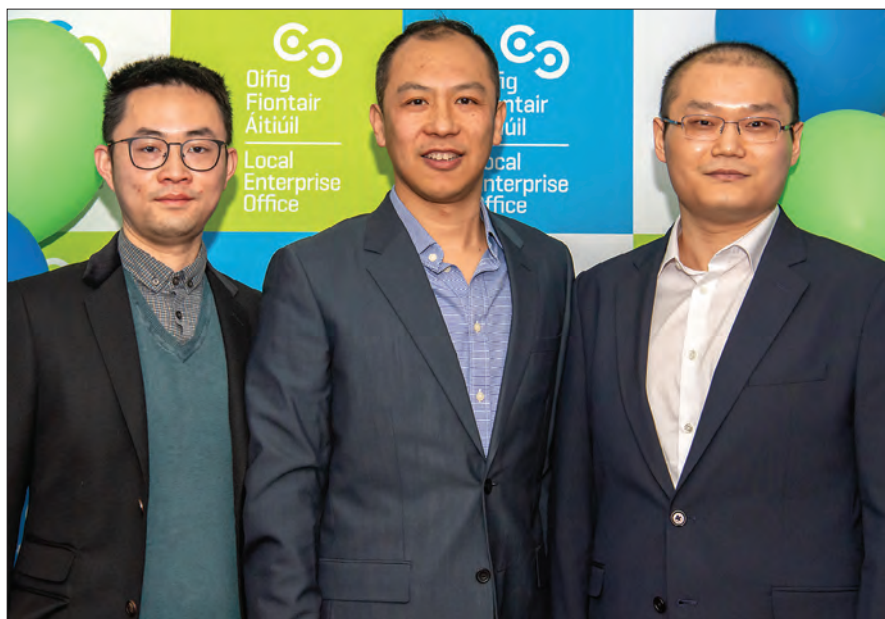
# Local Enterprise Office Awards

## BUSINESSES PRAISED AT ANNUAL LEO AWARDS NIGHT

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**Yang Tong, Xiang Li and Meng**



**Jennifer Kelly and Martin Bergs**



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**The Echo's David and Emma Kennedy**



**Geraldine O'Neill and Frank Meyer**



**Peter Borland, Naresh Babu, Mitu Rashid and Mohammed Rashid**

# Olympian Dance Off

## NICOLAS AND KAREN LEAVE DANCING WITH THE STARS

by Aideen O'Flaherty / news@echo.ie

**B**allyfermot dancer Karen Byrne performed her last competitive dance alongside cyclist and former Olympian Nicolas Roche on RTÉ's 'Dancing with the Stars' on Sunday evening, after the show's judges decided to send them home following an intense dance-off.

The show had an 'Around the World' theme, allowing the dancers and competitors to draw inspiration from all corners of the globe and infuse it into their performances.

Nicolas and Karen danced a foxtrot to Frank Sinatra's 'I Love Paris', inspired by Nicolas spending his teenage years living in France.

Judges Loraine Barry, Brian Redmond and Arthur Gourounlian gave them a score of 21 for their dance, and gave glowing feedback.

Brian said: "You are improving so much across your top line, and captured the character of what is an extremely difficult technical dance."

Loraine added: "Foxtrot is the gentleman's dance and for me that's what makes you look so good."

Arthur said: "When I heard you were doing the foxtrot, I thought, 'This is right up his alley', and I was right."

Despite the praise for the judges, Nicolas and Karen ended up at the bottom of the leaderboard after scoring the lowest combined points from the judges and the public vote.



Matthew Mac Nabb and Laura Nolan



Cyclist Nicolas Roche and Karen Byrne were voted off the show

As a result, they competed in a dance-off against the second-lowest scoring couple, athlete Ellen Keane and her pro-partner for the night, Ervinas Merfeldas.

The deciding vote after the dance-off went to the judges, who ultimately decided to keep Ellen in the competition, but also heaped praise on Nicolas for his performance.

On leaving the show, Nicolas said: "It has been an incredible journey – when I was told about the show, I straight away agreed and I have no regrets, it has been a life-changing experience."

Also taking to the stage on the night was Lucan dancer Laura Nolan alongside her celebrity dance partner, 'Love Island' star Matthew McNabb.

The duo danced a tango to Duran Duran's hit song 'Rio', netting a score of 23 from the judges for their performance.

Arthur said: "Matthew, you brought the passion of Rio to the dancefloor tonight."

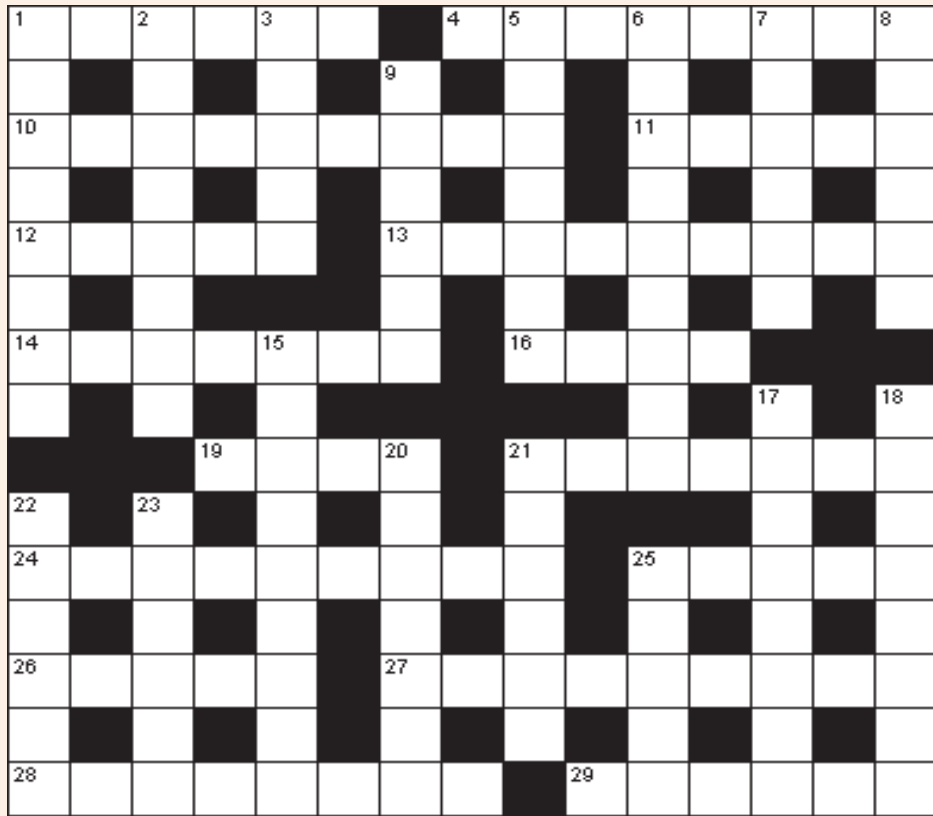
Brian commented: "You started with intensity, commitment to the movement...it's just the face that's missing at this stage, your body brought us on the journey."

Loraine said: "I like this Matthew, I felt you got yourself in the correct tango position."

The next episode of 'Dancing with the Stars' is on RTÉ One on Sunday at 6.30pm.



# echocrossquiz Q1703



**ACROSS**

- 1. Full of vigor (6)
- 4. Particular to a given individual (8)
- 10. An abrasive material (9)
- 11. Colorful parrot (5)
- 12. Bore (5)
- 13. Belonging to a group (9)
- 14. Cherubic (7)
- 16. Domestic (4)
- 19. Seventy-one in Roman numerals (4)
- 21. Gift (7)
- 24. Ball-shaped (9)
- 25. Australian "bear" (5)
- 26. Potato state (5)
- 27. An establishment (9)
- 28. Supervisor (8)
- 29. Fatal (6)

**DOWN**

- 1. Leftover (8)
- 2. These are attached to skis (8)
- 3. Floral leaf (5)
- 5. Tympanum (7)
- 6. Express indirectly by an image (9)
- 7. Ambrosia (6)
- 8. Attorney (6)
- 9. Medicine that causes vomiting (6)
- 15. Opulent (9)
- 17. Depreciated (8)
- 18. Game plan (8)
- 20. Slope (7)
- 21. Buff (6)
- 22. Inuit (6)
- 23. Put into words (6)
- 25. Blade (5)

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS 1003**



CAN YOU BEAT THIS WEEK'S CROSSQUIZ?

## SUDOKU 1

4	8		6			7		
1			9				8	
7						5		
				3				4
		7	2					1
	6			9				
		5						
					3			6
			7	8	1			

## SUDOKU 2

	9			8				2
2					4			
	8				1	6	5	
9								5
	6		3			2		1
			7		2			
								9
7				4				3
				7	3			4

## ANSWERS

6	9	1	3	7	8	2	5	4
3	8	5	9	4	2	6	7	1
2	9	7	5	1	6	3	8	4
9	6	4	2	5	7	8	1	3
1	7	5	2	4	6	3	8	9
4	6	5	3	9	8	2	7	1
9	7	2	4	1	6	8	3	5
3	8	4	9	2	1	6	5	7
2	5	7	6	3	4	9	1	8
6	9	1	5	8	7	3	2	4

6	4	2	7	8	1	3	9	5
9	1	8	5	2	3	4	7	6
3	7	5	4	6	9	1	2	8
2	6	4	1	9	5	8	3	7
8	3	7	2	4	6	9	5	1
5	9	1	8	3	7	2	6	4
7	2	6	3	1	8	5	4	9
1	5	3	9	7	4	6	8	2
4	8	9	6	5	2	7	1	3

SUDOKU 2

SUDOKU 1

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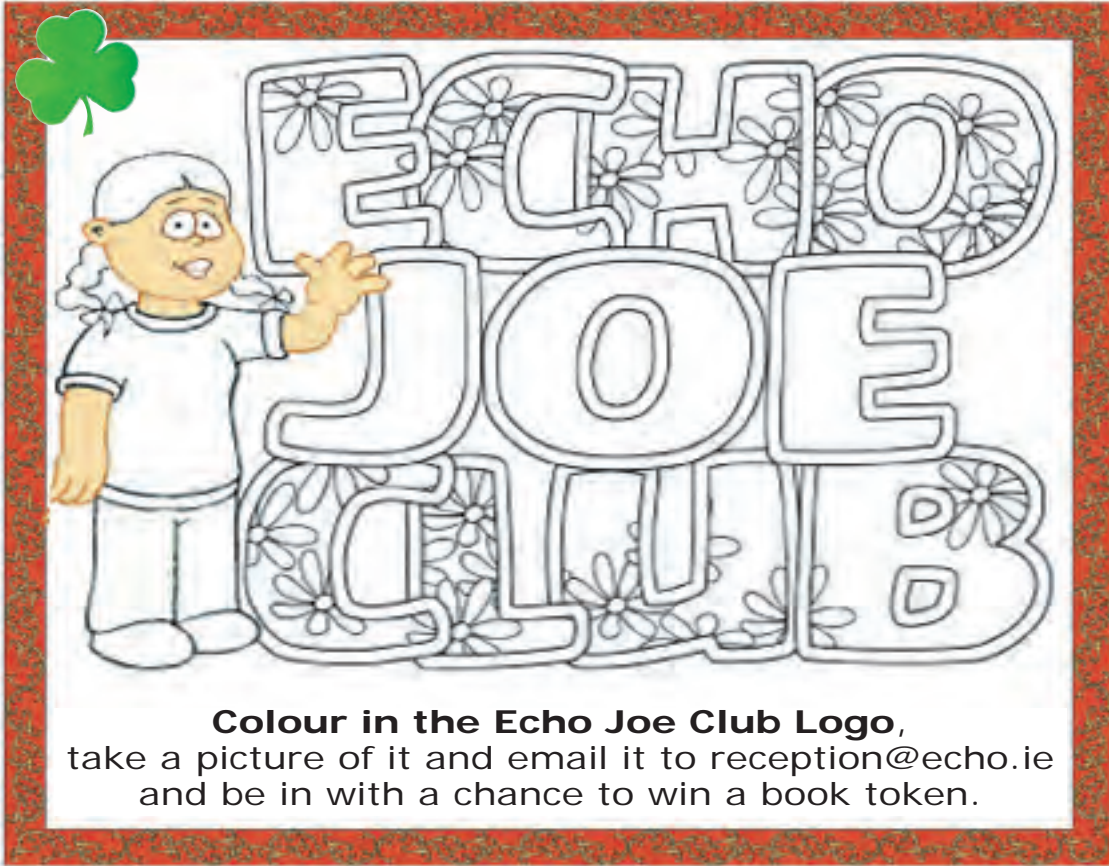


Echo staff, Emma Kennedy, Hayden Moore and Sophie Sinclair Kennedy at the 2021 Sockies Awards

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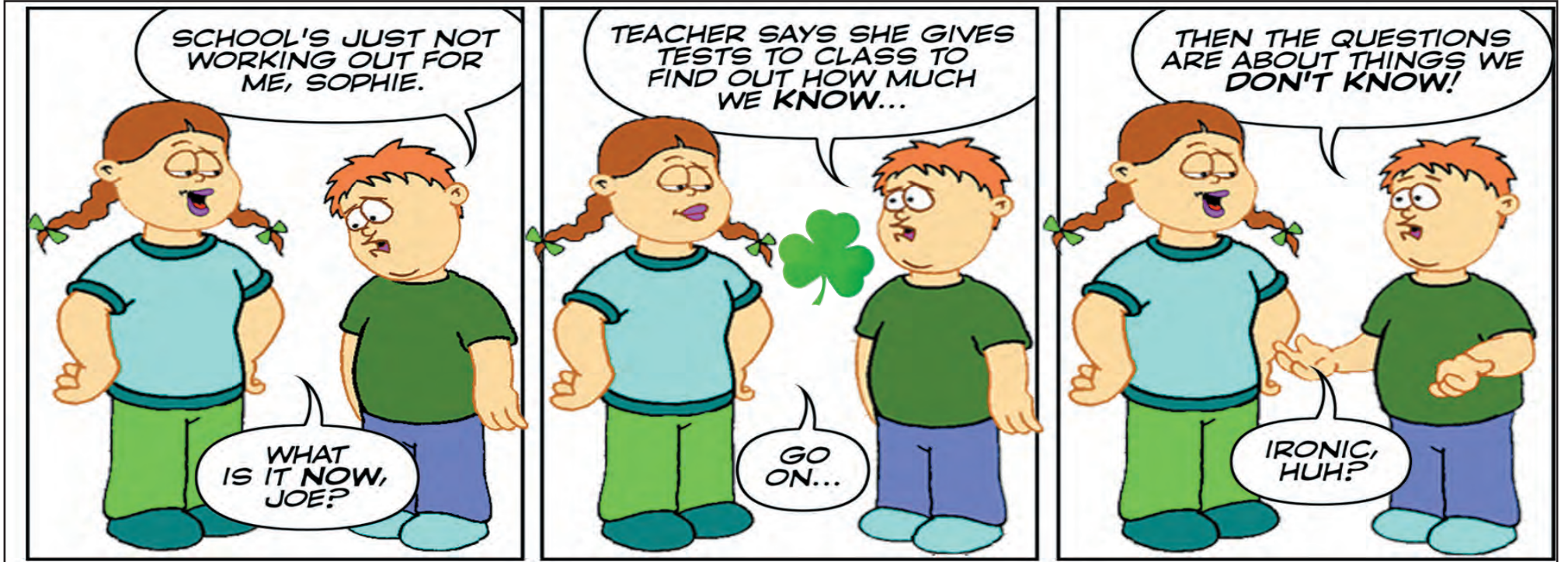
## St Patrick's Day



**CLUBBERS,**  
HOW MANY WORDS  
(TWO LETTERS OR MORE)  
CAN YOU MAKE FROM  
THE ABOVE WORDS?

5-20 pretty good! 21-35 excellent!  
36 and over - you do realise these  
have to be real words, don't you!

1	14	27
2	15	28
3	16	29
4	17	30
5	18	31
6	19	32
7	20	33
8	21	34
9	22	35
10	23	36
11	24	37
12	25	38
13	26	39



**SCHOOL'S JUST NOT WORKING OUT FOR ME, SOPHIE.**

**WHAT IS IT NOW, JOE?**

**TEACHER SAYS SHE GIVES TESTS TO CLASS TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH WE KNOW...**

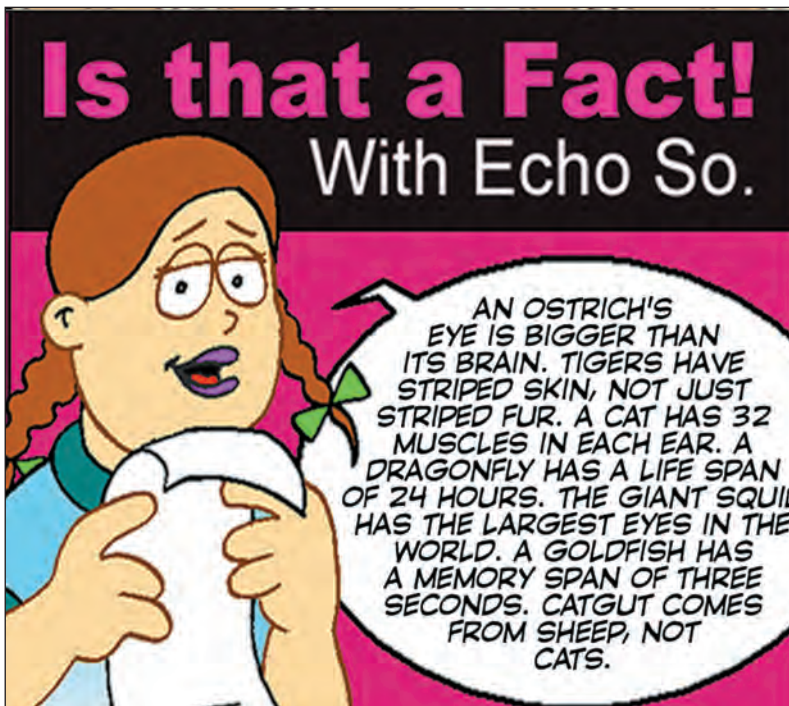
**GO ON...**

**THEN THE QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THINGS WE DON'T KNOW!**

**IRONIC, HUH?**

## Is that a Fact!

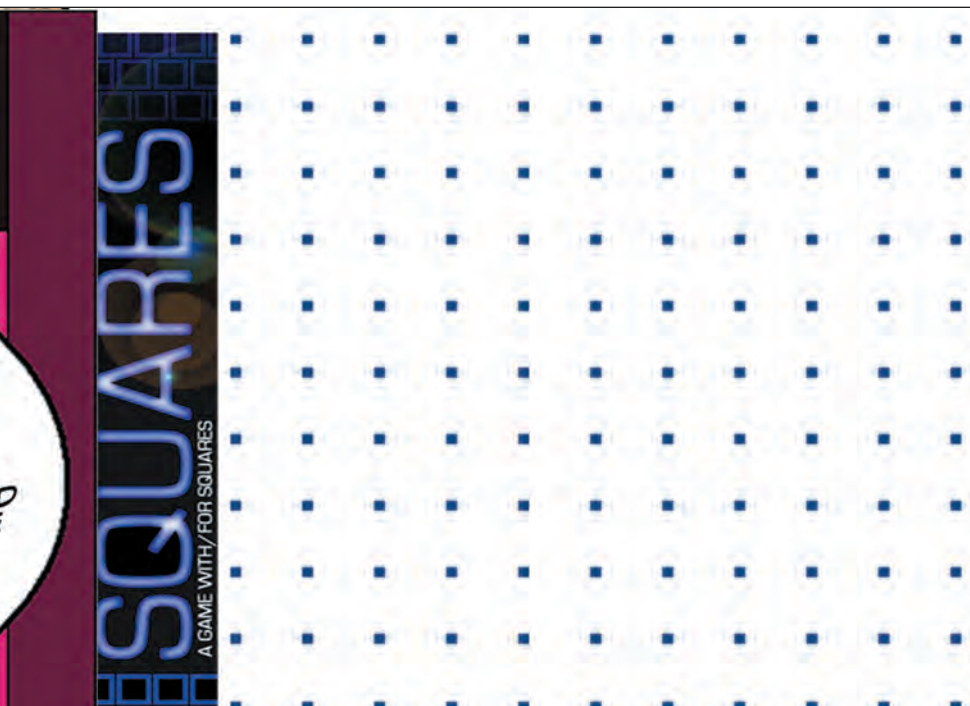
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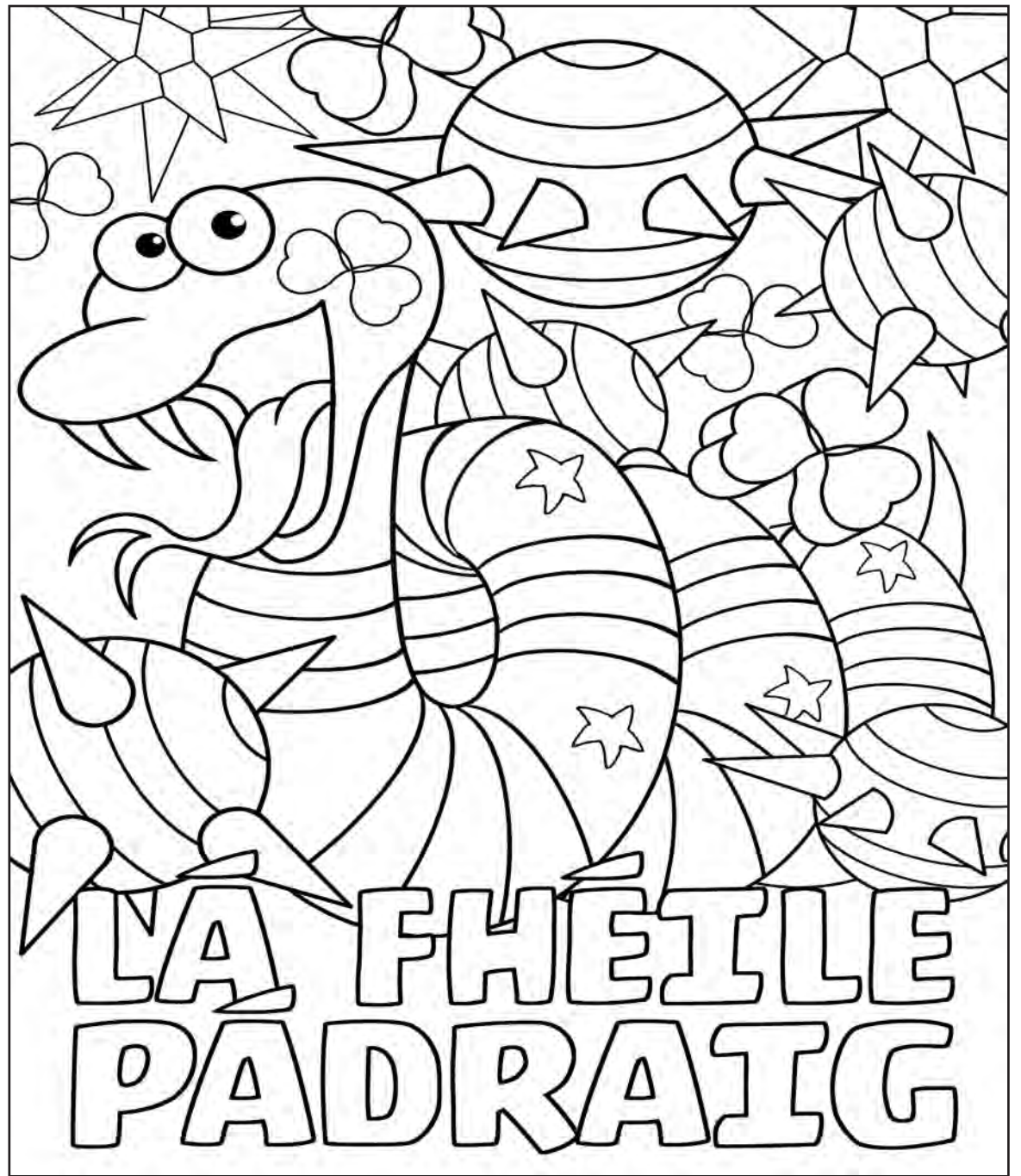
AN OSTRICH'S EYE IS BIGGER THAN ITS BRAIN. TIGERS HAVE STRIPED SKIN, NOT JUST STRIPED FUR. A CAT HAS 32 MUSCLES IN EACH EAR. A DRAGONFLY HAS A LIFE SPAN OF 24 HOURS. THE GIANT SQUID HAS THE LARGEST EYES IN THE WORLD. A GOLDFISH HAS A MEMORY SPAN OF THREE SECONDS. CATGUT COMES FROM SHEEP, NOT CATS.

## SQUARES

A GAME WITH/ FOR SQUARES



HERE'S A GREAT LITTLE GAME FOR TWO OR MORE PLAYERS. TAKE TURNS TO CONNECT ANY TWO DOTS WITH A VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL LINE. THE PLAYER WHO COMPLETES ANY SQUARE INITIALS IT, THEN TAKES ANOTHER TURN TO DRAW A LINE. WHEN ALL SQUARES ARE COMPLETED, THE PLAYER WITH MOST SQUARES IS THE WINNER!



## LETTER LINK LOG-JAM

A MISSING LETTER ON EACH ROW FINISHES ONE WORD AND STARTS THE NEXT...

BUT WHAT ARE THE LETTERS?

YOG		MEN
VEN		URN
CLA		REP
BEA		OAD
MAS		TAR
KNO		EAR
QUI		ARK
PUS		ELL

the missing letters: A, T, P, R, S, W, P, H.

**winner**

Freya (age 4), is this week's winner of The Echo Joe Club logo colouring competition. Freya, your prize will be on the way to you soon.

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### ANNIVERSARY



**Burke, Christopher (Christy)**  
4th Anniversary away from home.

#### Son

*In the silence of our broken hearts,  
Where no one else can see,  
Your face your smile your memory,  
Are kept so tenderly,  
Sometimes with a smile,  
Sometimes with a tear,  
But always with love,  
Despite the passing years,  
Play his favourite music lord,  
And when you see him smile,  
Tell Christy how much we love him,  
And miss him all the time,  
Although we can not see you Christy,  
Your love has kept us strong,  
So stay beside us always,  
And help us carry on,  
Will those who think of him today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

**Loved always and forever,  
your heartbroken Mam &  
Dad. Rest in peace.**

**Christy 4th Anniversary**  
*Today we light a candle christy,  
Sad are the heart's that love you,  
Silent are the tear's that fall,  
Living without you is the hardest  
part of all,*

*I know we'll find you there,  
No words we write,  
Can ever say,  
How much we feel on this sad day.*  
**Too dearly loved to be  
forgotten Aunt Mary and  
family.**

#### Christy

*Never more than a thought away,  
Loved and remembered every day.*

x  
**Lorraine, Christy & family.**

#### Christy

*Forever sadly missed.*  
**Sylvia, Noel & Family. x**

### NOVENA

#### Novena to St. Jude

*Most Holy Apostle, St. Jude,  
faithful servant and friend of Jesus,  
the Church honours and invokes  
you universally, as the patron of  
hopeless cases, of things almost  
despaired of. Pray for me, I am so  
helpless and alone. Make use I  
implore, you, of that particular  
privilege given to you, to bring  
visible and speedy help where help  
is almost despaired of. Come to my  
assistance in this great need, that I  
may receive the consolation and  
help of Heaven in all my  
necessities, tribulations and  
sufferings, particularly, (here make  
your request) and that I may praise  
God with you and all the elect  
forever, I promise O Blessed St.  
Jude, to be ever mindful of this  
great you as my special and  
powerful patron, and to gratefully  
encourage devotion to you. L.D.*

### ANNIVERSARY



**Burke, Christopher (Christy)**  
4th Anniversary occurs 22nd  
March.

#### Husband

*I think of things you used to say,  
And all that you would do,  
At some point every single day,  
My thoughts will turn to you,  
To lose you was a bitter wrench,  
The pain cut to the core,  
I cried until my tears ran out,  
Then I cried so more,  
This wouldn't be your wish for me,  
That I'd be forever sad,  
So I try to remind myself,  
Of the happy times we had,  
I know I can't be with you now,  
And you can't be with me,  
But safe inside my heart you'll  
stay,  
That's where you'll always be.*  
**Your heartbroken Wife  
Lorraine. x**

#### Dad

*Our lives go on without you,  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartache,  
When someone speaks your name,  
Sad are the heart's that love you,  
Silent are the tear's that fall,  
Living without you is the hardest  
part of all,  
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.*  
**All our love Glenn, Leah &  
Jamie. xxx**

### NOVENA

#### Novena to the Sacred Heart

*Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I  
have asked for many favours.  
This time I ask you this very  
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Take it dear Jesus and place it  
within your broken heart where  
your holy Father sees it. Then in  
His merciful eyes it will become  
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### ANNIVERSARY



**Burke, Christy**  
4th Anniversary away from  
home.

#### Brother Christy

*Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure.  
Loving you always,  
Forgetting you never.  
No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say goodbye,  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only god can tell our broken  
hearts why,  
In our hearts your memory will  
carry on,  
There is not a day that we don't  
think of you,  
We will forever miss your jokes  
and smile,  
Our daily chats are gone.  
We will be heartbroken forever.*  
**David, Theresa, Katie-Rose &  
Amy.**

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Promise publication and favour  
will be granted. E.M.*

### ANNIVERSARY



**Burke, Christy**  
4th Anniversary away from  
home for a loving Brother.

#### Missing You

*We're missing you a little more,  
Each time we hear your name,  
We've cried so many tears,  
Yet our heart's broken just the  
same,  
We miss our time together,  
Things in common we could share,  
But nothing fills the emptiness,  
Now you're no longer there,  
We've so many precious memories,  
To last our whole life through,  
Each one of them reminders,  
Of how much we're missing you.*  
**From his brother Paul, sister-  
in-law Linda & Family.**

### ANNIVERSARY

**Burke, Christy**  
4 hard years away from  
home.

*Miss you every single day,  
What I'd give to see your smile,  
Here your funny quotes.*

**Forever in my heart, your  
forever friend Catherine and  
Family. xx**

*Missing you always,  
Forever in my thoughts and  
prayers.*  
**Margaret and Paddy.**

### ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**Keeley, Christy and Betty**  
Late of St. Maelruans Park, Tallaght and Neagh Rd, Terenure.  
Christy's 8th Anniversary occurred on 3rd March and Betty's  
17th Anniversary occurred on 16th March. We also remember  
them on their Birthdays, 9th and 23rd April. Happy Birthday  
Mam and Dad - we'll be singing "May You Always" xxxxx

*The good Lord saw that  
you were tired,  
And a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around you,  
And whispered "Come with me"  
With tearful eyes we said goodbye,  
And watched you fade away,  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay,  
Two golden hearts stopped beating,  
Two loving smiles at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*  
**From your sons Mick,  
Christopher, Peter, John and  
Families, your daughters Liz  
and Annmarie and Families,  
your Brothers and Sisters and  
all your Relations and Friends.**

#### Mam and Dad

*Two shadows walk beside us,  
Forever by our side,  
Always there to guide us,  
Since the day you died,  
On your Anniversary,  
We ask the Lord above,  
To wrap his arms around you,  
And give you all our love.*  
**Your daughter Catherine,  
son-in-law John,  
grandchildren Susan,  
Jennifer, Philip and  
Dillon and great  
grandchildren Jake, Ellie,  
Alfie, Sofia, Kyle, Kate,  
Clark and Colin.**

*Our lives go on without you,  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartache,  
When someone speaks  
your name,  
Sad are the hearts that love you,  
Silent the tears that fall,  
Living our lives without you,  
Is the hardest part of all,  
The special years will not return,  
When we were all together,  
But with the love within  
our hearts,  
You will walk with us forever.*  
**Love and miss you always  
and forever Liz, Jennifer,  
Christopher, Kevin, Liza,  
Bobby and great  
grandchildren Eve, Frankie,  
Madison, Cole and Ava. xxx**

#### Mam and Dad

*If I could visit Heaven,  
On this special day,  
Maybe for a little while,  
The pain would go away,  
I would wrap my arms  
around you both,  
And kiss your smiling face,  
And tell you no one in this world,  
Could ever take your place.*  
**Love and miss you always, your  
daughter Mary, son-in-law  
Kevin, grandchildren  
Maria, Karen, Brian,  
Christopher and Susan, great  
grandchildren Molly, Tara,  
Layla, Jack, Rian, Esme,  
George, Monty and Isaac.**

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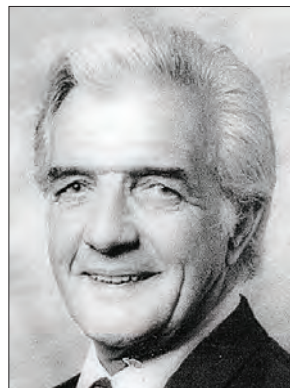
**ANNIVERSARY**



**Lawlor, Rose**  
 6th Anniversary away from home occurs 19th March.

*It's only small,  
 But it means a lot,  
 To tell you Mam,  
 We have not forgot  
 Someone still loves you,  
 Someone still cares,  
 Someone still whispers,  
 Your name in their prayers,  
 A place in our hearts,  
 Is yours alone,  
 A piece of love no one can own,  
 You live in our hearts & walk by our sides  
 From heaven above,  
 You are always our guide.  
 Also Remembering her loving husband Peter.  
 From Joyce, Paul, Sarah,  
 Michael Caelán, Hunter,  
 Tadhg & Honey.*

**ANNIVERSARY**



**Moran, John (Seanie)**  
 15th Anniversary away from home occurs 21st March. Also remembering his Birthday which occurs 13th April. Late of Newtown Park. Also remembering our mam, Katherine Moran, who died 15th August 2010.

**Dad**  
 15 years have passed since that day,  
 You closed your eyes and slipped away,  
 You left so quietly and made no fuss,  
 But broke the hearts of all of us.  
 Love always from your son Derek, daughters Wendy, Andrea, Sharon and Tracey, Grandchildren, Daughter-in-law and Sons-in-law.

**ANNIVERSARY**



**Duncan, Mary and Francis.**  
 24th Anniversary. Late of Cromwellsfort Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

*The midnight stars are shining,  
 On a grave not far away,  
 Where we laid a loving Mam and Dad  
 24 years ago today.  
 We thought about you today,  
 But that is nothing new,  
 We thought about you yesterday,  
 And the day before that too,  
 We will think about you tomorrow,  
 As we will our whole lives through.  
 For the day we fail to think of you,*

*God will have taken us too,  
 Look around your garden Lord,  
 For a Mam and Dad with lovely smiles,  
 That will be our parents,  
 They must stand out a mile,  
 Find the softest pillow Lord,  
 To lay their heads upon,  
 Kiss them twice upon the cheek,  
 And tell them who it's from,  
 Take care of them Lord,  
 They were simply the best.  
 Sadly missed never forgotten from your loving daughters Breda and Mary.  
 Safe in the arms of The Divine Mercy.*

**ANNIVERSARY**



**Lawlor, John**  
 2nd Anniversary away from home

Always remembered always loved.  
 From Gerry, Mary and the extended Family.

**ANNIVERSARY**



**Gavagan, Ann**  
 12th Anniversary away from home.

*I close my eyes and see your face,  
 Smiling at me from a beautiful place,  
 You tell me you are never far away,  
 And that we will meet again someday,  
 I ask if you could stay a while,  
 I miss your laugh, I miss your smile,  
 Then you whisper sweetly into my ear,  
 I never leave you, I'm always here.  
 Missed by her husband Joe,  
 Daughters, Sons, Sons-in-law,  
 Daughters-in-law,  
 Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren.*

**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. T.G.

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We, Ronan & Bethany Cotter, intend to apply for Planning Permission for development at this site, 10 The Court, Cypress Downs, Templeogue, Dublin 6w, D6W KP59. The development will consist of, A First Floor Front & Side Extension Over Existing Den With Pitched Roof, Comprising Of A Bedroom, A Single Storey Rear Extension With Flat Roof & Roof Windows, Comprising Of A Kitchen, Utility Room & Living Area, A New Roof Window In Existing Side Roof, Remove Existing Chimney To Front Of House At Den, Increase Vehicle Entrance Width and Dish Footpath To Suit Width, And All Associated Site Works. This application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am – 4pm, Mon-Fri, and a submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WEEK ENDING MARCH 4, 2022

### SD21A/0184 02 Mar 2022 Permission Additional Information

Applicant: Tom Staunton  
Location: Toyota Liffey Valley, Liffey Valley Motor Mall, Dublin 22  
Description: Extension to the existing motor sales outlet with servicing area and associated development consisting of the construction of a single storey (double height) extension (c.568sq.m) to the existing motor sales outlet with servicing area which will comprise of a car body shop and valet area; single storey remote sales office (c.20sq.m); a covered bike shelter; ancillary petrol fill area; alterations to vehicle storage area; alterations and relocation of the exiting vehicle display provision (resulting in total of 79 defined display spaces (59 additional) together with indicative display areas with capacity for c.72 vehicles); a reduction in service spaces (resulting in total of 23 service spaces (3 less)) and relocation and additions to the existing staff car parking provision (resulting in total of 25 staff spaces (5 additional)); provision of a new pedestrian site entrance; signage (3 signs (4.45sq.m; 2.71sq.m; 0.58sq.m)); alterations and additions to the soft and hard landscaping, including the removal of existing fence; new boundary treatment and internal vehicle access gate; pedestrian paths and access; paving; tarmac and planting; relocation of vehicle sliding gate; an additional vehicle display podium; additional electric charging bays; new lighting; elevational changes to the existing building to facilitate the extension; an additional attenuation tank; all piped infrastructure and ducting; plant; all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.

### SD21B/0393 04 Mar 2022 Permission Additional Information

Applicant: Victoria & Ciaran Clifford  
Location: 10, Idrone Park, Dublin 16  
Description: Dormer attic extension including raise existing ridge height; rear flat roof dormer and 4 roof windows for additional bedrooms and bathrooms; alterations to front elevations and all associated site works.

### SD21B/0426 02 Mar 2022 Permission Additional Information

Applicant: Fidelma Brady  
Location: 46, Moyville, Dublin 16  
Description: Roof windows to front roof; alteration of existing hip roof to gable roof to accommodate stairs to attic; attic conversion to non-habitable storage space with new dormer to rear and new frosted glass window to gable end and all ancillary works.

### SD21B/0493 02 Mar 2022 Permission Additional Information

Applicant: Brendan McAtamney & Caroline Dowling  
Location: Hazelberry, Hazelhatch, Celbridge, Co. Dublin  
Description: Alterations and additions to existing detached dormer dwelling; construction of new single storey extension to rear; construction of new dormer extension to north gable end; new playroom at ground floor level; guest bedroom at first floor level; new bay window extension to existing bedroom at ground floor level to the rear; 2 new dormer windows in lieu of existing 'Velux' rooflights to 2 existing first floor dormer bedrooms to the rear; construction of new detached carport to north gable end and front

of existing dwelling; all ancillary site works.

### SD21B/0545 28 Feb 2022 Permission and Retention Additional Information

Applicant: Neil Colgan & Joan Duffy  
Location: Hayfield House, Scholarstown Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16  
Description: Demolition of single storey garage, garden shed and oil tank plinth to side (all abutting boundary wall); demolition of existing single storey extension to rear and existing stepped patio and supporting walls; retention of historical 2 storey extension to side/part rear; construction of new single storey extensions to side and rear; alterations to window and door openings; rooflights to new rear/side extension roofs; all associated internal, site, drainage and landscaping works including new raised patio with stepped access to rear.

### SD21B/0613 02 Mar 2022 Permission Additional Information

Applicant: Tim Sparsis  
Location: 458, Orwell Park Green, Templeogue, Co. Dublin  
Description: Two storey extension to side; single storey extension to rear; alterations to existing porch to front; 3 rooflights to the front; 2 new dormers to the rear; all ancillary works.

### SD22A/0024 03 Mar 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Chadwicks Group  
Location: Heiton Steel, Ashfield, Naas Road, Clondalkin, Dublin  
Description: Replacement of existing asbestos roof covering with a new Kingspan insulated roof panels; replacement of rooflights with new and installation of a roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels to include all ancillary works and services.

### SD22A/0072 04 Mar 2022 Permission and Retention

Applicant: Tesco Ireland Limited  
Location: Tesco, Hillcrest Shopping Centre, Hillcrest Walk, Hillcrest, Lucan, Dublin  
Description: (i) Retention permission for 'Click and Collect' signage in the existing Tesco car park; and (ii) permission for the construction of a sheltered canopy (c50 sq.m) in the existing car park for the purpose of providing 2 dedicated 'Click and Collect' spaces for the existing Tesco store and all associated site development works.

### SD22B/0089 28 Feb 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Peter Meagher  
Location: 18, Woodstown Lane, Dublin 16  
Description: Build-up of existing hip in roof to the side of roof into 'Dutch' hip at attic level with window in proposed gable wall; dormer roof with window on rear slope of roof all at attic level; attic conversion; ground floor front porch.

### SD22B/0090 28 Feb 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Ingridalison & Noel Short  
Location: 51, Castleview Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22  
Description: Alteration to the front domestic south facing elevation consisting of 17sq.m of PV solar panels located on the

existing house front roof pitch; alterations to first floor front bedroom windows open to contain a central self-coloured acrylic render external insulated system on masonry wall to create new window elevational layout; alterations extending beyond the front building line of the domestic south facing elevation consisting of new self-coloured acrylic render external insulated system to ground and first floor level and grey brick slip finish to external insulated system to ground floor bay window walls.

### SD22B/0091 01 Mar 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Caroline Cummins  
Location: 192, Castle Park, Dublin 24  
Description: Single storey extension with tiled roof to the front & first floor extension with a tiled roof over existing rear extension to the existing two storey end of terraced dwelling with alterations to existing rear extension tiled roof; new high level window in existing gable wall structure; internal alterations & associate site.

### SD22B/0092 01 Mar 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Mbaaga Tuzinde  
Location: 39, Dalepark Road, Dublin 24  
Description: New ground floor extension to the rear; new porch area to front; dormer extension to rear at first floor level; new first floor gable window at side; 2 roof windows to front elevation; internal modifications ; new 30sqm storage/office space to rear with all associated site works

### SD22B/0093 02 Mar 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Ian O'Farrell  
Location: 4, Parkhill Heights, Dublin 24  
Description: A front porch; rear extension ; pitched front dormer roof; and a flat rear dormer roof.

### SD22B/0094 02 Mar 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Stephen Lee  
Location: 54, Weston Crescent, Lucan, Dublin  
Description: Conversion of existing attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure; raising of existing gable c/w window and dutch hip; new access stairs and flat dormer roof to the rear.

### SD22B/0095 02 Mar 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Rory & Mariae Barber  
Location: 7, Griffen Glen Dale, Lucan, Dublin  
Description: Conversion of attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure; raising of existing gable c/w window and dutch hip; new access stairs and flat dormer to the rear.

### SD22B/0096 02 Mar 2022 Permission New Application

Applicant: Rob Dowling  
Location: 27, Killakee Park, Dublin 24:  
Description: Conversion of attic space to non-habitable space; raising of gable to mini-hip; dormer to rear; velux to front & all associated site works to existing dwelling.

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# Echo Sport

Sports Editor: Stephen Leonard; Deputy Sports Editor: William O'Connor

Thursday March 17, 2022



Mipo Odubeko

## Crawford names Under 21 squad for Sweden clash

REPUBLIC of Ireland Under 21 team manager, Jim Crawford has called up David Odumosu of St Patrick's Athletic and Shamrock Rovers defender Andy Lyons to his 21-man squad for this month's UEFA Under 21 European Championship qualifier against Sweden.

Goalkeeper Odumosu had been named in the Ireland Under 20 side to take on an Ireland Amateur selection in a friendly on Tuesday and Crawford insisted there was the opportunity for some of that panel to join the Under 21 squad for training ahead of the Sweden qualifier.

Former St Pat's goalkeeper Brian Maher has also been named in the Under 21 squad as has Tallaght man, Mipo Odubeko, who is currently on loan to Doncaster Rovers from West Ham United.

It is the first call-up of the campaign for Odubeko, as it is for Derby County's Eiran Cashin, both of whom are involved with an Ireland selection for the first time since 2019.

Ireland face off against Sweden on Tuesday, March 29 in a bid to bolster their drive for qualification to the 2023 UEFA Under 21 European Championships in Georgia & Romania.

And Tallaght man, Crawford will be hoping his side can reproduce the performance that saw them to a 1-0 victory over the Group F leaders in Tallaght back in November when Ollie O'Neill served up a dramatic 92nd-minute winner.

## Hayden records devastating KO on TV debut to go 3-0

WILLIAM Hayden executed a devastating knockout of England's Michael Walton on his television debut to move to 3-0 as a professional boxer.

The 20-year-old from Bohernabreena was fighting on the Queensberry Promotions card at York Hall in London on Friday night, which was headlined by the Marc Leach-Chris Bourke British Super Bantamweight title showdown.

By Hayden Moore

sport@echo.ie

Hayden came out firing from the bell, rattling off a high volume of well-placed shots to put Walton in trouble and ultimately drop him in the first round.

After putting Walton down, the Crumlin Boxing Club man could smell blood and, in the second round, landed a nice combination before circling back, going to the body and then unloading a devastating series of hooks to record his first professional stoppage.

"This was my first time going into a fight at 100 percent," Hayden told *The Echo*.

"I had problems going into the first two, but there was absolutely nothing holding me back for this one, I knew I was going in there to let my hands go.

"I could see it at the weigh-in that [Walton] was intimidated because I was a different level to what he'd ever faced before.

"I never had the chance to let the hands go and fight at a high



William Hayden from Bohernabreena stormed to his third pro victory at York Hall

pace.

"I thought the fact that it was on the telly would be playing in my head, but once I stepped into the ring, it was just me, him and the referee - it was go-time.

"When I stepped into the ring, I just knew then, I could see it in his eyes that he didn't want to be

there and was in there for the payday.

"The first time I dropped him, he was reluctant getting back up.

"I knew he was gone then, but I was a little bit eager trying to get him out of there in the second and I muddled up my work a bit because of it - that's how I got

that scrape, in a head-butt.

"But that was it, my first knockout, he took a knee."

The emphatic victory sees Hayden move to 3-0 since turning professional in 2021, having recorded victories over Dean Jones and Lee Connolly in his first two fights.

## Another step forward for Adeleke as she wins back national record



Rhasidat Adeleke won back the Irish Indoor 60m record

THE engrossing tug-of-war between Tallaght's Rhasidat Adeleke and Molly Scott from Carlow for the Women's National 60m Indoor record took another turn over the weekend after the former won back that crown with a stunning time of 7.17 seconds that she registered at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Alabama.

Adeleke had previously posted a time of 7.21m over 60m in February to surpass the previous national indoor best of 7.23 set by Scott.

But the latter then clocked 7.19 on her way to victory at the National Senior Indoor Athletics Championships in Abbotstown

later that month only to see Adeleke win back the record last week.

The Ireland double European Under 20 sprint champion, will be very much encouraged by her form over the early part of this year, which also saw her clock the fastest time recorded by an Irish woman over 300m back in January.

Indeed, her finishing time of 36.87 marked the first time an Irish female athlete had broken the 37-second barrier as she surpassed the previous national indoor best over that distance held by Phil Healy as well as the top Irish outdoor time of 37.07 held by Karen Shinkins.

## Lions storm to Dublin Cup treble



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## Crumlin see off Booth to go clear at the top



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## Davis prevail in thriller against Boden



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## Badminton



The TU Dublin Tallaght badminton team that finished runners-up to Trinity College in the Student Sport Ireland National League Finals in Baldoyle Badminton Centre

## TU Dublin Tallaght finish second in National League

TU DUBLIN Tallaght Campus badminton team had to settle for second place at the recent Student Sport Ireland National League Finals after they were edged out by winners Trinity College in Baldoyle Badminton Centre.

By **Stephen Leonard**  
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The team, which was without their injured Ireland international Kate Frost, cruised through their semi final against MTU Cork 'B', winning 5-0, while Trinity saw off TU Dublin City Campus by the same margin in their respective last-four tie.

The Tallaght side did find themselves playing catch-up from early on in the decider after they fell behind 2-0 when Qi Xun Yap faced Rohan Thool and Caoimhe McKeown took on Anastasia Bogolovskaya.

It meant they needed to win the remaining three matches to take the title, and they reduced their arrears in the Women's Doubles where Leah Auld and Caoimhe McKeown surmounted the challenge of Sabrina Steinberga and Anastasia Bogolovskaya - the latter having just received her first Leinster Senior cap.

The Men's Doubles was equally exciting, but Tallaght's David Walsh and Muhammed Zeeshan found themselves on the

unfavourable side of an epic match.

"Overall, it was a great performance by the team all year round to qualify for the finals, which wasn't easy as we battled injuries as well as Covid cases" explained Frost.

"Our focus now turns to the varsities which will take place in Galway from April 7-9 when we will join forces with TU Dublin City and Blanchardstown campuses to fight for the title as TU Dublin.

"We are really looking forward to the varsities as it hasn't run for two years and as a final-year student now, this will only be my second chance to compete at them.

"At my first varsities, we reached the semi-finals as IT Tallaght. I am optimistic about the upcoming competition as we have some strong players within TU Dublin who can help us to hopefully win our first badminton varsities" she added.

On the international front, Frost, together with doubles partner Moya Ryan, has just qualified for the European Championships to be held in Madrid at the end of April.

Currently nursing an ankle injury, the Templeogue woman has had to miss out on two league weekends with her German team, SG EBT Berlin.

But she hopes to make a swift return to action with the Swiss Open on the horizon on March 23.

## Basketball



Éanna are ready to compete for the National Under 18 Cup in Cork this Saturday

## Colossal weekend ahead for Éanna

A MASSIVE weekend lies ahead for DBS Éanna Basketball Club as their Under 18 Men face Phoenix from Belfast in the National Cup decider on Saturday before their senior men bid to reach the Super League semi finals when they host NUIG Maree the following day.

By **Stephen Leonard**  
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Led by Head Coach, Ciaran O'Sullivan and assistant, Darren McGovern, the Under 18s will be hoping they can take the final step on the road to National Cup success when they take to the floor at Neptune Stadium.

Many players in this squad recently helped Coláiste Éanna to the All-Ireland Schools Under 19A Basketball League title when they beat St Joseph's in the National Basketball Arena earlier this month and they have enjoyed a great run on the club front too.

"That Under 18 team had a really good pre-qualifying tournament in Portlaoise about six weeks ago and they beat Limerick Celtics in the National Cup semi final a couple of weeks ago in the Arena" said McGovern.

"Head coach Ciaran O'Sullivan has done an amazing job with the crew. They're very strong.

"We've a lot of good young up-and-coming talent, so we're really confident with this age group.



**Ramonn Nelson**  
of DBS Éanna

"Viktor Lovic and Nathan Comerford are both Under 17 internationals. You have Cathal O'Sullivan as captain and the likes of Sean Brady and Shanay Shah who won the MVP award in the Under 19 Schools Final. That was a great experience for the lads, winning big games.

"They're now playing Phoenix from Belfast in the final on Saturday. They [Phoenix] are a good young team and really well coached, so it'll be end-to-end. It'll be frenetic" he predicted.

Following Saturday's final, McGovern will be quickly turning his attention to the Super League quarter final his own team will face against NUIG the following day.

Having secured the North Conference title following their recent win over Killester, the Rathfarnham side finished off the regular season with an 80-77 comeback victory over Bright DCU Saints last weekend.

Now set to face an NUIG team they have already beaten this season, McGovern is not taking the challenge lightly.

"We played them [NUIG] in the league and we got a good win against them. We had a great second-half performance to get us over the line.

"We're probably going in as favourites because we're playing at home and we've beaten them once, but, at this stage, the league has now turned into a cup competition, so we're all on the level playing field at this point. Get three wins and you win the league. Eight teams looking at three wins.

"We are missing Hillary Nets and others whose season ended really early, but other than that, our squad is solid and I'm happy and comfortable with who we have left. I've full confidence in them.

"Clinching top spot [in the North Conference] means we have a home quarter final and, if we're good enough on the day, we could have a home semi final as well" he added.

# Lions road to Dublin Cup treble



Dave Olokun measures up a basket during Dublin Lions' clash with Malahide in the Dublin Under 16 Basketball Cup Final while (inset) the Lions Under 16 team celebrates with the prize. Photos by Paddy Barrett

DUBLIN Lions enjoyed a memorable weekend after they returned home from the Oblate Hall in Inchicore with the Dublin Under 13, Under 15 and Under 16 Basketball Cups.

By **Hayden Moore**  
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While the club recorded a comprehensive 86-54 win over Malahide in latter competition, their Under 15s surmounted the challenge of BC Taurus while the Lions Under 13s prevailed in their decider against Éanna.

The Under 16 showpiece

saw the Clondalkin side produce a blistering start as they opened up an 8-0 lead thanks in no small part to versatile playmaker Harry Scully and Dave Olokun.

Aaron Doyle turned in a solid defensive performance for Malahide, but despite his best efforts, the Lions widened the gap.

Olokun struck 10 of their first 15 points and by the close of the first quarter, his side had established a 30-13 advantage.

Shooting guard Ben Sheppard constantly found himself in good positions and his accuracy was unwavering, sinking 26

points overall for the side.

On defence, Rokas Luicvaitis managed to work a number of steals and was a dominant figure on rebounds, helping the Lions through to a 59-27 lead.

Still they were forced to absorb a lot more pressure in the third quarter as centre, Andrew Moffat heaved Malahide back into contention with his haul of 26 points, while Jack Collins and Fionn O'Driscoll also weighed in on the scoring front.

The northsiders managed to cut the gap to 13 points, but Lions held firm and



Dublin Lions were crowned Dublin Under 15 Cup winners



# Springfield ladies make it a season to remember

SPRINGFIELD ladies basketball team have made it a season to remember by landing their first piece of silverware after they recently beat KUBS 53-45 in the DLBB Junior Cup Final in the Oblate Hall.

For many of the players who have sojourned with the club and this very team for years, if not decades, it was a momentous occasion.

By **Stephen Leonard**  
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Indeed team captain Theresa Kelly is one of the club's founding members and has been playing for Springfield since 1982, while team coach, Brian Connolly has been involved with the side for the past 27 years.

Louise Power joined in the early 1990s with a number of other players like Gemma Walsh having competed for the team over the past 17 years – all of whom have endured a long wait for title success.

"We got to the Dublin Junior Cup Final two years ago and we were beaten by Oblates" recalled Walsh.

"We were runners-up in the Senior Five league about 10 years ago and we won the top-four back in 2018, but this is really our first piece of silverware" she said.

Having beaten Dublin Lions by eight points in this season's Cup quarter finals before edging a tight semi-final against Malahide that went to extra time, Springfield found themselves facing a KUBS team that has been going strong on



**Springfield players Sarah McManus, Suzanne Kenny and Lisa Sheridan with the DLBB Junior Cup after their win over KUBS**

the divisional front.

Level at the end of the first quarter in the decider, the two sides were still deadlocked at 26 points apiece by the halftime break.

With 49 seconds of the third quarter remaining, the Tallaght side

fell three points adrift, but within five minutes of the fourth and final period, parity had been restored and Springfield maintained that momentum to run out winners.

Sinead Dempsey emerged the side's top scorer on 16 points with Walsh and Kerri Martin combining for a further 21.

Suzanne Kenny weighed in with eight, with Mary Curley, Sarah McManus and Amy Ormsby also getting on the scoresheet while the whole team turned in a huge defensive effort.

Looking back on their season so far, a very proud Walsh said "We've a squad of 12 at the moment with a couple of new players like Ria O'Connor and Clare Geoghegan coming in.

"We've had a bit of an on-off season with Covid and injuries and things like that, but we're getting there.

"We started the Senior Five League well this season, but then we had a few losses so we're about mid-table with two more games to go and they're away to Tridents and KUBS.

"They [KUBS] had beaten us in the league. They're doing quite well, so it was a big win for us in the final" she said.



**Dublin Lions Under 13 players with the cup**

ultimately ran out comfortable winners, Jiame Sales and captain Michael O'Connor figuring strongly for them.

"The lads played really well. They're unbeaten in the league as well, so it's great to see them get a trophy for their efforts," Rob White, from Dublin Lions, told *The Echo*.

This Lions team remains unbeaten after 10 games in the league and are set to play two more against Malahide and Eanna this weekend with a win in both all but guaranteeing them the title.

It was a much closer

affair for the Lions Under 13s in their respective cup decider last weekend as they emerged 59-49 winners over Eanna.

Nemanja Prodanic, Gustav Vitols and Majus Raziunas emerged their top scorers as they edged out their closest rivals in the DMBB Under 13 South

League.

Meanwhile the Lions Under 15s produced a strong second-half surge to turn a narrow three-point advantage at the break into a 63-46 victory over Taurus, Karl Venas hitting 23 points while Shareef Elmahi and Oscars Ravejs combined for 17.



**Mary Prendergast holds the cup alongside team mates, Sinead Dempsey, Gemma Walsh, Kerri Martin and Theresa Kelly**

# Eanna fall just short after tactical battle with UCD

ÉANNA fell just short of the mark, losing 51-58 after a tactical dual with UCD Marian in the Dublin Under 20 Basketball Cup Final in the Oblate Hall on Sunday.

By **Hayden Moore**  
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Set up to limit Marian's scoring opportunities, Eanna opted not to attack their offensive rebounds and instead reset in an

effort to ward-off any potential counter attacks.

The strategy worked for the most part, with the ensuing battle resulting in an energy-sapping game of basketball that was won and lost on handling errors.

Inside the opening quarter, Éanna threw away four balls which resulted in eight-points down the other end.

Milo Herbst managed to limit UCD's Ronan Byrne to 15 points overall, while

James Little made an excellent contribution off the bench.

After seeing his side slip 6-13 behind, he served up some nice baskets in the second quarter to get his team motoring on the scoreboard.

When the game was in the mix, it was the huge efforts of Herbst for Eanna and UCD's Conor Walsh and Brian O'Hara Duggan in defence that kept the scores

to a minimum.

Conor Dikuis was huge for the Rathfarnham club, and his partnership with Ciaran McDonnell and Troy helped their side into a one-point lead in the third quarter.

But they could not hang on to that narrow advantage as UCD captain, Luke Gilleran, stepped up to the plate.

While he accounted for 20 points overall, it was his nine in the final quarter that made the biggest impact.



**Eanna turned in a gritty performance, but lost to UCD**

## Athletics

Lucan woman, Lara O Byrne of Donore Harriers competing in the National Indoor Under 23 Women's 60m Hurdles at AIT International Arena in Athlone



# O'Byrne makes National podium

DONORE Harriers' lone competitor in the National Indoor Junior & Under 23 Championships, Lara O'Byrne proved no stranger to the podium in the Athlone Arena on Sunday, winning silver and bronze.

The multi-eventer ran a new personal best of 8.85 to emerge runner-up from the Under 23 60m Hurdles Final behind Niamh O'Neill of St Colman's Mayo.

And a first-attempt clearance of 1.60m was enough to secure the Lucan woman bronze in the High Jump.

Elsewhere, in the Bohermeen Half Marathon, Eoin Durkan led the 17-strong Donore contingent home in 14th place overall and third in the M40 category while David McConn emerged 25th overall and sixth in the M40 class, clocking a new personal

best time of 1.15.48.

Marathon specialist Fergal Whitty was 34th across the line and third in the Over 45 class, followed by Danny O'Sullivan in 42nd spot and 15th in M40.

Their combined finishing positions ensured that Donore finished runners-up in the team competition behind Pinanha Tri Club and well clear of third place, Trim.

The club also scooped the Fr Delany Cup – awarded to the first men's team with six-to-score.

The fifth and sixth men home were key to that achievement, with Alasdair Brown placing 44th and Andy Kinane finishing 50th.

The Donore six-man team scored 200 ahead of Trim (276) and Piranha Tri Club (296) to claim the Cup.

Liam Keane ran a PB of 1.20.45

for 76th position, followed by Colm Kennedy in 103rd while next home for the club was Sinead O'Reilly, who was second in the W40 category in a new PB of 1.24.00 for 137th overall.

Declan Lynch was 262nd and Tony Kynes, fresh from making his Ireland debut in the recent European Masters Athletics Championships in Portugal, finished second in the M65 category when placing 359th overall.

The women's scoring quartet was completed by Louise Kelly (1.44.03 PB), Suzie Henley-Willis (1.48.58 PB) and Angela Eustace as they combine with O'Reilly to take 13th out of 37 scoring teams.

Meanwhile Donore's Emily Bolton took bronze in the Junior Girls contest at the All-Ireland

Schools Cross Country Championships staged at the Mallusk Playing Fields near Belfast on Saturday.

The club had three athletes in the 3.5km Junior Boys race, all in the colours of Colaiste Chilliain Clondalkin.

Liam Morris placed 11th while Sam O'Chrothair ran his best race yet to cross the line in 40th position and Aaron O'Callanain finished in 89th spot as the team took eighth overall.

Julie Cleary enjoyed a super race in the Intermediate Girls 3.5km to place 15th in a time of 13.43 while Oliver Hopkins came home 11th in the junior grade.

Both Morris and Hopkins have been selected to the Irish squad to compete in the SIAA international at Pembrey, Cardiff on March 26.



## HFCS runner Cormac Dixon's resilience sees him make Schools International

CORMAC Dixon qualified to represent Ireland at the Schools International in Wales on March 26 after he finished fourth at the All-Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships in Belfast on Saturday.

Representing HFCS Rathcoole, the young Tallaght AC athlete suffered a fall after the opening 100m of the Intermediate 5000m contest which left him trailing the field in 60th position.

But he demonstrated great composure to battle his way back into contention with the leading group and ultimately take fourth place in a time of 16.42 that was just seven seconds off the winner.

There was further success for the club at the National Junior and Under 23 Championships in Athlone the following day with Ronan Long winning bronze in the Junior Men's 400m Final in a new PB of 50.26.

Robert Irvine Byrne finished fifth in the 60m Final in 7.10 seconds with Nadislane Kabongo clocking 8.24 in her 60m heat.

Joseph Finnegan Murphy finished fourth in his Under 23 60m heat before Jared Murray took eighth place in the Junior 1500m.

Next weekend will see a number of Tallaght athletes contest the National Juvenile Indoor Championships in AIT Athlone.

## Gymnastics

## Clondalkin gymnasts back with a bang

CLONDALKIN Gymnastics Club Chairperson, Julia Toomey was over the moon to see a number of the club's members back in action at their much-anticipated Gymfest.

By **Stephen Leonard**  
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The event, which had been postponed no less than four times because of Covid restrictions, finally got underway at the National Basketball Arena earlier this month.

More than 300 gymnasts travelled from all over the country to take part with some 650 spectators cheering them on.

"It was amazing" said Toomey. "We've had to cancel that four times over two years and the gymnasts were just buzzing to be at an event again.

"We're delighted with the



Clondalkin Gymnastics Club finally got the opportunity to host their much-anticipated Gymfest

way it went, it couldn't have been better.

"It's the biggest event we've ever held and that's only the second time we've held a gymfest. We host acro and tumbling competitions, but we'd only held one gymfest the year before Covid" she explained.

And there was plenty for

the host club to celebrate at the 2022 event, with their own Precision Display Squad achieving the highest score of the day to be crowned Senior Champions.

"It was a great achievement for the 16 girls on the team who, for months during the lockdowns, were not able

to train indoors and, at times, they trained outdoors in a car park to keep up their fitness and skills.

"Their dedication and perseverance paid off as they were crowned Senior Champions 2022.

"We're now hoping to have an acro competition in April, so we're just

planning that at the moment.

"Because the restrictions are really only lifting now, we couldn't plan too far ahead, but Precision [Display Team] would definitely be looking to do an international before the end of the year if things stay the way they are now" she added.

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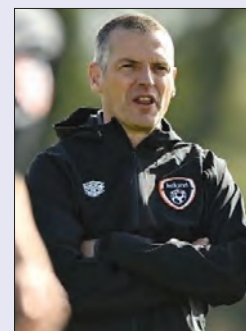
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Crumlin United's Tony Griffiths manages to get his head to the ball as Booth Road Celtic's Callum Browne charges in during Saturday's LSL Major Division clash in Pearse Park  
Photos by Paddy Barrett

## Ireland Under 20s get the chance to prove themselves

ST PATRICK'S Athletic goalkeeper David Odumosu and striker Darragh Burns have been named in the Republic of Ireland Under 20 squad ahead of their friendly against an Ireland Amateur selection at Home Farm on Tuesday.



Republic of Ireland Under 21 manager Jim Crawford

Ireland Under 21 manager, Jim Crawford will take charge of the Under 20s group for this fixture which will provide an opportunity for him to get a closer look at 2002-born players eligible for the next European Under 21 Championship qualification campaign.

Tallaght man, Crawford has confirmed that a number of Under 20 players will join the Under 21s for training ahead of their huge European Championship qualifier with Sweden in Borås on March 29.

Speaking about the Under 20 selection, Crawford said "I'm

delighted to have this group of players join us for a camp. It will be a tough game against tough opposition.

"It gives us an opportunity to have a look at 2002-born players who haven't had the chance to wear the Ireland jersey since 2019.

"That's a long time in football, so it's important we get this group in as we look at options for the next Under 21s qualification campaign" he stressed.

# Crumlin beat Booth to go clear at the top

CRUMLIN United sit top of the Leinster Senior League's Major Saturday division following an emphatic 3-0 home win over Booth Road Celtic last weekend.

By Eoghan Gardiner  
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The Pearse Park side leapfrogged fellow title contenders Malahide, who could manage only a home draw with third-placed St Mochtas, allowing Crumlin to edge ahead by a single point.

After an intense opening 15 minutes of football, Crumlin's Jonathan O'Donoghue made a run down the left wing before feeding the ball into Shane Hyland, who slotted home with ease from close range.

Crumlin continued to produce high-tempo football and it again paid dividends in the 21st minute when Stephen Nicholl won possession on the edge of the box before emerging top in his one-on-one with goalkeeper Darren Greene.

And ten minutes before half-time, Crumlin caught their opposition on the break once more when Jay Nwanze made an impressive run down the right, whipping the ball into the feet of O'Donoghue, and he duly placed it in the bottom left to make it 3-0.

O'Donoghue had the opportunity to add to his tally with 25 minutes remaining, but his effort only warmed the hands Greene while Hyland was denied by the woodwork when he attempted to convert the rebound as defenders flooded the box.

Despite conceding three in the first half, Booth Road improved in the second. The Clondalkin side created a number of chances thanks to some good play between Dan Matthews and Roe in the final third.

Roe managed to get his shot off, forcing Crumlin goalkeeper David Meehan to push the ball out of play. And with 30 minutes remaining, the Booth Road attackers just failed to get themselves on the end of a



Shane McHugh of Booth Road Celtic and Crumlin's Nathan Benson

Matthews corner which was cleared by the Crumlin backline.  
**CRUMLIN UNITED:** D. Meehan, J. Nwanze, D. Dempsey, S. Dixon, J. Geoghan, T. Griffiths, S. Nicholl, N. Benson, S. Hyland, A. Bennett, J. O'Donoghue, P. Steacey, C. Smith, S. Larkin, M. Musidi, Z. O'Hanlon.  
**BOOTH ROAD CELTIC:** D. Greene, N. Rock, J. Roe, L. FitzPatrick, G. Sullivan, S. McHugh, D. McKenna, D. Matthews, D. Kernan, P. Sheppard, C. Browne, I. Maher, C. Jackson Ryan, E. Sullivan, D. Archibold.

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## Soccer

# Moyle Park end wait for soccer silverware

MOYLE Park College emerged victorious from the recent Under 19 South Dublin Division One League Final, beating Blackrock College 4-3 on penalties after both sides were deadlocked at 3-3 by the close of extra time.

Aidomo Emakhu fired home a hat-trick for the Clondalkin side in a match that saw them trailing 2-0 at one stage in the first half.

They managed to reduce their arrears when awarded a penalty after Nelly Akinola was taken down, Emakhu doing the honours from the spot.

The College goal scorer himself won a free kick on the edge of the box just before the halftime break, and held his nerve to rattle the net and restore parity.

The second half proved a more cagey affair with Moyle Park hitting the post early on before Blackrock forced



Moyle Park College won the Under 19 South Dublin Division One League following their win over Blackrock

Darragh Davey Kelly into two fine saves.

But the Clondalkin outfit finally edged in front for the first time when a well-worked corner fell to Emakhu on the edge of the area and he guided it into the far corner to complete his hat-trick.

Blackrock refused to be beaten, however, and were duly rewarded in the closing minutes when they bundled in a well-worked cross.

Emakhu once more showed his class, hitting the crossbar from the tip off, but the deadlock could not be

broken in the final minutes of regulation time nor extra time.

It was left to a shootout to determine the winner and it was Moyle Park who ended a ten-year wait for a soccer trophy in the process after Brian O' Meara, Scott

Higgins, Jake Doyle and Charlie O'Connor Murphy all converted from the spot and Darragh Davey Kelly pulled off a great save.

Managed by Richard Kerins and Damian Carter, this team will now progress to the All-Dublin semi final.

# Belgard flounder on the Roc

A CRACKING MMI Cup tie on The Lawns in Ballyfermot saw Roc Celtic continue their superb unbeaten run as they dished out a 2-0 defeat to Belgard Athletic and book their place in the quarter final on Saturday.

By John Mooney  
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Goals at either end of the opening half from Marcus Hendrick and Jordan Brennan were enough to see Roc progress and keep their hopes of a double intact as they almost have the UCFL Division Two title wrapped up.

This result was harsh on Belgard as they created enough chances to win two games, but a combination of the post and goalkeeper, Jordan Sheridan, ensured they were despatched from the competition.

That is not taking anything away from Roc who bagged their goals and then had the composure to protect their advantage in the second half.

This fixture was originally down for Ballymount Park, but the bad weather put paid to that, and Roc were only too happy to accommodate this



Belgard Athletic were denied further passage

game on their home pitch.

They opened their account on eight minutes when Brad Herbert's effort was charged down and the ball fell kindly to Hendrick who guided it home.

Belgard could have been on level terms minutes later as Jordan Hanley saw his effort blocked and Scott Lynch clipped the upright with the rebound.

Chances came and went for both sides, but Roc were that bit more clinical, and with five minutes to go to the break they doubled their advantage with a brilliant piece of skill from Brennan.

Shane Callaghan was the provider when he played the ball down the right, Brennan chased, flicked the ball over his head with his heel and slotted it home between two defenders.

It looked like curtains for Belgard, but a change in formation in the second half saw a different side return to the field.

Right from the off they piled forward in search of goals but, really, they had no luck whatsoever.

They hit the bar on at least three occasions and also saw Sheridan pull off some superb saves from Jordan Dunne, Ciaran Worth and Hanley.

**ROC CELTIC:** J. Sheridan, W. Mooney, E. Dodd, S. Donohoe, C. O'Brien, J. Maher, M. Hendrick, S. Callaghan, B. Herbert, J. Brennan, D. King, E. Carroll (Mooney), K. O'Connell, K. O'Connell (King), E. Shields.

**BELGARD ATHLETIC:** K. Skelly, R. Carpenter, A. Mendes, D. Byrne, E. Walsh, M. Dunne, C. Worth, S. Lynch, J. Dunne, J. Hanley, R. Farrell, L. Dillon, D. Brien, Byrne), S. Stafford, L. Forrester (Dunne).



Roc Celtic's Wayne Mooney slips by the challenge of Belgard Athletic's Ciaran Worth during their UCFL MMI Cup encounter in Ballyfermot on Saturday morning. Photos by John Mooney



Roc Celtic proved that bit more clinical in Saturday's MMI Cup tie

## Peamount aiming to break Treaty in perfect start to season

PEAMOUNT United will look to continue their perfect start to the new Women's National League season when they welcome Treaty United to PRL Park in Greenogue on Saturday evening (kick-off 6pm).

In their two competitive games to date in 2022, James O'Callaghan's charges have scored no fewer than 10 goals while also keeping two clean sheets in a brace of dominant displays.

Following a 6-0 win at the expense of WNL newcomers Sligo Rovers on the opening weekend of the campaign, they recorded an emphatic 4-0 success over Galway WFC at Eamonn Deacy Park last Saturday.

Having lost out on a third consecutive league title due to a 5-2 defeat at the hands of the Tribeswomen in their final game of 2021, the Newcastle club were determined to come out on top at the weekend.

Although it does not make amends for missing out on another WNL crown, it was nevertheless a satisfactory evening in the West for the Peas.

They will be overwhelming favourites to record another win on home turf this weekend, given Treaty are still in search of their first point of the current campaign.

The 2021 season was a frustrating one for the Limerick side, who finished up in ninth spot with just two victories to their name from a total of 24 games played.

The presence of the vastly-experienced Don O'Riordan in their dugout is a boost - he previously managed Galway United and Sligo Rovers in the League of Ireland as well as Galway in the WNL - but they suffered a heavy reversal to DLR Waves in their opening fixture of the year.

The Munster outfit were left idle last weekend due to the postponement of their provincial derby against Cork City and may be ring rusty for their trip to the capital.

Across last year's WNL and FAI Women's Cup competitions, Peamount defeated Treaty on no fewer than three occasions.

GAA

# Davis prevail in epic tie with Boden

Kevin Ward of Thomas Davis attempts to pluck the ball out of the air under pressure from Ballyboden's Naoise Maguire while (inset) Bryan Keogh is closely tracked by Ruairi Kirwin during their AHL Division Two clash in Kiltipper on Sunday morning  
Photos by Paddy Barrett

THOMAS Davis produced a strong second-half performance at Kiltipper Road on Sunday morning to secure a 2-21 to 3-15 victory over neighbours Ballyboden St Enda's in the Go-Ahead Adult Hurling League

Despite being without the services of some first-choice regulars - including Dublin senior

hurler Davy Keogh and Sky Blues Under 20 footballers Adam Waddick and Fionn Murray - Davis' were served well by new captain Davy Byrne.

He finished the contest with 1-3 to his name and with Kevin Ward showcasing his dead-ball prowess, the hosts were ticking along nicely.

'Boden had some fine performers of their own in the shape of Mark Lambert, John O'Driscoll, Rhys McDonnell and Finnian McDonagh, however, who helped them to restore parity in time for the interval.

Shane Kennedy, Fergal Ryan, Sean O'Donnell and midfield Conor Kennedy also delivered impressive displays for the visitors and the lead changed hands on a number of occasions during the course of a gripping affair.

'Boden added two goals to their tally in the second half - and also had a missed penalty thrown into the mix - but it was Davis' who held the edge in the end.

Backing up the industrious midfield of Anto Barrett and Eanna O'Toole, Sean Reilly was a commanding presence at centre half-back. Bryan Keogh (brother of the aforementioned Davy) contributed three points of his side's final tally and Conor Cronin was also a productive figure for the victors.

Managed by Willie Braine - who has been in charge since the winter of 2020 - Davis' were determined to avenge their defeat to 'Boden in 2021 and eventually came through with flying colours.

As well as Davy Keogh, Waddick and Murray, the likes of Daire Kerr and Jacques Dalton are still to come back into the fold as they look to build momentum in AHL2.

Additionally, regular senior panellist Sam Stewart lined out for their second team against Lucan Sarsfields in AHL7 on the same day and registered a magnificent haul of 3-2 in a 4-12 to 1-7 success for the Tallaght outfit.

Division Two. Level at the midway point of a game that ebbed and flowed throughout, Davis' squeezed in front during the latter stages and ultimately came away with the two points.

By Daire Walsh  
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Given their proposed meeting with Erin's Isle a fortnight earlier was called off due to adverse weather conditions, this was the Tallaght club's first competitive game of 2022. 'Boden had begun their campaign against St Sylvester's on February 27 and came away with a 0-18 to 0-10 triumph.

It was a pulsating start to the action on Davis' all-weather pitch as both sides rattled the opposition net within a couple of minutes of each other.

Rounders

# Limekiln see off Kevins in Dublin Rounders League Final

A 20-10 victory over Kevins saw Limekiln complete their march to the inaugural Dublin Social Rounders Winter League title in Loreto Crumlin on Saturday.

The league itself commenced in October 2021 and the top two teams

played in memory of Ritchie Costello Shield who was Dublin's first GAA Rounders All-Star.

The event also formed part of the Dublin GAA Health Week and was attended by Chairperson of the Dublin GAA Health & Wellbeing

Committee, GAA Rounders President Michael Dowling and a number of members from the National Ard Comhairle.

Winning the toss ahead of the final, Limekiln opted to field first and got off to a strong start, leading 8 runs to 0 in the first innings.

Merelin Neiland, a native of Estonia, served up the first run of the game making her the first ever player to score a run in a Dublin final.

With James Byrne in form, Kevins had a lot of work to do to catch up, but some good fielding from Jack Shallow and Aidan Lynskey and fine bowling by Wayne Cullen kept them in contention.

As Kevins gained

momentum, some big hits from Limekiln's James Byrne and Emma Johnson kept them at bay.

And while Kevins caught Limekiln out for no runs in the fourth innings, it was not enough and Limekiln ran out winners, Captain Calum Walsh ending the game as top run-scorer while James Byrne was declared Player of the Match.

Shortened to three innings because of the inclement weather, the B finals saw Na Fianna beat St Maur's and St Finian's surmount Dublin Metropolitans.

'GAA Rounders has gathered good momentum in Dublin over the past few years' said Dáithí O hAoláin. 'The inaugural social



Limekiln celebrate winning the Winter League title

league has been a great success as experienced clubs have had the opportunity to develop new players and new clubs have gained valuable experience before championship

season starts in April." For more information on GAA Rounders log onto www.gaarounders.ie or find them on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).



Kevins reached the Dublin Final. Photos by Paddy Barrett



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