

Action demanded following job losses

POLITICIANS in Swords and surrounding areas are calling on the Government to urgently find replacement industries following the devastating news that 570 people are to lose their jobs at pharmaceutical company MSD.

Swords ward councillor Darragh Butler (FF) described the news as "terrible" for the employees and their families especially so close to Christmas.

"Our first thoughts have to be with them," he told *Northside People*.

"The Government agencies must get together and use the timescale built into this to bring replacement industries to Swords.

"This of course will also have a huge knock on effect on Swords and North Dublin businesses who the employees would have supported over the years."

Cllr Butler added: "We need a real action plan put in place and soon by the Government

by **Pat O'Rourke**

agencies to bring jobs such as these back to Swords."

Senator Darragh O'Brien (FF) described the announcement as a hammer blow.

"The fact that the plant will not cease all operations until the end of 2017 means there is time for the Government to engage proactively in sourcing alternative investment or a potential buyer for the plant," said Senator O'Brien.

"I am calling on the Government to ensure the State agencies, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland, backed-up by support from Minister Richard Bruton get involved immediately.

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"There is a lot of expertise at this facility in the pharmaceutical and life sciences area."

Senator O'Brien added: "They need to look at the plant itself, the physical assets as well as the workforce which is as good as any in the world and use this opportunity over the coming months to highlight that message to alternative investors."

Minister for Health, Dr James Reilly, described the news as a body blow for the town.

"It is deeply upsetting for the workers in the plant and for their families to get this highly

worrying news, particularly in the run up to Christmas," he said.

"I pledge to play my part to make certain that the Government takes all appropriate action for the future of the plant and to ensure that jobs are saved."

Dublin Bay North TD Tommy Broughan called on Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Richard Bruton, and the IDA to work swiftly to obtain a large business in North Dublin to replace MSD.

"There are around 21,000 unemployed in the immediate region with many thousands more in employment schemes and retraining opportunities," he said.

"In the latest figures from the Central Statistics Office (CSO), there are 4,206 people signing on at the Swords social protection office."

Minister Bruton vowed that all the supports of the State would be made available to the

affected workers.

"Clearly my first thoughts are with the workers and their families as they face uncertainty after the announcement," he stated.

"The company and IDA will work aggressively to market this site, which has a number of factors which make it attractive for potential purchasers as a going concern."

A spokesperson for MSD said: "The proposed action is an outcome of MSD's ongoing review of its worldwide manufacturing capabilities and is representative of the company's global initiative to sharpen its commercial and R&D focus and improve overall operational effectiveness."

"No employees will leave before mid-2014 at the earliest. In the second half of 2014 it is anticipated that approximately 130 people would leave the organisation and the remaining positions would be phased out over the following three years."

Dublin North Sinn Féin representative, Malachy Quinn, said: "Everything must be done to help the workers and their families. I am calling on the Government to act immediately to provide assistance and training for the workers."

While it was mostly a black week on the jobs front for Swords, there was some welcome news when the Wright Bar Group announced that it is to create 100 new jobs with the opening of two new venues.

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Comedy group members get a Shift on RTE

A NORTHSIDE comedy sketch group is to feature in a pilot for a new show being broadcast on RTE.

by Pat O'Rourke

Rob O'Hanrahan, Colm Reid and Eoin Ronayne, all from Skerries and members of 'Shift', will take part in Foul Play on RTE Two on Monday, December 9 at 10pm.

Foul Play is a pilot for a hidden camera prank show that sets out to see if some of the country's best-known sporting stars really are good sports.

Presented by Aidan Power, it features Kenneth Egan being spoofed in a fake television show presented by Ryan Tubridy; Cian Healy being rused in a restaurant by his girlfriend and former Miss Ireland, Holly Carpenter; football manager Roddy Collins hoaxing members of his own team, Athlone Town (since filming, Roddy has moved on to Derry City); and RTÉ Gaelic Games correspondent Marty Morrissey being pranked in Croke Park.

The pranksters are aided and abetted by the Skerries comedy trio – friends since secondary school – who know just the right buttons to press on the unsuspecting victims.

Aidan Power watches from the wings as these situations unfold and delivers the good or bad news to the sports stars that they have 'been played!'



● **SHIFT WORKERS:** Pictured are members of 'Shift' (from l-r): Rob O'Hanrahan, Colm Reid and Eoin Ronayne.

'Shifts' started out as a quintet some years ago making comedy videos in their spare time when they were around 15-years-of-age. According to member Rob O'Halloran, it was something to do while they were "bored" one summer.

The ShiftsYouTube channel has been running ever since, with 910 subscribers and over 30 sketch videos. Their Facebook page (facebook.com/ShiftsProductions) has almost 1,500 fans and they're active on Twitter as well (@11shifts11).

Rob told *Northside People*: "Over the past few years we

started entering competitions, buying equipment and getting a little bit more professional.

"We started submitting videos and scripts to RTE about two years ago.

"Eoin, Colm and myself were called in to audition for Foul Play having been picked up by the producer from an audition we had done in RTE a couple of months previously.

"All three of us were taken on as actors and writers for the pilot, and we wrote and star in three of the four pranks."

Rob added: "We made our TV debut on Monday (Novem-

ber 25), appearing as the new comedy collective on RTE 2's Republic of Telly with our sketch, 'Senior Infants'."

The hardworking Skerries lads are no strangers to success, however. In April 2012, they appeared in *Northside People* after winning the People's Choice Award in the national Dare2BDrinkaware competition.

Buoyed by that triumph, they have moved on to bigger things and have been marked out as a trio to watch for the future!

Residents urged to be wary of bogus collectors

A TRAVELLER group has urged residents in a Northside suburb to be wary of people purporting to be collecting in its name.

Pavee Point said it was aware of bogus collectors operating in Baldoyle last week.

"Pavee Point are grateful when members of the community alert us to the issue, as happened in the Baldoyle area," a spokeswoman for the organisation told *Northside People*.

by **Pat O'Rourke**

tion told *Northside People*.

"Pavee Point do not facilitate collections from the public and we do not authorise anyone to collect in our name.

"We make efforts to alert

local residents when we hear about any collections claiming to be for Pavee Point, usually through local newspapers, politicians and parish newsletters or residents' associations, as well as online through social media."

The spokeswoman said it was obviously very upsetting to them that members of the public are scammed in this way.

"We always advise people to

ask for identification and not to contribute if identification cannot be presented," she added.

"We also advise that rogue collections can break the law and so we encourage members of the public to call the gardai if they are faced with these situations."

Dublin Bay North TD Tommy Broughan has advised residents in Baldoyle and other parts of his constituency to be extremely vigilant about people going door-to-door collecting money and purporting to be part of Pavee Point or any other voluntary organisation or charity.

"This matter is a cause of grave concern," said Deputy Broughan.

"I would advise constituents to be aware that rogue collectors may be in operation in their area, particularly in the run up to Christmas.

"It is very unfair that the good work of Pavee Point has been tarnished by this reported spate of rogue collections."

Deputy Broughan said he has been informed by Garda Síochána's National Community Policing Office that it has recently developed a Bogus Caller Card.

The card advises older people how to engage with uninvited callers to their homes.

The aim behind the new card is to empower older people dealing with unwanted or unknown callers to their homes and reduce the need for them to have to speak to these callers.

Residents are urged to contact their local community Garda if they wish to be provided with a card.



● Sandra Hurst, Ashley Farrelly, Anne Marie Farrell, Molly Finlay, Una Coloe, Emma Reidy and Toni Brennan, from the Aoihneas Women and Children's Refuge in Coolock, pictured with balloons they released to launch their campaign. PHOTO BY DARREN KINSELLA

Refuge centre takes part in 16 Days campaign

AOIBHNEAS Women and Children's Refuge in Coolock is taking part in an international campaign to raise awareness of violence against women.

Last week, members of the centre, with support from the local community, held a balloon launch in memory of the 194 women

who have been murdered in Ireland since 1996 as part of the annual '16 Days Against Violence' campaign.

In addition, they have created a display in Coolock Library of 194 pairs of shoes for the 16 days of the campaign, to highlight domestic violence and increase awareness of services available to the community.




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Community support for baby Cian

NORTHSIDERS are rallying around to support the family of a beautiful five-month-old baby born with an extremely rare condition that requires round-the-clock care.

Cian Oliver Byrne was diagnosed with a genetic syndrome called Cri Du Chat (Cry of the Cat) four weeks after he was born in the Coombe Hospital in Dublin 8.

There are only 14 other cases in Ireland known to the Cri Du Chat society and there's no cure or specific treatment for the condition and Cian, who also has partial Down Syndrome, has difficulty swallowing meaning he's constantly at risk of choking.

Parents Joanne and Andy Byrne from Finglas are now devoting all their time and energy with support from Cian's brothers Craig (22) and Shane (20) in providing 24-hour care to their son at Crumlin Children's Hospital with the help of family and friends.

by **Jack Gleeson**

Cian is due to leave the hospital shortly meaning the family will have to find a way to provide the full time care he needs to stay alive. However, they've been deeply moved by the support shown by the local community, including businesses that have helped them prepare the house for Cian's homecoming.

A Facebook page set up just two weeks ago already has over 2,200 'likes' and messages of support are pouring in. Cian's aunt, Lisa Kennedy Byrne, who is helping out with her nephew's intensive care routine, said the support means an awful lot to the family.

"It's really tough, especially on Joanne and Andy, but in saying that

everybody in the Finglas area and surrounding areas have been really great," she told *Northside People*.

Lisa says the family is still coming to terms with Cian's devastating diagnosis that came shortly after a difficult pregnancy on June 30.

"When he was born he appeared to be fine but within hours he became gravely ill and was admitted into the high dependency unit," she said.

"Genetic consultants were called in and tests carried out and they came back four weeks later with the diagnosis.

"Having two conditions has caused complications in his treatment. He has no swallow so he has to be suctioned regularly to prevent choking. His lungs didn't fully develop. He's had Pneumonia and chest infections, but he's fought it all off.

"He's going to need 24-hour care when he comes home. He can't be left alone for a minute because he'd



● *Baby Cian requires constant care.*

choke. But the doctors say Cian has a great little personality and that's giving him a fighting chance."

Unfortunately Cian's conditions are life limiting, but the family is determined to give him every chance to lead the fullest life possible.

They are being supported by the HSE, the Palliative Care Team at Crumlin Hospital who will continue to keep Cian comfortable when he comes home and the Jack and Jill Foundation.

Mum Joanne will also receive respite support from the Laura Lynn Foundation but the family will have to find a way to pay for extra nursing help, which costs €16 an hour.

Andy's job has also been supportive and colleagues in work have rallied around and donated holiday hours so he can spend as much time as possible with his son.

The support is giving the family strength to cope with their ordeal and given them hope for Cian's future when he comes home. His parents have expressed their deep gratitude to the local community for all their expressions of encouragement.

"It has been tough going and very emotional for us but we have to keep going as our little man has proved he is a little fighter," said mum Joanne.

"We have watched him fight every day to stay with us and we just want to take the advice of the medics and get him home out of the hospital environment.

"Cian is doing well at the moment and I just want to also thank the nurses of Crumlin Children's Hospital who have been very good to Cian and the family since we have arrived here."

Aunt Lisa is helping to organise fundraising events to help pay for Cian's ongoing care at home, including a carol service taking place on Thursday, December 5 at Plunkett Green, Finglas West.

"Cian is very ill but he has proved everybody wrong by still being here today," Lisa said. "You'd have to see it to understand what the little fella has to go

through every hour. He can't be left alone even for one minute."

Carols for Cian takes place at 7pm on Thursday, December 5 at Plunkett Green, Finglas West. The event will be family friendly with appearances from Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Peppa Pig and Santa Claus. A benefit event will also be taking place at the Regency Hotel in Drumcondra on February 1.

Full details are available on the Care for Cian Facebook page. A link can be found on this story on the *Dublin People* website at www.dublinpeople.com.

A bank account for donations towards the Care for Cian fund will be opened over the coming days in Allied Irish Bank, Santry, Dublin 9 Sort Code: 93-23-53, Account Number: 26805025.

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● **LAUNCH:** Micheal O'Muircheartaigh and Des Kenny pictured at the launch of 'My Sense of Blind and Other Collected Poems'.

NCBI boss launches book of poetry

THE boss of the national sight loss agency has published his first book of poetry.

Des Kenny, chief executive of the National Council for the Blind, Ireland (NCBI) in Drumcondra, launched 'My Sense of Blind and Other Collected Poems' at the Irish Writers' Centre.

Retired broadcaster Micheal O'Muircheartaigh and Mr Kenny read a number of poems from the 40-poem collection.

Mr Kenny spent his early years during the mid-1950s, in Newbridge, until a childhood accident was the

cause of him losing his eyesight, leading to total blindness at the age of nine.

Many of the poems in this first collection of verse bring to life for the reader the poet's interpretation of the wrench of pain in separating from his family, and having to leave his home for a residential school for the blind in Dublin.

"Newbridge was my only world of sight," Mr Kenny told *Northside People*.

"I keep the precious memories of my early years there alive with different re-calls of memories which I have worked into my writing.

"The pain in some of the poems may read to the reader as being 'raw'. But they are not sores which didn't heal over the years as I went on to success in my work and happiness in marriage with my family of three daughters and three sons."

Mr Kenny will retire next summer from his prestigious job where he has been at the helm for 27 years. His second collection of verse is promised for early 2014.

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No smoke without fire for Love/Hate star

ONE of the stars of Love/Hate is to perform a one-woman comedy at a Northside theatre this month.

Dublin actress Mary Murray, who plays brothel madam Janet in the smash hit crime drama and mistress to kingpin Nidge, has decided to follow in her on-screen lover's footsteps with her own performance, 'No Smoke Without Fire', at the Viking Theatre, Clontarf.

Mary says she was "mesmerised" by Tom's solo performance in 'Howie The Rookie' by Mark O' Rowe

which opened at the Project Theatre recently and toured to Edinburgh while she was there performing Ulysses.

"He's an incredibly gifted actor and an absolute joy to watch," she says. "Whenever I see him on stage or screen, I'm dumfounded by his magnetism, and when I witness him in character it reinforces my reasons for getting involved in this game in the first place."

Mary admits that performing an entire show without the support of other cast members is "no walk in the park".

"But the satisfaction of knowing that you've got an audience in the palm of your hands is insurmountable," she says.

"There's absolutely no sense in embarking on such a venture unless you have total belief in the writing and direction.

"The show's success is entirely down to you on the night



● Actress Mary Murray's one-woman comedy play opens at the Viking Theatre on Monday, December 9.

so the foundations need to be strong and that's all down to the script editing and the rehearsal process.

"If you don't deliver on the night, there's no-one else to blame, but yourself. It's a scary thought but it's a good incentive to put all of your blood sweat

and tears into it."

Mary is feeling quite confident about treading the boards at the Viking Theatre though. She says the script is an absolute hoot. Also, she's in very safe hands with her incredibly talented director Jimmy Smallhorne, who also has a

Love/Hate connection.

Jimmy played 'Git' in Season 3 but Mary insists that his real life personality is nothing like the RIRA tough guy he played last year.

"He's an absolute sweetheart, but most importantly he is an exceptional talent and I'm extremely lucky to have him involved," she says.

"Jimmy's a highly successful theatre maker, film director and script writer. He produced and directed numerous shows for the Irish Bronx Theatre in New York. He won the Grand Jury Prize for his feature film '2by4' at the Sundance Film Festival and he's been on first name terms with some of Hollywood's most respected actresses including Joan Allen, Claire Danes, Kathy Bates, Brenda Blethyn and Maggie Smith.

"His advice regarding the editing process was invaluable and his understanding of female characters is a revelation in itself which is such a blessing because I play six characters in the show, so it requires somebody like him to tease out their depth."

Mary is no stranger to the Viking Theatre. She recently performed the world premiere of 'Chancers' by Robert Massey at the venue which proved to be a roaring success - and she fell in love with the audiences.

The run was completely sold out and it's set to tour a number of Dublin theatres in February and March 2014.

Mary believes there's nothing more fulfilling than the intimacy of a packed 50-seater venue. Although she has had a varied career behind her performing all over the world in theatres with up to 2,000 capacity, she insists that you can't beat performing a world premiere where the audience are literally sitting on your lip, and whispering their reactions in your ear.

"You hear every gasp from them," she says. "You can gauge exactly where a trickle of laughter begins and ends and you can feel the energy of the auditorium seconds into the performance.

"The audience are also very lucky because they get to observe every nuance in your vocal and facial expressionism."

Mary adds: "You learn so much about your own performance because you sense every reaction, and that serves to enhance the play as the run continues."

*'No Smoke Without Fire' - directed by Jimmy Smallhorne and written by Paddy Murray - takes place at the Viking Theatre, Clontarf, from December 9-21 at 8pm nightly. Tickets cost €10.

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Ryanair video takes off

RYANAIR unveiled its 2014 cabin crew charity calendar recently and launched a behind the scenes video to go with it, which is proving to be a sensation.

The video, featuring the calendar stars on the beaches of Crete, has gone viral, racking up over 600,000 hits in less than two weeks.

DJs and production duo, Chris Browne and Paul Byrne (The Control Freakz'), from Swords and Raheny respectively, who produced the killer soundtrack, are no strangers to the Irish dance scene having headlined some of the biggest venues around the country in recent months.

But they've picked up a global audience thanks to the Ryanair video, which features two of their tracks.

"We were approached by Ryanair to create a track for the cabin crew charity video," the duo told *Northside People*. "It's such a great cause and the calendar is so well known.

"We got straight in touch with our good friend, Antoinette Dunleavy, who wrote and sang the vocals for the track, called 'With You', which we finished off in a short space of time.

"We were delighted with how it turned out and it fits re-



● Singer Antoinette Dunleavy wrote and sang the vocals for the track, 'With You'.

ally well with the video – it has a real summer vibe and it's picking up thousands of views every day."

Ryanair have been producing a charity calendar since 2008, raising over €600,000 for six different charities in the process. This year's sales and video views are breaking all previous records.

Robin Kiely, from Ryanair, said: "The 2014 Ryanair cabin crew charity calendar is on sale now on board our flights and

from our website, and all proceeds will go to Teenage Cancer Trust in the UK.

"We're hoping to raise another €100,000 for this worthy cause and the response has been phenomenal, where we've sold 5,000 calendars in record time.

"Last year's video got 450,000 views in a year – this time around, we've hit 600,000 views in a fortnight and 'The Control Freakz' have given it the perfect soundtrack."

It's the latest in a long line

of hits for The Control Freakz, who have had their tracks played in clubs all over the world by the likes of Fatboy Slim, Roger Sanchez and Boy George, to name but a few.

During the summer, they supported the Bingo Players to a sold out Wright Venue in Swords and played to over 5,000 clubbers in the Red Bull Electric Ballroom Arena at Oxegen, for the Headphone Disco.

And Chris, who runs his own production studio, and

Paul who works for FM104 and East Coast FM, are just back from the A.D.E. Conference in Amsterdam, where they showcased their tracks to some of the world's biggest record labels.

"We hope to have some big releases for 2014," they added.

"And Antoinette has recently recorded a track with David Morales and DJ Meme, which is due out early next year."

Local groups take part in One World Week

A NUMBER of youth groups in Dublin, including Sphere 17 (Darndale Belcamp), Swan Youth Service (North Strand) and Young Christian Workers (Dublin 1) took part in One World Week 2013, which ran from November 16-24.

One World Week is a week of youth-led awareness raising, education and action that takes place throughout Ireland during the third week of November every year.

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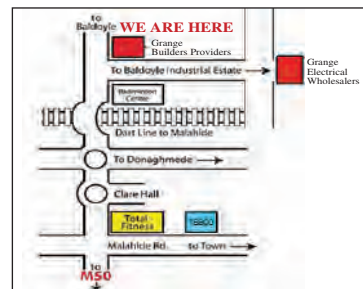
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● **BLESSING:** The Most Reverend Dr Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, pictured at St Sylvester's Church, Malahide.

Archbishop gives new centre his blessing

THE Most Reverend Dr Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, visited Malahide recently to open the new state-of-the-art St Sylvester's Parish Centre.

The formal opening and mass marked the culmination of 10 years' work since the €5.8 million project commenced in 2003.

The Parish Centre offers new meeting spaces for a variety of parish and community activities. As part of the project the existing church facilities were restored and improved. The overall development now includes a new sacristy, prayer chapel, mortuary chapel, coffee shop, priest's residence and car park.

The development was fortunate to benefit from the generosity of local resident, the late Micheal Gaffney, whose contribution to the centre was the key to financing the development. It is fitting that the refurbished parish hall within the building complex has been named Gaffney Hall in his memory. Sean Harrington Architects designed the project.

Joe McDonnell, chairman of the Parish Council, said: "We are all delighted to see so many years of hard work and the efforts of so many celebrated.

"We are honoured that the Archbishop has taken the time to be here and give the centre his blessing, and we look forward to the community of Malahide enjoying this wonderful building for many years to come."

Local company helps to upgrade school's library

EXPERIAN Ireland, whose global headquarters are based in Northern Cross, recently presented a cheque for €2,000 to Our Lady Immaculate Senior School, Darndale.

Darndale Belcamp Resource Centre facilitated the connection between the school and the company.

The funding will be used to upgrade the school's library.

Cllr Larry O'Toole (SF), who attended the cheque presentation, said it was good to see local firms supporting the community in ways such as this.

"The money will be put to very good use by the school," he stated.

"It is intended to refurbish the school library, which will be to the benefit of the hundreds of students who attend the school."



● **Cllr Larry O'Toole (second, right)** is pictured with Derry and Mairéad from Our Lady Immaculate Senior School, Darndale, staff of Experian Ireland and Maureen Downey, from Darndale Belcamp Resource Centre.

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● SKY'S THE LIMIT: David Reddy (left), from Artane and Pawel Janus, from Swords, who graduated with a Bachelor of Business, are pictured at the IBAT College Dublin Conferring Ceremony.

IBAT students celebrate achievements

A TOTAL of 139 undergraduate and postgraduate MBA students from IBAT College Dublin had their academic achievements celebrated at a conferring ceremony held in the Gibson Hotel recently.

Director of IBAT College Dublin, Shane Ormsby, commended the graduates.

"It is now more important than ever that education institutions provide employers with industry ready graduates and we are immensely proud of this group who have reached that level," he said.



● HATS OFF TO YOU: Pictured are the local women who graduated from the Healthcare Support Course in the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre.

One hundred per cent employment rate for graduates

FROM October 2012 to May 2013, the Darndale Belcamp Initiative, in conjunction with FRS Training, set up and ran a FETAC Level 5 Healthcare Support Course in the Village Centre. Last month, 20 of the course participants graduated, with all 20 of them now in employment.

A spokesman for Darndale Belcamp Village Centre said:

"We are delighted with this result and to be able to say that 100 per cent of our graduates have found employment is fantastic.

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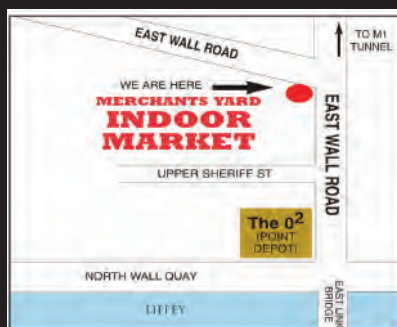


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● Pictured at the launch of Scouting Ireland's Vision 2020 Strategy was Jill Pitcher-Farrell (14), from Bayside, Ciara Keegan (18), from Castleknock and Ali Maher (18), from Skerries. PHOTO: CONOR MCCABE PHOTOGRAPHY

Local scouts help to launch development strategy

A COUPLE of Northside scouts recently helped to launch their national organisation's plans for the future.

Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Frances Fitzgerald and scouts from Skerries, Bayside and Castleknock launched Scouting Ireland's Vision 2020 Strategy for the future development of the association.

Vision 2020 outlines a roadmap for Scouting Ireland's development so that it continues to educate and empower young people to realise their full potential, and foster active citizenship among young people, helping to create the leaders of tomorrow.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Fitzgerald said she recognised the extreme pressures on young people today and was committed to putting in place the structures to support Ireland's children and families.

"We need to support our young people so that they can grow to become healthy young adults, equipped to cope with modern life," she stated.

"Scouting Ireland is an example of how a volunteer-led organisation can play an instrumental role in this regard.

"The educational model developed by Scouting Ireland is focused on providing opportunities for peer-to-peer engagement, self-directed learning and leadership.

"It is a model which works and accounts for the phenomenal growth in scouting in recent years."

Minister Fitzgerald said she was very pleased to launch the Vision 2020 Strategy.

"It is a roadmap for the continued growth and development of the organisation and will ensure it continues to support young people throughout the island of Ireland," she added.

Michael John Shinnick, Chief Scout, said: "With 36,000 young people in scouting from age six to age 26, Scouting Ireland plays an important role in enabling and empowering young people.

"It provides them with the key skills for life and the tools to deal with many of the challenges impacting them today such as bullying, self-esteem and confidence.

"Through structured activities, teamwork and engaging programmes, Scouting Ireland addresses these issues in a positive way, providing support to our young people as they navigate the critical pre-teen and teenage years."

Mr Shinnick said Vision 2020 is the culmination of over 12 months' work within Scouting Ireland.

"It will ensure that as an organisation we are fit for purpose and continue to focus our efforts and resources to deliver on the needs and expectations of our young people and of the 10,000 adult volunteers who are central to Scouting Ireland," he added.



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Labour selects Clontarf ward candidate

CLLR Jane Horgan Jones has been selected to contest next June's local elections for the Labour Party in the Clontarf ward.

Labour Senator Susan O'Keeffe chaired the convention in Parnell's GAA Club, Coolock. Cllr Horgan Jones was proposed and seconded by local members Alan Sherry and Jeni Gartland.

Cllr Horgan Jones grew up locally and works as a criminal barrister in her third year of practice. She went to school in Dominican College where she completed her Leaving Cert and is a graduate of both UCD and The Kings Inns.

In March 2011 she was selected by local members to replace Labour TD Aodhán Ó Riordáin on Dublin City Council

Speaking after her selection, Cllr Horgan Jones said she was delighted and humbled to have had the support of her fellow Labour members in Clontarf.

"Since I was co-opted onto the council to replace my colleague Aodhán Ó Riordáin, I have worked tirelessly to represent the people of Fairview, Marino, Donnycarney, Killester and Clontarf," she stated.

"On a daily basis I articulate



● Pictured at the selection convention were (from l-r): Deputy Aodhán Ó Riordáin, Senator Susan O'Keeffe and Cllr Jane Horgan Jones.

their views to the city management and I will continue to do so between now and June's election.

"I look forward to the campaign over the coming months where I hope to meet as many people as possible."

Cllr Horgan Jones said there

were a number of issues that need to be resolved locally including the issue of flood defences along the Clontarf promenade.

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RNLI supporters row in with prizes for raffle

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A majestic quilt, kindly donated by the Lusk Quilters, and a fantastic framed photograph by retired volunteer crew and Lifeboat Training Officer Eric Walsh are the prizes up for grabs.

Volunteer Lifeboat Press Officer, Gerry Canning, said: "The quilt is handmade, with each square made from various fabrics and patterns from all over the world.

"All brought together in a labour of love to form a truly magnificent piece of handiwork that is destined to become a future family heirloom for one lucky winner.

"The photo is a little bit of history. It was taken the on the day President Michael D Higgins unveiled the Sea Pole Memorial and shows Skerries RNLI, Clogherhead RNLI and Howth RNLI lifeboats all together."

Mr Canning said they were blessed in Skerries to have so many talented photographers.

"Eric is one of the best and this is a brilliant example of his work," he added.

Tickets for the raffle will be available at Skerries RNLI lifeboat station every Sunday until December 15 between 11am and 1pm.

Fundraisers will also be selling a great range of Christmas cards and gifts. Tickets cost €2 each or a strip of six tickets for €10.



● Conor Walsh and Peter Kennedy pictured holding Eric Walsh's photograph as Rob Morgan looks on.

Cracker of a show promised at The Helix

FOLLOWING on from two sell-out years, Christmas Crackers will return to The Helix on Sunday, December 22.

It's a fun show for all the family, featuring several choirs from north county Dublin, fabulous soloists, plus the Song and Dance kids' choir from the successful stage school based in Baldoyle.

Jimmy O'Byrne, compere for the event, will be joined on the stage at the end of the evening by a cast of over 200 singers. These

include the North Dublin Community Gospel Choir conducted by Jonathan Davies, the Portmarnock Singers conducted by Susan Haddon, plus the Rockits and the CanBelto ladies' choir, both conducted by Jimmy O'Byrne.

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Seaside village counts down to Christmas

IT'S almost that time of year again. Can you believe it? After a sensational summer and very pleasant autumn, the dark nights and cold winter mornings have crept up on us once more. Oh, and Christmas has too!

Where did those 12 months go you may ask yourself while flying about the place trying to get a present and cross another dearly loved family member off your lengthy shopping list?

There is so much to do, so much to plan for and you just wish you had a few extra hours in the day and maybe an extra day in the week to keep pace.

Thankfully, local businesses and services are on our doorstep to make life easier at this hectic time of year and indeed, where we would we be without them?

Yes, the Christmas rush is well and truly on and there is great excitement in the air. Towns and villages across the Northside are busy preparing for this vital time of year to en-

sure that no stone is left unturned in their bid to make this the perfect festive season.

There is nothing like the build-up to Christmas to cushion us against a cold, dark winter and in close-knit communities such as Portmarnock, there is always a great buzz around the place.

Portmarnock's popularity continues to grow, and this is in no small measure to the excellent community spirit that exists there. This is borne out even more around this time of year.

There is great pride in Portmarnock which older residents will remember as being just a tiny village on the outskirts of Dublin.

Those residents would be quick to point out that the Portmarnock of that era is certainly a far cry from the thriving business community that exists today.

There is no doubt that Portmarnock has come a long way and Christmas is an opportune time for business owners to thank their loyal customers who have supported them over the year.

While there have been many changes in Portmarnock over the years, the popular seaside town - regarded as one of the jewels in Fingal's crown - has managed to retain its traditional village feel. It comes as no surprise that it continues to grow in popularity as a highly desirable residential area.



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● Sorcha Herlihy and Conor Browne pictured while taking part in a Strictly Come Dancing event in the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club. See more photos on page 22.
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The first Billy Jesson Christmas Swim took place the year he died and was followed with a golf classic a year later. Over the past 10 years over €60,000 has been raised for the Hospice.

Times have changed, however, and it is more difficult to raise money but the Portmarnock community is a generous one and

last Christmas Day more than 60 locals braved the elements of the Irish Sea.

The coordinators of the event are hoping that this year the swim will be bigger and better than ever.

You are invited to take part in the swim, which starts at 11am on Christmas morning, or just drop down to soak up the atmosphere. Be sure to wear your Santa hat! For more information or to get a sponsorship card, contact Bernadette on 01-8327535.

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● **COOKING UP A TREAT:** John Fahy (JW Smyths Butchers), Kate Moran (St Patrick's Mental Health Foundation) and Michelin Star chef Oliver Dunne (Bon Appetit, Malahide) pictured at the charity Christmas cooking demonstration in aid of 'Walk in My Shoes' which was held at the Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links. PHOTO BY DARREN KINSELLA

Celebrity chef cooks up a storm

LAST Tuesday night (November 26), Michelin starred chef Oliver Dunne of Bon Ap-pétit, Malahide, took to the Miele stage where he demonstrated how to cook a hassle free Christmas dinner.

Over 250 food fanatics attended the event in the Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links. The cooking event, now in its second year, was hosted by JW Smyths Butchers with all funds raised on the night being donated to 'Walk in My Shoes'.

'Walk in My Shoes' is a mental health awareness and fundraising campaign of St Patrick's Mental Health Foundation which aims to provide vulnerable young adults in Ireland with mental health support, information and services.

On the night Kate Moran, on behalf of 'Walk in My Shoes', spoke to the audience about the importance of mental health.

David McEvoy, a Turkey farmer from Termonfeckin, County Louth, then delivered an in-

formative and fun 'Turkey Talk'.

Jus De Vine Off Licence in Portmarnock showcased a selection of Christmas wines to accompany family dinners.

Afterwards, Oliver Dunne, the star of the show, cooked up a Christmas storm where the audience listened intently to cooking tips and tricks from Ireland's youngest Michelin starred chef.

Guests left with Oliver's recipe booklets which are now available in JW Smyths in Portmarnock and Raheny.

The JW Smyths Charity Cooking event raised a total of €3,100 for 'Walk in My Shoes', and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Visit www.walkinmyshoes.ie for more information about the organisation.

Sport

Sport forms a huge part of community life in Portmarnock, with a number of clubs and groups providing a vital outlet for children and adults.

Naomh Mearnog is one of the biggest GAA clubs in the north county Dublin area and has enjoyed huge success over the years.

The club was formed in 1975 and provides Gaelic football, hurling, ladies' football and camogie to those of all ages and abilities.

In 2000, Naomh Mearnog opened a new clubhouse and pitches, which was a huge un-

dertaking at the time.

However, the vision of those behind the project has paid rich dividends as the facility has proved to be a huge asset to the local community over the last decade.

The club recently hosted the annual Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others blitz, which proved to be a huge success and was a credit to all involved.

The unique occasion brings together women from all over the country to take part in a day of football and fun.

The Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others programme has been running throughout the coun-

try since 2008 with over 180 clubs taking part, a number that has grown by an average of 22 new teams per year.

Games are non-competitive with the emphasis being placed on participation and enjoyment.

Soccer is also very popular in the area with Portmarnock AFC continuing to nurture the talents of young footballers.

Indeed, it was the seniors, who put the town on the map in 2000 when they won the FAI Junior Cup, the biggest prize in junior football, with a 2-0 win over St Michael's at Tolka Park.

The club currently uses five full size pitches and two seven-a-side pitches at Carrickhill, with changing facilities available in the adjoining Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club premises.

The club's private facilities at Paddy's Hill opened in 2002 and include two full size pitches and a brand new 80m x 40m state-of-the-art all weather training surface with floodlights.

Portmarnock Golf Club is also a major attraction in the area as is the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club (PSLC).



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Portmarnock Athletic Club has been one of the new additions to the town in recent years, and despite being in its infancy, has already sown the seeds for many successes on the bigger stage in years to come.

The inaugural Portmarnock 10K, which took place last September, attracted approximately 300 runners. It's anticipated that this event will grow in popularity year on year.

The main thing these sports clubs have in common is that they are backboned by a band of volunteers that give of their time for the betterment of their community week in and week out, and they deserve great praise for their work.



● They're off: The Portmarnock 10k gets under way. FILE PHOTO



● Portmarnock Athletics Club hosted a very successful Spring Series earlier in the year. FILE PHOTO



● Naomh Mearnóg - Dublin Feile Division 2 Champions 2013

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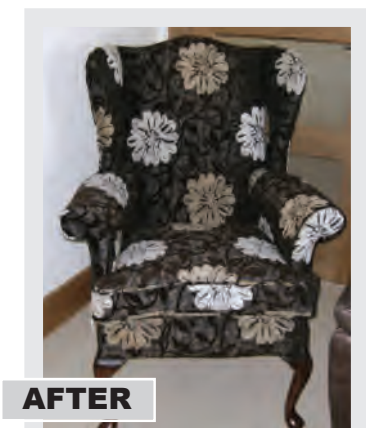
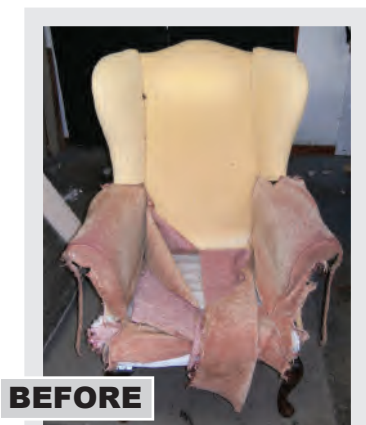
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PSLC hosts hugely successful night

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The show was a huge success and organisers Caroline Mulhern and Kellie Meehan paid tribute to dance instructor Jean Gill and all the dancers who put in hours of training over the last couple of months to make the evening the success that it was.



▲ Organisers Caroline Mulhern and Kellie Meehan announce the winners



▲ Mick O'Leary and Ann Brennan



▲ Darragh Coghlan and Ciara Bell





Southern Cross at sunrise

Amenities

Given its coastal location, Portmarnock is not surprisingly a hugely popular village, especially in the summer when visitors from all over Dublin flock to its beach.

The beach is very popular for swimming, sunbathing and horse riding and from there you can also get a lovely view of the Dublin Mountains and Howth Harbour. It also has a clear view of Lambay Island and Ireland's Eye.

If it's good quality exercise you're after, why not take the path along the beach that brings you into Malahide.

Day in day out, people use this path for their exercise, inhaling the sea air and taking in the wonderful scenery that's all around them.

In Portmarnock there are two well-known landmarks – the Martello Tower and The Kiosk. The latter has proved to be a great shop over the years, providing sweets, ice-cream and people's needs for the beach.

The Martello Tower is situated on the Coast Road and many people enjoy a stroll alongside it on a fine spring or summer's day while taking in views of the Irish Sea.

Portmarnock's amenities are easily accessible with regular trains, including the DART, making stops in the village. Buses are also available from Dublin city centre to bring visitors to the area.

Fauve secures recording session with famous producer

SINGER/SONGWRITER, Fauve Chapman, from Portmarnock, and pop/rock band, The Boxing Plot, from Dublin, were two of the lucky 10 acts to secure a recording session with music producer Rob Kirwan last week in Future Sounds recording studio, South Great George's Street.

The Budweiser Future Sounds of Irish Music project received almost 1,000 entries via the Budweiser Facebook page.

Fauve and 'The Boxing Plot' were chosen as two of 10 unsigned acts from all around Ireland to be given the opportunity to spend a day each in a purpose built studio and have an original song produced, mixed and mastered by Rob Kirwan.

It was an incredible experience for the artists to learn from such a renowned music expert.

Fauve has had a lot of experience performing on Irish music competitions 'You're a Star' and 'The Voice' but has since strived to find her own sound and has begun writing her own songs such as 'All of Me' which she recorded and mastered with Rob Kirwan last week.

Fauve has been singing since she was six-years-old. After spending a lot of time growing up in Lanzarote, she gained a lot of experience performing which lead to her entering 'The Voice of Ireland'. In that competition Fauve was chosen by Sharon Corr to be in her final six which meant she got to perform live on RTE.

Rob, who has worked as a sound engineer, mixer and producer with artists such as U2, PJ Harvey, Editors, Soulwax, Gary Numan and more recently Delorentos, BellX1 and the Depeche Mode album 'Delta Machine', worked with the acts to unlock their sounds during the recording sessions.

"The Budweiser Future Sounds of Irish Music project is a great opportunity for Irish unsigned acts to take a step forward, produce a great track and get noticed," he said.

"Many artists don't know how to make a really good recording so I am taking the time to listen to their music, help unlock their sound and ensure the best possible track is produced on the day."

The Boxing Plot is a four-piece pop/rock band from Dublin who formed in 2009. By the end of 2012, the band were named 'Phantom's Next ICON' as well as mentioned in John Barker's list of bands to watch in 2013.



● BIG TALENT: Fauve Chapman secured a recording session with music producer Rob Kirwan last week.



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Portmarnock has certainly

grown from being just a little village and this growth has been more than matched by local businesses that have stepped up to the mark.

There is a good variety of services in the area, with local businesses always willing to welcome you with a friendly

smile, as well as that all important quality service.

In a lot of cases, those serving us from behind the counters are our friends and neighbours, which is another incentive to shop local during these challenging times.

Portmarnock has a proud

history and great potential and with Christmas fast approaching, there's no better opportunity to support the local businesses on our doorstep that have been looking after us in good times and bad.

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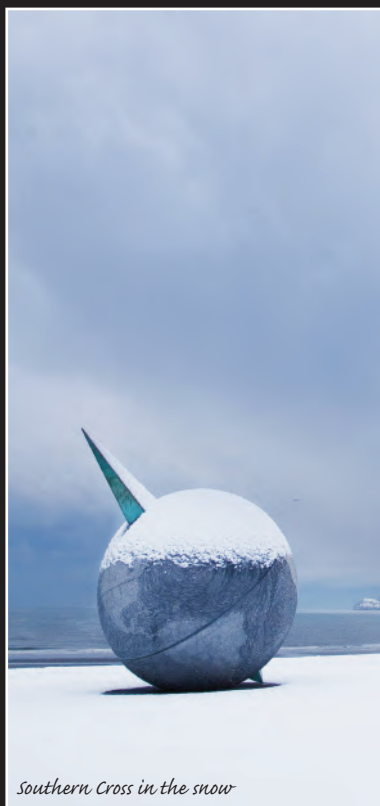
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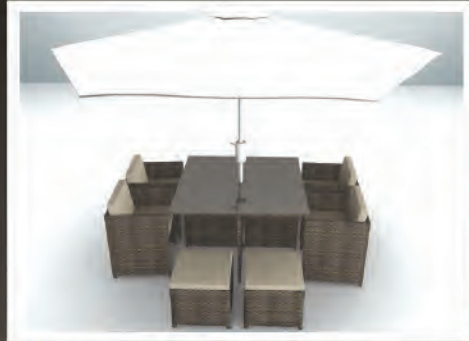
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Annoyingly, some shoppers have already stocked up on Christmas presents and are looking forward to a stress free December.

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Kilbarrack

WINTER FAIR: North Bay School Winter Fair will take place on Sunday, December 8 from 12.30pm to 4.30pm at Greendale Avenue, Kilbarrack. A great family day out is promised with Santa Postbox, toys, books, cakes, bric a brac, games, cafe, international food, live music and much more. Come and join the fun!

Baldoye

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Parents' Association of St Mary's Secondary School, Baldoye, are holding a Christmas Fair this Sunday, December 8 from 12noon to 6pm. Come along and browse all the fantastic goods on offer, as there will be something for everybody at this fair. Bring the kids along to meet Santa in his grotto and post their letters off to the North Pole; they can also get their faces painted. You can treat yourself to a full makeover and get your nails done for that special night out. Fantastic raffle prizes also and a lovely festive atmosphere is promised.

CYGNET GUIDES: If you are a 4 to 6-year-old girl, you are invited to come along to St Peter and Paul's School, Baldoye, any Saturday from 10.30am to 11.30am. Tel Yvonne on 086-1922039.

CITIZENS' INFORMATION: The Fingal Citizens' Information Service runs a new weekly outreach 'drop-in' information and



● **CELEBRATION TIME:** Dominic Darling, from Seagrang Avenue, Baldoye, recently celebrated his 70th birthday at Baldoye Badminton Centre with family and friends. Dominic is pictured here with his wife Esther, daughter Amanda and son Derek.

assistance service to all in Baldoye Library, Strand Road, every Monday from 10am to 12noon. All are welcome, no appointment necessary.

Killester

FLORAL DECORATIONS: The Irish Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society is holding a talk - 'Floral decorations for your home this Christmas' - with Elma McDowell, on Thursday, December 12 at 8pm in St Brigid's Resource Centre, Howth Road, Killester. Admission is €5 and everyone is welcome.

Artane

TALK: The Dublin Five Horticultural Society hosts 'Festive Floral Art', demonstrated by Maria Carey, on Thursday, December 5 at 8pm in the Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre, Kilmore Road. Admission is €6. Phone 087-2423020 for more details.

Clontarf

COMEDY: 'No Smoke Without Fire', starring Mary Murray (Love/Hate, Chancers), takes place at the Viking Theatre, Clontarf, from December 9-21

nightly at 8pm. The cost is €10, Call 087-1129970. There's €60,000 post office robbery money up for grabs and scandal knows no bounds as six women gossip intermittently in the smoking area of a Dublin pub leaking a trail of personal information behind them.

TALK: Clontarf Historical Society hosts 'Réalt na Mara' Star of the Sea Statue on the Bull Wall, by Bill Nelson on Monday, December 9 at 8.15pm in the Resource Centre, beside St John's Church, Clontarf Road. The annual membership is €20, individual talk, €4. Enquiries

01-8338711 or email clontarfhistorical@gmail.com

CRAFT FAIR: A Christmas Craft Fair will take place on Sunday, December 8 at St Anthony's, Old Church, Clontarf, from 10.30am until 4.30pm. Admission is free.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Seafeld Singers' Christmas Concert will take place on Friday, December 13 at St John the Baptist Church, Seafeld Road, Clontarf at 8pm. Bryan Hoey (compere and tenor), guest artist Benjamin Russell (Baritone) and David Bremner (Accompanist)

are included in the line up. Tickets cost €15 and can be purchased from any choir member or at the door. The proceeds will go to Barnardos.

CHORAL EXTRAVAGANZA: A Christmas Choral Extravaganza in aid of the Central Remedial Clinic will take place at St Gabriel's Church, Clontarf on Sunday, December 15 at 8pm. Featuring the Dublin Orchestral Players, Clontarf and Dollymount Parish Choirs, harpists Ellis Dowling and Emer Walsh and special guest soloists, this is set to be a spectacular evening of festive music and song. Tickets are only €10 from CRC Fundraising on 1800 612 612.

MESSIAH: Handel's timeless masterpiece, 'Messiah', will be performed in the Church of St John the Baptist, Seafeld Road West, Clontarf, by the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama, Rathmines, on Thursday, December 5 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost €15 and are available from Trevor at the Parish centre, Seafeld Road between 8am-12noon, Monday to Friday or at the door unless previously sold out. Enquiries to Rev Lesley Robinson at 087-9091561. Proceeds in aid of parish funds.

MS IRELAND: The North Dublin branch of MS Ireland meets socially every fourth Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Irish Wheelchair Association's headquarters, Clontarf. A varied programme throughout the year includes bingo nights, quiz nights, flower arrangements,

sing-a-longs, summer and Christmas outings. For more information call Michael on 085-1125424. Transport can be arranged if necessary.

Portmarnock

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Portmarnock Community School's Christmas Fair, in aid of Action Ireland Trust, will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 11am to 4pm at Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club. Come and see Santa and more!

SINGSATION: Singsation is a group of 22 women from Sutton, Howth, Portmarnock, Raheny, Baldoye and Malahide with one thing in common - a love of singing. If you like the sound of this group and you are a singer, they are currently looking for Sopranos and Hi Altos. They rehearse from September to June every Monday night. For more information, call Emer on 087-6788039 or Mary on 086-8185543.

Donabate

KIDS' DISCO: St Patrick's GAA Club in Donabate is holding a Christmas Kids' Disco on December 14 at Donabate Parish Hall for Under 10-13s from 8pm to 9.30pm. The cost is €5 and is payable on the night.

CEILI: Donabate Ceili Club meets every Monday in the Donabate Portrane Community Centre from 8.30pm to 10pm. All are welcome. This is a great opportunity to socialise. Phone 085-7260417 for more information.



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Coolock

MEDIATION: Mediation Northside provides an accessible FREE dispute resolution and mediation service for the local community. They recruit, train and support volunteer community mediators and empower community members and groups to resolve conflict at the earliest possible point in a dispute. For further information, phone Mediation Northside on 01-8482988.

COFFEE MORNINGS: Coffee Mornings 'as Gaeilge' have now resumed. Those wishing to practice speaking their 'few words' are invited to come to the Parish Centre, St Brendan's Church, Coolock, at 10.30 on Monday mornings. All are welcome/ Failte roimh chách.

PARENTS ALONE: Doras Bui, a parent alone resource centre, is located on Bunratty Drive, Coolock. Accurate information on your rights and entitlements is provided by a staff member who is available to talk to you in person or by phone. A Teen Parent Support Project is available for teen parents who become pregnant while at school. For more information on these and other services, phone 01-8484811/8481872, email info@dorasbui.org or visit www.dorasbui.org

Howth

TRADITIONAL MUSIC: Traditional music sessions take place in Howth GAA Club on the last Friday of every month at 9.30pm.

Malahide

COFFEE MORNING: A new Coffee Morning 'as Gaeilge' takes place every Wednesday at 10.30am in 'Seomra Tae' café, Main Street, Malahide. This is helpful for parents and grandparents of school-going children or for anybody who would like to try out their Irish.

CHESS CLUB: Malahide Chess Club meets every Monday at 8pm in St Sylvester's GAA Club, Church Road, Malahide. Visit www.malahidechessclub.ie

Raheny

LADYBIRDS: Irish Girl Guides for girls aged 5-7-years-old. A new Ladybirds group is commencing in Raheny on Saturday mornings from 12.45pm. Each session will involve games, music and song, fun activities and arts and crafts. It will be lots of fun! It is also a great way to build girls' confidence in a safe environment, while learning life skills and meeting new friends. Please text or call Andrea on 087-6301634 to book a place or enquire further.

POKER CLASSIC: A Poker Classic takes place every Thursday and Sunday night at 9pm in Cara Hall, Raheny (opposite Garda station). All are welcome.

FOLKGROUP: Raheny Folkgroup is looking for new members. They meet upstairs in the church in Raheny, beside the DART station, at 8pm every Tuesday and sing at the 6pm mass every second Saturday. If you like to sing and/or can play an instrument, you are welcome to join. If you are 17-years-of-age or over and wish to join contact 087-3347695 or email rahenyfolkgroup@gmail.com



● **HE'S HERE:** Santa Claus arrived at Northside Shopping Centre, Coolock, to a hero's welcome much to the delight of local shoppers, centre management and of course, the children. TV3 presenter Martin King was among those who welcomed the great man to the centre. PHOTO BY DARREN KINSELLA

Donaghmede

COUNSELLING SERVICE: TARGET Counselling Service, based at Holy Trinity School Donaghmede, offers confidential one-to-one non-directive counselling. Appointments are available from Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 1.30pm and 5pm to 9pm. Phone 01-8670279 for more information. Childcare is available from Monday to Friday mornings.

COFFEE MORNING: A Coffee Morning 'as Gaeilge' will take place every Saturday at 10.30am in Kay's Kitchen, Donaghmede Shopping Centre. Everybody is welcome especially those with not much Irish.

Swords

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Swords Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group meetings are held in St Colmcille's Parish Office at Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords, from the new time of 7.30pm-8.30pm on the second and last Monday of every month. Meetings are informal. Group support or discussion on a one-to-one basis is available. This is a free and confidential service. For more information please phone (after 6pm) Anne on 087-6549765, Brid on 086-6006397, Mary on 01-8402652 or Mary on 01-8403266.

TOASTMASTERS: Swords Toastmasters meet every second Monday of the month at 8pm at Carnegie Court Hotel, North Street, Swords. Visit www.swordstoastmasters.ie or contact Gabrielle on 086-0268738 for further information.

CHOIR: Do you love to sing? Come along to Applewood Community Centre, Swords, every Tuesday from 8pm to 10pm and be part of a newly formed Fingal Gospel Choir. They would love to have you. Contact Dave at fingalgospelchoir@hotmail.com

AWARE MEETINGS: Aware's North Dublin support group for

individuals with experience of depression meets every Wednesday at 7.30pm in Dominican College, Griffith Avenue. Support groups also meet in Swords and Lower Abbey Street. Aware support groups are free of charge, and can help attendees to learn more about their condition as well as coping skills to help minimise its impact on their life. For more information call Katy on 087-6462079 or visit www.aware.ie

Citywide

TREATY GAELS: Christy Kerins is researching the history of Treaty Gaels Hurling Club which existed in Dublin City in the 1950s. It catered mainly for Limerick gaels living in Dublin. If anyone has information about this club, Christy would like to hear from them. He can be contacted on 087-9617307.

ADOPTION SERVICE: Cúnamh, Adoption Services, requires short-term foster parents for newborn babies. If interested in receiving further information please contact Cúnamh at 01-6779664.

CODERJOJO: FREE class are now available for girls aged 8-17 to learn how to code. Design cool games and websites with the help of volunteers at @Coder-DojoGirls. Tickets available weekly and more information at coderdojogirls.eventbrite.ie Join anytime!

NEW MEMBERS: New members are wanted for Over 50s Social Club. Activities include long stay holidays, nights out, walking tours and much more. Phone 085-2885111 or email Eastcoastsocialclub@yahoo.com for more information.

RUNNING GROUP: 'Dublin 30-Minute Lunchtime Runners' meets on Mondays and Thursdays at the Bord Gais Energy Theatre at 1.15pm for a half hour run. This social running group is free of charge and is open to all ages and all abilities. Email lornamurphy1@yahoo.com or lauren-reynolds912@gmail.com for more information or phone 086-2528988/086-4480311.

SUPPORT CENTRE: ARC Cancer Support Centre is looking for compassionate and committed complementary therapists willing to provide treatments for clients free of charge, or people willing to volunteer in one of its Drop-In centres in Eccles Street or South Circular Road. If you'd like to make a real difference, please call Jane on 01-8307333 or email jane@arccancersupport.ie

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CITIZENS' INFORMATION: Dublin North Bay Citizens' Information Service provides a free, confidential and impartial information drop in service for the people of Kilbarrack, Raheny, Dollymount, Clontarf, Marino, Killester, Artane, Edenmore and Balgriffin. Information is available on social welfare, taxation, pensions, employment, housing, health, education and consumer advice in Le Cheile, Donnycarney, every Tuesday from 10.30am until 12noon.

Balbriggan

CHOIR: Fingal Chamber Choir (FCC) is looking for some new members in all voices to help fulfil their engagements. FCC is an auditioned choir and some sight singing ability is necessary. They meet on Mondays

from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Balbriggan. You don't have to live in Fingal to join. If you are interested contact David at 087-2909536 or dmaxdub@gmail.com

Fairview

KARATE: SVJ Karate Club in Fairview is recruiting new members to its club in St Joseph's CBS Primary School. The club accepts children and adult beginners and experienced members from eight-years-of-age to over 80. It is operated on a not-for-profit basis. Training is held on Monday and Thursday evenings. See www.facebook.com/svjkarate or contact 089-4179931 or email svjkarate@live.ie

Beaumont

SUPPORT GROUP: A support group for people in recovery from prescription meds' abuse meets in the Beaumont area on Monday evenings to share and help each other through their experiences. For further information, call 086-0515831 or visit People in Recovery from Prescription Meds' Abuse on Facebook.

Balgriffin

PITCH & PUTT: St Mary's Ladies' Pitch & Putt Club meets every Saturday at 10.15am at Inisfalls GAA Club, Balgriffin. All are welcome. For more information, contact Pat on 086-3505384.

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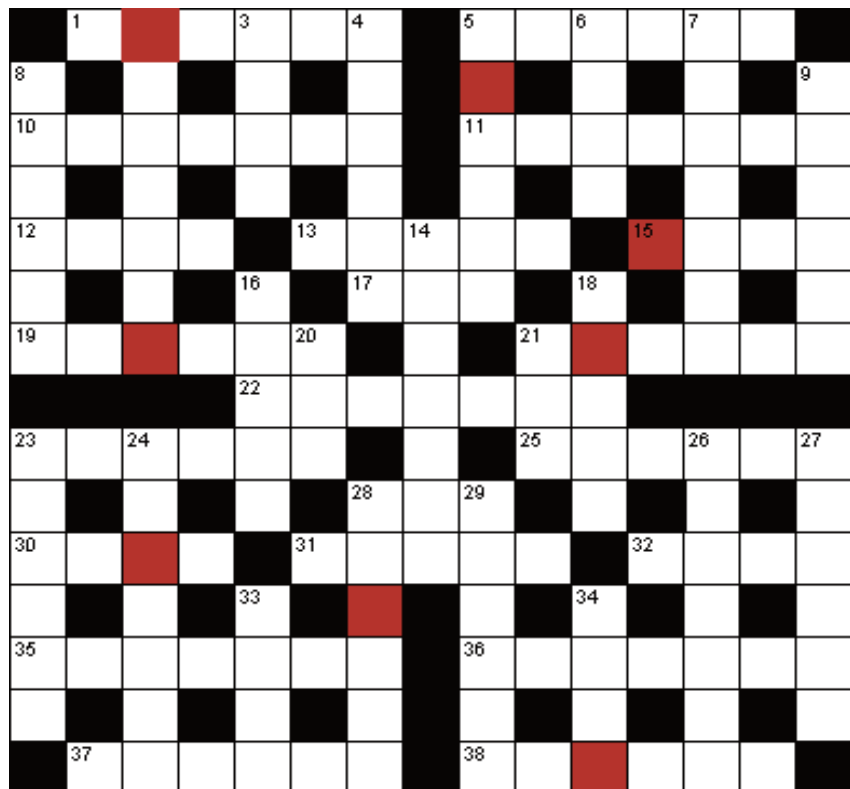
Across

1. WWII German POW camp. (6)
 5. Sit on one's heels. (6)
 10. You just purse your lips and blow. (7)
 11. Adult male chicken. (7)
 12. Precipitation. (4)
 13. Freshwater carnivorous mammal. (5)
 15. Large African predatory cat (4)
 17. The wise bird. (3)
 19. Join the armed forces... (6)
 21. Large tracts of open grass-land for cattle. (6)
 22. Inhabited by a ghost. (7)
 23. Bank employee who re- ceives and pays out money. (6)

25. Home of the ancient Oracle. (6)
 28. Mischievous fairy. (3)
 30. They say it's from here to riches. (4)
 31. A very large body of water. (5)
 32. A short but voracious aquatic reptile. (4)

Down

35. Hair cleaner. (7)
 36. Meter it to find a wood-eat- ing insect. (7)
 37. The game of let and love. (6)
 38. It keeps babies amused. (6)
 2. Small and of little impor- tance. (7)
 3. Old-time stringed musical in- strument. (4)
 4. A poor densely popular city area. (6)
 5. A group of companies work- ing together to limit competi- tion. (6)
 6. Woodwind instrument. (4)
 7. A part removed from a plant for rooting or grafting. (7)
 8. Turn aside suddenly. (6)
 9. Aircraft without pilots. (6)
 14. Gleam or glow intermit- tently like a star. (7)
 16. Theatre guide. (5)
 18. Disappear gradually. (5)
 20. Pothole filler. (3)
 21. The colour of intense anger. (3)
 23. The force used in pushing something. (6)
 24. Travel essential. (7)
 26. Favours one person or side over another. (7)
 27. Advanced imperially. (6)
 28. Sounds that come back. (6)
 29. Pause uncertainly, speak haltingly. (6)
 33. Rotate rapidly. (4)
 34. Just the thing to get in your eye. (4)



ANSWER (November 20): TOBEEN



● **Dublin People Newspaper Group** has teamed up with **Dogs Trust** to help find homes for unwanted and abandoned dogs. Our 'Dog of the Week' is Archie, a two-year-old male Staffordshire Terrier cross. Archie is a loveable and extremely handsome young man who recently arrived at Dogs Trust. He is finding kennel life a little worrying and would love a family of his own very soon. Little Archie hasn't had the best start to life and his carers here at Dogs Trust recommend a gentle quiet, loving and very understanding family. This gorgeous little man would suit children aged 12 years and up and is just so excited to meet a new family he can trust and be given a chance to blossom with. For more information on Archie, or any of his friends, get in touch with the centre on 01 879 1000. They are based in Finglas, just off exit 5 on the M50. Map and directions can be found on their website www.dogstrust.ie. You can also find them on Facebook www.facebook.com/dogstrustireland or Twitter @DogsTrust_IE. You can also support Dogs Trust by purchasing your Christmas cards from their website - they are available right now, with all funds raised going towards the centre!

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Ssangyong Korando is back on the market

SSANGYONG is back on the Irish car market after an absence of five years. The Korean company has been saved by a huge investment from Indian conglomerate Mihindra and Mihindra and this time round the cars are being imported into Ireland by the Harris group on the Naas Road, who have already established 11 dealers countrywide.

The first group of cars coming here are the Korando, Korando Sport and Rodius, with a new Rexton due in February. My test car was an orange coloured Korando and the good news is that the price has just been reduced by one thousand euro, bringing the entry price down to €24,995.

Ssangyong had a reputation for building massive diesel crossovers, none of which were very pretty but were still fairly popular. You may still see the Rodius being used by some Dublin taxi drivers. Now thanks to the famous Italian designer Giorgetto Giugiaro, who has

by **Seán Creedon**

previously designed for Ferrari and Lamborghini, we have a more attracting looking Korando.

In slow moving traffic a fellow motorist pulled up alongside me and asked if I was driving the new Renault Captur. It's not unlike the Captur, and I could see how the observant driver might have been confused as Renault also use an orange-coloured Captur on their press cars.

If my fellow traveller could see the car from the front, the grille might remind

him of a Jaguar. Other tyre-kickers told me that it looked a bit like the Nissan's Qashqai; it was a bit like showing off a new baby to relations for the first time.

There was a lot to like about the Korando. The high driving position, windscreen wiper heating, which could be very useful in a harsh winter, heated front seats, space saver spare wheel to name just a few. The list of standard equipment filled almost two pages of the press release. I also liked the notice on the dash which tells you in large print how many kilometres you can drive until you need to refuel.

While the burnt orange-coloured exterior was attractive, inside black was the predominant colour. However, there was a touch of or-

ange on the mats which did give it a lift. The only thing missing was a grip over the driver's head. A grip is provided for the passenger, but somebody forgot the driver. Plenty of room for five well-built adults in the back and the boot is massive.

It is only available in Ireland as a two-wheel drive, 2.0 litre diesel. In England the Korando was recently named Caravan Club Towcar of the Year in its price category, so plenty of pulling power. I certainly enjoyed my time in the Korando; it was a pleasure to travel in it and I got plenty of attention from fellow motorists and pedestrians alike. Well kitted out with a five-year warranty, but slightly more expensive than the Qashqai, the one they all want to beat.

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Operating in Dublin since 1981, McCoy Motors is a family owned independent dealer-

ship that will also continue as a Toyota Authorities Repairers.

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Commenting on the ap-

pointment, Managing Director, Art McCoy said: "We are delighted we got the opportunity to join the SEAT dealership network. We look forward to working with the SEAT team and showcasing the SEAT range to our customers. The SEAT brand is a great quality car, stylish, efficient and well-priced and we know it will be a hit with customers."

Neil Dalton, Head of Marketing & Product SEAT added: "SEAT is undergoing a renaissance as a brand both in Ireland and internationally.

SEAT is the fastest growing car brand in Ireland. We are also delighted to have McCoy's on board to showcase our new range. Art and his team have shown over the years that they understand exactly what their customers are looking for; excellent service and great value for money and this is really important to us at SEAT."

For more information on the SEAT range visit www.seat.ie or call into McCoy Motors, Exit 4a, Lucan By-Pass, Lucan, Co. Dublin.



● **Cian O'Brien of SEAT Ireland along with Art McCoy of McCoy Motors announced the Lucan based dealership as the new home for SEAT in West Dublin. Motorists can now test drive the latest SEAT models including the SEAT Ibiza Cupra, Leon FR, Sports Coupé and also look forward to the introduction of the Sports Tourer shortly.**



● **Pictured at the launch of the new Volkswagen VIP Package are Volkswagen Ambassadors Bernard Brogan and Rosanna Davison.**

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A: This is such a wonderful idea for a surprise gift and one which I am sure she will adore! This sounds like every teenage girl's dream.

As you have described the room as small I recommend you use soft pastels to create the illusion of as much light and space as possible.

I would suggest Crown's Fairy Dust, which is a gorgeous feminine shade. Selecting Crown's mid-sheen emulsion will give you an ideal finish in small spaces as it reflects the light, making the space feel bigger.

This soft, delicate pink looks absolutely stunning

when paired with a variety of creams or off-whites. I would recommend painting furniture in the room with Crown's Lightest Beige or Simple White from the Easy Clean range, which is suitable for walls, wood and metal surfaces and will accentuate your design.

These colours will add a crisp feel to the furnishings and allow any finger prints or marks to be easily removed.

For a subtle pop of colour in the room, try painting the curtain rail in a candy cane stripe to add an unexpected twist to the space. Using Crown's Pink Sugar and Purple



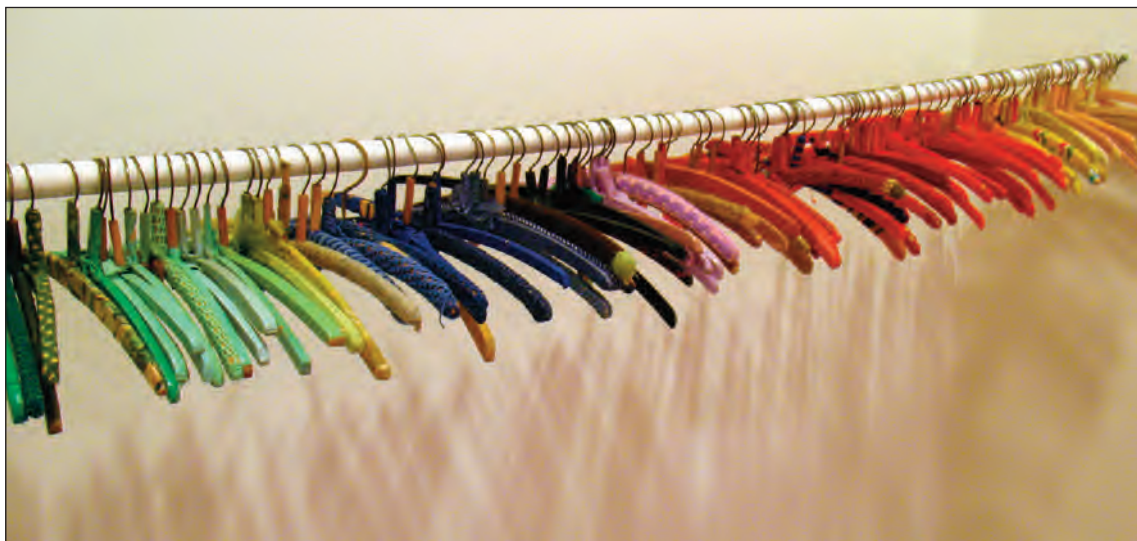
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Heart in Satin Gloss will allow you to create this effect and bring a youthful atmosphere to the room.

Wrap a thin strip of masking tape around the rail and



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Storage is crucial for any girl. Put some thought into what your daughter will need to ensure the space works for her and will be kept clear from clutter.

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sues.

Simply invest in some shelves and place them below the rails in the wardrobe to instantly create extra storage space for footwear. This will keep the room looking neat and tidy.

To check out her style, a floor-length mirror is an essential feature for the space. If possible, you should place this beside the window as natural light is always best.

To add a unique focal point

to the room, why not invest in some large empty picture frames and place them around the room with a hook in the middle. Here your daughter can turn her favourite handbags into works of art!

I would recommend painting them in colours such as Crown's Beauty Queen and Couture which will complement your other paint choices to perfection.

For a young, vibrant and

funky feel, a statement rug incorporating the colours used throughout the room will help bring the room together.

Last but not least; it is highly recommended that you have a bright bean bag so that after a long day your daughter can kick off her shoes and unwind.

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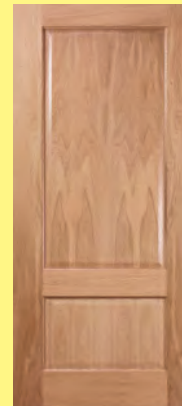
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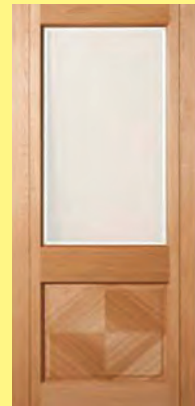
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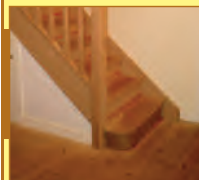
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IT MIGHT feel like it's a little too soon to get into the Christmas spirit but with some early preparation you can ensure that this year your home is full of festive ambience throughout the holiday period.

Of course Christmas is all about going over the top but with some thought you can avoid tacky and get tasteful with your seasonal decorating.

While living in Santa's grotto for over a month might be some people's idea of heaven you might feel more relaxed and your guests more welcome in a home with a stylish, classy look.

Set a plan or a theme for your Christmas decorating. It doesn't cost anything to have a good plan and when you're working with budget ideas this is what pulls your ideas together.

As with any interior design project the trick is getting the colours right. Red, white and silver might spring to mind for Christmas but you can transform your home into a cosy winter wonderland by harmonising your festive décor with existing colours.

If your home is done in warm tones of gold and red, don't fight it by trying to use icy silvers and whites in holiday décor.

Or, if you have a contemporary interior in black and silver, don't put up a rustic tree with twig garlands and blue cloth angels. Enhance your own interiors by choosing decorations that play up your existing colours, themes, and motifs.

Different colours evoke different moods and in winter we often gravitate towards warmer tones of reds, warm yellows and golden colours.

However, if your favourite decorations are snow themed



you might want to use icy cool colours such as blue, lilac, silver, and white.

Whenever possible, coordinate your holiday decorations in related spaces. The easiest way is to repeat colours - but vary their use from room to room.

For example, in a scheme using red and gold use more red (with gold accents) in the living room and more gold (with red accents) in the adjacent dining room. Coordination keeps decorations from getting boring while adding continuity throughout.

Ribbons can be a great unifying element and is more classy than having tinsel everywhere.

Use the same ribbon all around the home but buy it

in contrasting colours. For example, you could use a gold ribbon with red stripes in one room and a red ribbon with gold stripes in another.

Buy varying widths of the same ribbon so you can use narrower pieces around candlesticks and wider ones on wreaths.

Christmas décor is all about accessorising. It's the subtle touches that help create the magical festive ambience and you don't have to spend a fortune getting it right.

Take down your pictures and wrap them like a gift, then hang them back on the wall

Drop a tealight candle in your cleaned out glass mayonnaise jars, tie a holiday ribbon around the neck and you have a beautiful candle with Christmas charm.

If you are looking to do a captivating toyland theme try searching out teddy bears and dolls at your local charity shops. Wash them in a pillowcase, put them in your dryer for 20 minutes and dress them up with ribbons and holiday fabrics.

Group them under your tree, on the mantelpiece and on windowsills. For extra Christmas cuteness stack small squares of cardboard together, wrap as a tiny present and tuck them under a teddy's arm.

For many of us the main focus at Christmas is the dinner but the table is often overlooked when it comes to decor. You don't have to rely on Santa napkins and Christmas crackers for a tasty atmosphere.

Candles are a traditional must so use them to evoke a romantic seasonal glow while you enjoy your meal. Group various sizes and styles of

white or cream coloured candles together and decorate with a simple wrap of gold ribbon.

A Christmas garland makes a great table centre-piece. Use cuttings from garden hedgerows or evergreens to give your table a look of extravagance and place in the centre of the table.

You can emphasise your garland by adding small baubles, acorns or berries, or secure several candles along its length.

Finally, remember Christ-

mas only lasts a few weeks so it's a good time to venture into new territory with your home décor. Now is your chance to be brave.

Since the changes are temporary consider charging forward into a new style with bold colours and textures. Take a look at your furniture and drapery colours. What colours have you always wanted to try that will enhance your décor?

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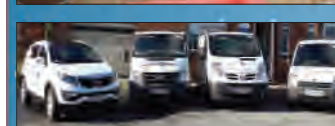


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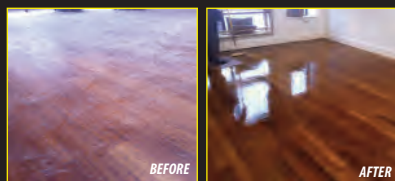
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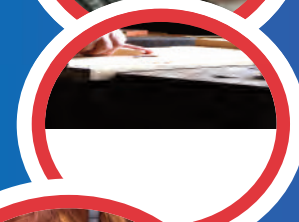
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## FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

### planning notice

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Planning Permission is being sought for Single-storey detached building (42sqm.) comprising 8 No. Dog Kennels and Grooming Room, and associated external fenced Dog Run, Waste and Wastewater Storage Area, 4 No. carparking spaces, and widened Vehicular Access, to rear of 'Highbury House', Blake's Cross, Lusk, Co. Dublin for J&L Butterly. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on the payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

### planning notice

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

I Stephen Dunleavy intend to apply for planning permission for development at the rear of 142 Clanranald Road, Donnycarney, Dublin 5. The development will consist of removal of existing derelict shed in the rear garden and construction of a single storey rear extension and associated site works. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on the payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

### planning notice

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

We, Sara Philpott & Guenole Silvestre intend to apply for Full planning Permission for development at this site 52 The Stiles Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3. The development will consist of extension and renovation of existing two storey dwelling. House extension to include:

- 1) Existing attached garage to be changed to playroom.
- 2) Demolition of single storey kitchen to rear and demolition of internal walls to allow for new design.
- 3) Construction of part single storey and part 2 storey extension to rear with basement under.
- 4) Construction and renovation of attic space to be used as a habitable bedroom and en-suite, with roof lights front and back on the roof.
- 5) Existing garage flat roof to be raised and existing door changed to glazing.
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## FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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- The demolition of existing single storey entrance porch to the front/ south of the existing dwelling.
- The construction of a new single storey porch 6.5 square meters in area in its' place.
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I, Igor Silitrari intend to apply for permission for development at this site 9 Hastings Avenue, Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The development will consist of: 1. Conversion of existing attic space to study / playroom. 2. A first floor extension to rear of existing dwelling to consist of a bedroom with apex roof above incorporating 2 No. roof windows. 3. Modifications to roof of existing ground floor rear extension from apex to flat roof finish. 4. Relocation of family bathroom at first floor including 1 No. proposed window to gable wall. All finishes to match existing. Ridge level to remain. All drainage, structural and associated site works to be implemented. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on the payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

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genuine guy from Cork area, 30-39 for friendship/relationship. Box No: 384130

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Jackie small farm holder, loves animals, seeks male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Tipperary. Box No: 392078

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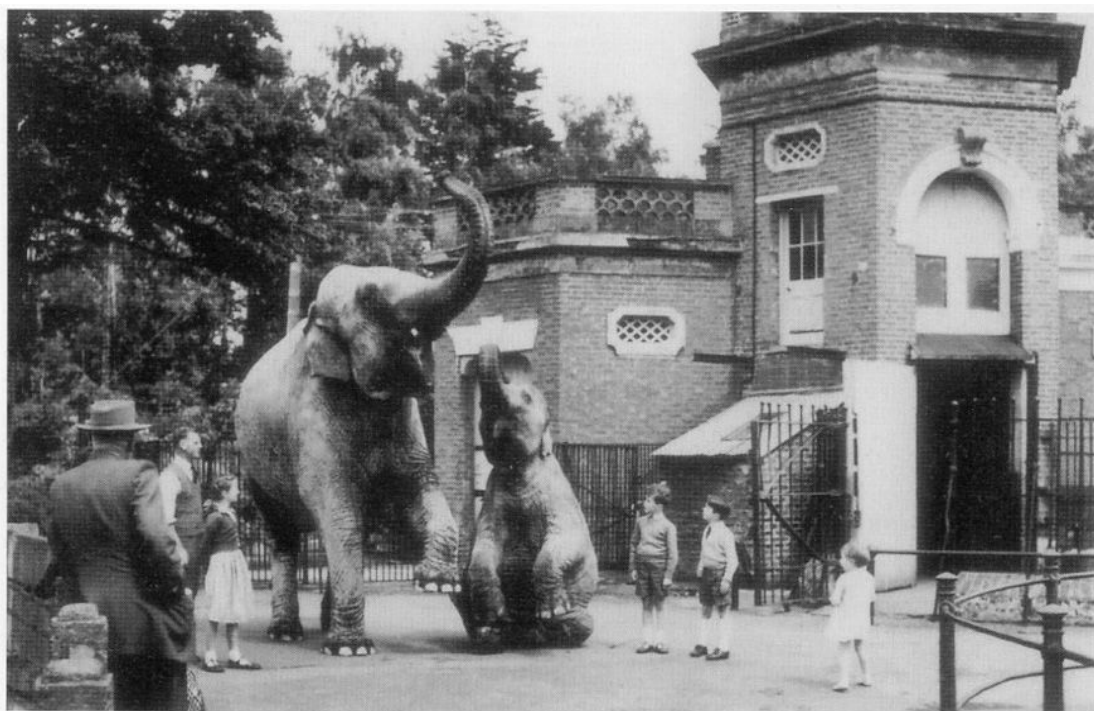
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# From the Archives

We take a look back at extracts from old newspapers to see what was in the news this month from years gone by



Dublin Zoo c.1950. Children stand very close, looking in awe at the large Indian elephant, Sara (1932-62), who was the last elephant used to give rides for children, and the smaller Ceylonese elephant Komali. The building on the right is the Elephant House or 'Albert Tower', which was built in 1845-6 to house a giraffe. On the death of the giraffe the elephants moved into the house.

Photo and caption from 'Images of Ireland', Central Dublin, by Derek Stanley. Published by Gill & Macmillan/The History Press

## POLICE COURTS

### HEAD OFFICE.

**Assault.**—Mary Anne Dunne was charged with having assaulted another woman named Moeran, yesterday, at Marshall-alley, by striking her on the head with a poker. She was sentenced to be imprisoned for one month and to be kept to hard labour.

**Caution to Travellers.**—John Collins, a citizen who seemed as if he did not care, was brought up in custody and charged by a cardriver named John Courtenay, with having refused to pay the sum of 8s. 10d., the fare claimed by the complainant, who, having proved his case, Mr. Collins was ordered to pay the sum demanded, with costs, or in default to be imprisoned for seven days.

In a report which appeared relative to a charge preferred against a person who had misconducted himself in the gallery of the Theatre Royal, on Saturday, the name of Mr. Joseph Irvine, the courteous box-keeper who brought the complaint, was accidentally inserted as that of the party accused.

### CAPRI STREET.

Christopher Gillick, a coal-dray driver, was brought, up on remand, charged with having stolen four cwt. of coals out of a load which he was employed to deliver at the Broad Stone Railway Terminus. He was fully committed to stand his trial for the offence at next city sessions.

William Cummins and Patrick Edwards were brought up in custody of Acting-Inspector Hughes of the G police division, the first-named prisoner charged with having stolen three pairs of boots from the shop of Mr. Doyle, of Great Britain-street, on yesterday. The other prisoner was charged with having attempted to rescue Cummins, when taken into custody by the police. Both prisoners were remanded for further examination.

Freemans Journal, 11th Dec, 1861

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## Yeats for £2,205

The National Gallery, at a meeting of the board of governors and guardians in Dublin yesterday, bought six water colour sketches by Jack B. Yeats from Victor Waddington, London, for £2,205. The six were done between 1888 and 1906.

The Gallery also bought an oil portrait of Bernard Shaw, the playwright's great-great uncle, by Gilbert Stuart, from Agnew and Sons, London, for £1,650

From the same firm the gallery acquired for £400 the water colour study of Daniel Maclise's big oil painting, "The Marriage of Eva and Strongbow," already in the gallery.

Irish Press, 2nd Dec, 1967



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