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SANTA KICKS OFF CHRISTMAS IN NEWBRIDGE

Andrew and Conor Francisco Feeney and Keelin Feeney with Santa Claus and his assistant elf at the turning on of the lights in Newbridge last weekend. See more photos on page 45

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NEWS

Newbridge pop star on Dancing with the Stars

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Newbridge woman Sinead O'Carroll has been announced as a contestant for Dancing with the Stars 2020. Sinead is a member of 90s pop band B*Witched, best known for their hit song C'est la vie.

"I've wanted to do this for the last few years so the fact that I'm doing it now, is so surreal," she said.

"My kids are so excited; they just told me I have to be good, so the pressure is on from them."

"I'm a little bit nervous too about stepping out and doing something by myself as I always had the girls around me. But I think once I get the first dance done, I'll hopefully be fine."

Sinead is a former student of Holy Family in Newbridge. She joins 2FM presenter Lottie Ryan,



Book launch for Mary

Author Mary Grace with her husband Jim at Naas Library for the launch of her children's book, Pippy's First Adventures PIC: A Conway



Sinead O'Carroll from Newbridge, former pop star with B*Witched, will line up among the dancers competing on Dancing with the Stars 2020

actor Ryan Andrews and Glenda Gilson in the line-up for the new series. Also returning for another year is judge Brian Redmond from Kilcock, who owns Spin Activity Centre in Newbridge, along with Lorraine Barry and Julian Benson.

Airing on RTÉ One for 12 weeks from Sunday, January 5 at 6.30pm, a total of 11 celebrities will partner with their professional dancers as they take on a brand new challenge

and change their daily routines for dance routines. Each will be hoping to claim the much-coveted glitter ball trophy at the end of the series.

The couples will tackle a different dance genre each week from the Paso Doble to the Viennese waltz and will have just seven days to perfect their routine before performing it live to the nation.

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Disney Mania in Kill

Chloe, Lauren and Susan Anderson at the recent attempt in Kill to break the Guinness Book of Records for most people in Disney costumes. See page 46 for more



The magic of Lullymore

Maisie Hannon and Hallie Commons with Santa Claus at Lullymore Park last weekend



Little Shop of Horrors

Cherise O'Moore, Emma Kilduff and Lyn Carter performing with The Odd Theatre Co who presented The Little Shop of Horrors at the Riverbank, Newbridge, last week

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NEWS

Lidl to open in Kildare town on December 19

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Lidl's newest supermarket is due to open in Kildare town in time for the Christmas rush on Thursday, December 19. Lidl began hiring staff for the new supermarket on the site of the former Magee Barracks in September with a Recruitment Open Day.

Planning permission was granted in March for the new Lidl store and construction work began on the former military facility in early July. The discount retailer has demolished existing structures including the gatehouse at the entrance. The new supermarket will have an internal area of 2,192 square metres incorporating an off-licence area. There will also be two pedestrian crossing points on Hospital Street as well as car parking and bicycle parking.

Kildare County Council has been requested to find a community use for Kildare town's existing Lidl supermarket which will become vacant in coming weeks when the retailer relocates to a new facility across the road in the Magee

The new Lidl in Kildare town is under construction



Barracks site. The German discount foodstore doesn't own that building or its car park on Hospital Street and that will be returned to its landlord. Mayor of Kildare, Cllr Suzanne Doyle said the building may be too small for a swimming pool but she suggested it

may be suitable for other facilities such as a youth centre or a bowling alley. Tesco had submitted objections to the store by claiming that the location of the supermarket site would under-utilise the potential of the area for urban

regeneration. In a three-page letter, Tesco also argued that the current Lidl store could be left vacant on a long term basis. It also suggested that the proposed new foodstore could create noise pollution for nearby residents.

Santa and Mrs Claus in Kildare

A very busy weekend for Santa and Mrs Claus who met hundreds of children in the Courthouse, next to the Silken Thomas in Kildare town. The pair will be greeting children every day from 3 to 7pm on weekdays, and from 10am-7pm on weekends over the coming weeks.

Sally Purcell aka Mrs Claus told the Kildare Post, "We'll be here every day up to and including December 22. Booking online but walk-ins are also welcome.

"We have Santa's Reindeer Hospital here too, so it's a lovely festive atmosphere for young kiddies and families".

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Inquest into young mother's death set for April 2020

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Two days have been set aside at the Kildare Coroners Court for the inquest into the death of 24-year-old Karen McEvoy, who died in Naas General Hospital on December 25 last year, after giving birth to a baby a week before at the Coombe Hospital in Dublin.

The full hearing will take place on April 6 and April 7 next year.

At a specially fixed preliminary hearing at Kildare County Council HQ last Monday, the Coroner, Dr Denis Cusack, said that this Christmas coming would, no doubt, be a difficult time for Ms Kelly's family.

Seventeen witnesses are due to give evidence at the inquest in April and Dr Cusack has asked each of them to confirm by January 27 next that they will be attending to give evidence



The late Karen McEvoy

and answer questions.

If he has not received confirmation by that date, he would consider issuing witness summons.

In October, Dr Cusack said almost a hundred pieces of correspondence had passed through his office over the case.

Following detailed legal

argument on Monday lasting over half an hour, the coroner refused an application by legal representatives of some of Ms McEvoy's family for disclosure of a report of an internal investigation by the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group (DMHG), which involves both Naas General Hospital and the Coombe,

into Ms Evoy's death.

The argument for disclosure was made partly on the basis that it was a report of an administrative body in charge of both hospitals and that it would include data and facts on the care received by Ms McEvoy.

The court was told that there was only a draft of the

report or review which was commissioned by the CEO of the DMHG at this stage.

But it was hoped that it would be finalised before Christmas and could be available to everybody.

Full written legal submissions from a number of parties on the application were received by Dr Cusack before yesterday's hearing and he also asked for summary submissions at Monday's hearing.

The submissions included reference to data and facts on how and when the late Ms McEvoy may have contracted infections before her death.

The application was opposed by legal representatives of the hospitals on a number of grounds, including that the court would have independent witnesses.

Also included in the submission on the application was reference to the relatively new piece of

legislation, the Coroners Amendment Act 2019, which, it was argued, gave the coroner discretion as to evidence produced.

In the course of giving his decision, Dr Cusack said that any new evidence or information could and should be added by witnesses at the inquest and there should be no relevant facts in the case which were not available to the court.

He allowed another application by family members to add a medical witness on the basis they may have relevant facts about the origin of sepsis, even though they may not have been in direct charge over Ms McEvoy at a certain point in time.

At the October 14 hearing the coroner had said: "I hope we can do the greatest honour to Karen." Dr Cusack said that an inquest is aimed at establish the facts, but legally, cannot blame or exonerate any party.



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NEWS

Farmer appeals to dog owners to keep family pets under control

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A Kildare-based sheep farmer was horrified to find six rams dead last week and four more injured after an attack by dogs. The savage attack took place last week on lands at Suncroft, Co Kildare.

David Corrigan, along with his father Pat and brother Andrew, farm lands in the Curragh and surrounding areas. The Corrigan's are well-known breeders of pedigree Cheviot sheep, with a yield of 1,300 lambs per annum.

On Thursday, November

28, Mr Corrigan made the grisly discovery on his lands where the rams had been segregated from the ewes. "There were six rams slaughtered, absolutely savaged by dogs and four more rams were injured but survived," he said.

"Aside from veterinary

ills, the pedigree rams killed are valued at €3,000 to €5,000. What is so annoying is that you frequently see posts on social media from dog owners appealing for information on lost pets, and describing them as 'treasured family pets'.

"Dogs are dogs and when they run with a pack, they're killers. It's their instinct to hunt and kill.

"This applies to every dog but so often people say 'Oh, my dog wouldn't do that'. It's so galling."

Mr Corrigan stated that whilst he shared the grisly find on social media and reported it to Kildare garda station, many older farmers don't bother reporting such incidences at all.

"This is a regular occurrence for us, up to three and four times a year. It's a horrible death for the sheep and these are pets doing it, who'll return home to their owners as 'treasured pets'.

"So many local farmers have sheep put away for

winter grazing and they're easy bait for a pack of dogs. Please", he concluded "families consider them as loved members of the family

but to the farming community and these slaughtered animals, they're killers. Keep your dogs locked up at night!"



These rams were savaged by dogs last week on farm lands in Suncroft, Co Kildare, and according to the farmer, this is regular occurrence



One of the rams who survived last week's vicious attack

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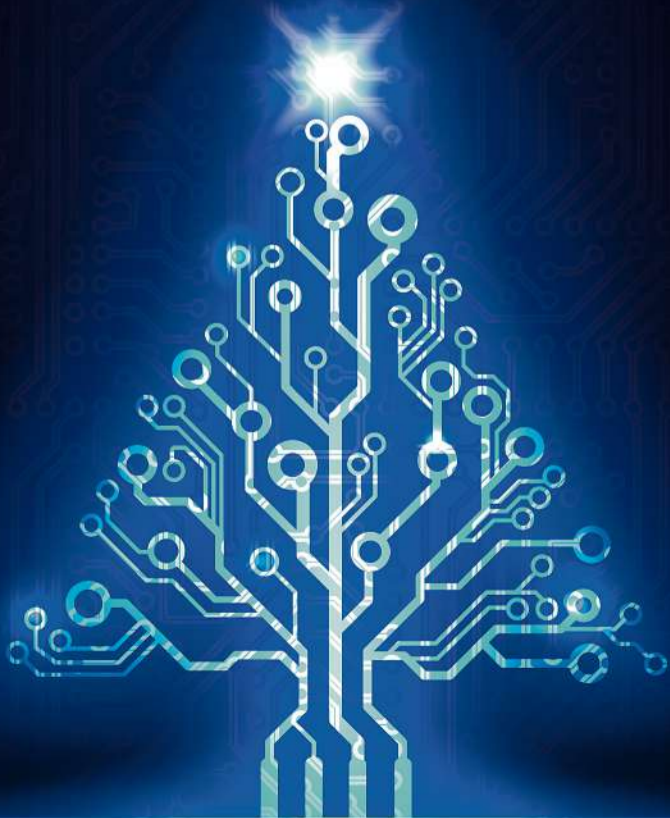
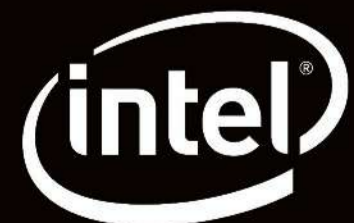
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NEWS

Two Kildare names on latest tax defaulters list

Company director in €113,469.85 settlement

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There are two Kildare entries on the latest tax defaulter's list as having made settlements with Revenue. The details relate to the third quarter of the year.

Daniel Curtis of Churchtown, Athy, listed as being a company director, has paid €113,469.85, which is made up of €69,503.09 in tax, €23,115 in interest and €20,850 in penalties.

Kilcloon Catering Company of Unit 4, Glenroyal Business Centre, Maynooth, a franchised sandwich bar operator, has made a €72,804

settlement with Revenue. That consists of €46,827 in tax, €11,929 in interest and €14,048 in penalties.

Two Kildare people were fined for failing to lodge income tax returns. Matthew Bracken of 157, Elton Court, Leixlip, whose occupation is listed as joinery installation who was fined €4,000.

And John Shaughnessy of 71, Jigginstown Park, Naas, an electrician, who was fined €5,000. Finally, LDYK Trading Ltd, a retailer of Quick Pick, Main Street, Robertstown was fined €632.50 for failing to hold a current liquor license.



Pictures of the dumping in Athy



Illegal dumping of household items in Athy canal

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Local residents were disgusted to wake up to discover that 11 black bags filled with rubbish had been illegally dumped in the Royal Canal in Athy in recent days. It is understood that the bags

containing letters, packaging wrappers, cans, and other household waste were illegally dumped on the banks of the canal.

A disgusted resident in the Athy area told the Kildare Post: "I found 11 bags rubbish in the Canal in Athy with letters and package from

delivery all with the same name and address.

"The dumping situation in the canal is getting worse, it's been building for quite some time and something really needs to be done about it."

Local authority litter wardens and the Gardaí can issue on-the-spot fines of

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Pictures of missing Kildare man Trevor Deely to appear on backpacks

National Missing Persons Day

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Delivery riders Deliveroo has partnered with the National Missing Persons Helpline in a bid to raise awareness of missing people in Ireland. The partnership, launched last Wednesday, National Missing Persons Day, will initially feature images of four missing people on Deliveroo riders' food bags to raise awareness of these specific cases.

These missing persons include Trevor Deely, from Naas who was last seen on Baggot Street in Dublin city before he disappeared at the age of 22 in December 2000. He will be missing 19 years on December 8, 2019.

Trevor's sister Pamela told the Kildare Post last year that the family still needs help in finding out what happened to Trevor. "We still need the people of Naas, Kildare and beyond to know that we will never give up looking and trying to find Trevor."

"We have had no new leads since August 2017 and his case is still open. We will follow up on any lead or any clue given."

The Bring Them Home campaign



Missing: Trevor Deely

will see a total of 100 Deliveroo riders carrying mobile billboards with images of missing people and the helpline contact details on their backpacks during the month of December.

According to the National Missing Persons Helpline, the average number of missing persons reports received each year is 8,700, with over 90 people still missing at the end of each year.

Eithne's 100th birthday

Eithne Daly from Ballymore Eustace will celebrate her 100th birthday this week. She is one busy lady, still lives independently, minding her flock of hens, and still keeps up to date with local news and GAA events.

Eithne, recognised at LIFE BME People of the Year Awards a few years back, will be celebrating her milestone event on December 5, surrounded by generations of her family, some of whom will be travelling home from abroad.

On Saturday, December 7, friends in the community have organised a get together at the Resource Centre, Ballymore Eustace from 2-4pm on Saturday next. Local hairdresser Liz Deegan, photographed here with Eithne, has kindly dressed the hall to create a backdrop for photographs on Saturday.

"This is an opportunity for members of the community to drop in, wish Eithne well, and enjoy a cuppa" said one of the organisers. "We are extending an open invitation



to all members of the parish and beyond to join us in celebrating Mrs Daly's birthday on Saturday. There might even be a bit of live trad music!"



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Croí Laighean CU announce sponsorship of CLG Cill Dara

CU to support all Bord Na nÓg competitions 2020 – 2022

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Kildare GAA and Croí Laighean Credit Union are delighted to announce sponsorship of CLG Cill Dara's Bord Na nÓg competitions. This sponsorship agreement will see Croí Laighean Credit Union become the main sponsor of Kildare GAA Bord Na nÓg competitions from January 2020 until December 2022.

Croí Laighean CU has over 38,000 members in the Common Bond, which stretches from Rhode, Co Offaly in the west to Leixlip, Co Kildare in the east.

Speaking at the launch of the sponsorship agreement, Paul Kennedy, CEO of Croí Laighean CU said: "We are thrilled to announce this three-year sponsorship deal with Kildare GAA. It is at the heart



Paul Kennedy, CEO Croí Laighean Credit Union with Ger Donnelly, Chairman Kildare County Board at the announcement of a new sponsorship deal for Bord na nÓg on Thursday, 5 December

of what we believe in, encouraging children to get involved in sports at an early age. This sponsorship will strengthen the Croí Laighean Credit Union community involvement, which has been very active in 2019. As our campaign slogan says, Strong Roots not just branches".

Welcoming this sponsorship deal, Ger Donnelly, Chairman of Kildare County Board, said: "Having Croí Laighean Credit Union on board emphasised Kildare GAA's attractiveness as a sponsor to our local business community and we look forward to working with Croí Laighean Credit

Union over the next number of years.

"Having such a progressive local financial institution sponsoring Kildare GAA's Bord Na nÓg competitions reflects our ambition as a GAA county moving forward as we continue to develop our games".

Light up Sallins

Sallins Business Association (SBA) will host a Santa Parade next weekend, along with lighting up the village. The SBA, however, are calling on your support to fund the new festive lighting for all the village.

"We need a total of €10,000," said Brian Naughton, Chair Sallins SBA. "Hence, a GoFundMe page has been set up. Many residents and traders have already donated and thank you all for that. If you can support, please donate on this page to help us raise the surplus needed to make this happen. If we can hit our target, we can finally light Sallins up, not just this Christmas, but for Christmases to come!"

To further support the 'Light up Sallins' campaign, the SBA are hosting a mega raffle fundraiser. Here you could win some huge cash prizes — €1,000, €750, €500 or vouchers from local businesses in Sallins varying from €150 to €250!

Tickets at €5 each and currently on sale at Marron's Pharmacy, Nolan's Butchers, Lock 13, the Bridgewater, the Railway Inn and Mangan's Pharmacy.

Lights will be switched on Saturday 7 at 5pm; on Sunday, Santa's parade will start from the Bridgewater Inn at 1.30pm to arrive at Waterways Shopping Centre, Sallins for 2pm with festivities planned for the afternoon.



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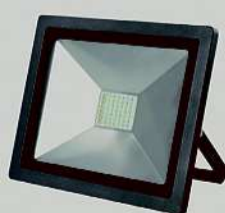

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CRIMEBRIEFS

€20,000 worth of goods stolen from Boots in Maynooth

Kildare gardai are appealing for information after €20,000 worth of goods was stolen from a business in Maynooth at 4am yesterday morning, Wednesday, December 4.

According to gardai, two hooded men, dressed in black and wearing gloves, cut the security wire at the back of the Carton Shopping Centre and gained access to Boots. They managed to steal thousands of euro worth of high end fragrances within ten minutes of gaining entry to the premises. Contact Maynooth Gardai with any information on 01 629 2380.

Burglary at Naas house

A number of items were stolen during a burglary at a Naas home. A house at Chestnut Hill, Blessington Road, was broken into on November 23. It happened between 7.25pm and 8.20pm while the occupant was out. A front window at the premises was damaged and the house was ransacked, although a list of stolen items was not immediately available.

Intoxicated 18 year old arrested

An intoxicated teenager was detained by gardai in Naas last weekend. The 18 year old was found making a nuisance of himself at South Main Street at 12.55am on November 23. Gardai say the youth, from Prosperous, became aggressive and abusive and was arrested on two allegations of breaching the Public Order Act.

Attempted break in

A considerable amount of damage was accrued at a house in Naas as an attempted break-in. The house in the Monread area was targeted on November 21. Naas gardai believe the incident happened at Morell Lawns between 7am and 5.28pm. An attempt had been made to gain address through the front door and a significant amount of damage was caused to the door and a window at the house.

Packages robbed from courier van

Two packages have been robbed from a courier van in Naas. The incident took place on November 21 at around 11.30am. A courier was making a delivery in the town and had parked at John's Lane. On returning he noticed the door was slightly ajar but only discovered that the items were missing from the vehicle when he made a subsequent stop. It is not known what the packages contained.

House ransacked during burglary

A house at Aylmer Park, Naas, was ransacked during a burglary. It took place on November 26 between 6.45pm and 10.30pm. Two bedrooms and a study room were worst hit during the incident.

Some vintage coins, a jacket and a quantity of jewellery were stolen.

Six garda vehicles chase car on wrong side of M7

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Six garda vehicles were deployed in a pursuit after a man drove at speed on the wrong side of the motorway near Naas early on Monday last, December 2. The incident began at Junction 14 (Mayfield, Monasterevin) when motorists reported that the car was being driven in the Dublin direction against traffic headed south, at 12.50am.

Gardai followed the car, a black coloured Opel Astra, and when it became clear that the incident couldn't be attributed to accidental driving, it was decided to set up a "strategic and controlled stop."

Gardai attached to the roads policing unit along with colleagues based in the Newbridge and Naas stations took part in the operation, which lasted about 15 minutes. Gardai sought to divert traffic off the southbound route near Naas and set up a controlled stop near Ladytown, Naas, by placing patrol cars in an arrowhead formation on the motorway.

However, when the driver



realised this, he performed a u-turn and headed back towards Junction 14 (this time driving in the correct direction). The car was eventually stopped at Ladytown at 1.05am, the man was detained at the scene and taken to Naas garda station.

A 39-year-old man later appeared at Naas District Court on Monday 2 on allegations of dangerous driving and driving with

excess alcohol.

"This was a delicate operation to stop someone who was travelling at high speed and without causing a collision.

"It was feared that he wouldn't stop and would continue driving against traffic but when he saw that he was boxed off ahead, he did a u-turn and was stopped soon after," a garda spokesman said.

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NEWS



TV star Vogue Williams with Sarah Daly and Katie Ryan, pictured at the recent switching on of the Kildare Village Enchanted Lights festive display, which runs until the end of January.
PICTURE: AISHLING CONWAY

KCC refuse planning permission for tenant at Kildare Village

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Kildare County Council has refused permission for an anchor tenant unit at Kildare Village to replace a pedestrian link way to the town, which could now impact the proposed multi-million phase three extension.

The proposed amendment consisted of an additional unit (Unit 104) for an anchor tenant and involved an overall increase of 638 square metres in gross floor area for a site between the shopping complex and St Brigid's Primary School. An Bord Pleanala, however, asked Value Retail to use the space for the unit to create a substantial pedestrian link to Kildare town.

Equally in their report, the Council's planners said the latest proposal to include the anchor tenant would be 'contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.'

Last year, Kildare Village

was granted planning permission for the €50m extension comprising 29 new shops, two new restaurants and 460 new car parking spaces as well as new ATM facilities. This brought the total number of outlets in the designer village to 120.

Last month, the company behind Kildare Village indicated that the project will not be commercially viable, unless it is given permission to build the anchor store at unit 104.

They stated in their revised design concept that the omission of the unit would not only lessen the footfall along this street, but also lessen the footfall that would continue to Academy St and Market Square in Kildare town.

They also stated that without the anchor tenant in place, the street will be long and linear with no reward at the end — adding it would "feel too long to walk" and deter the shopper.

"It would be uninviting for people as there is no draw to

encourage people to walk down this route," it states. They are also concerned about the possibility of wind tunnel consequences and an unpleasant environment exposed to inclement weather conditions.

However Kildare planners in their recommendation report published last week stated that the proposed development without the inclusion of the link road would go against the Local Area Plan and An Bord Pleanala's decision, which requires the omission of unit 104 to provide for a 'future permanent link between the village and Academy Street in Kildare town.

It also states that it 'fails to provide for significantly enhanced high quality linkages between the outlet village and the historic town centre as required by the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023'.

Value Retail Dublin can appeal the decision to An Bord Pleanala.

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ENTERTAINMENT

K Leisure show outstanding class at national leisure awards!

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Kildare based K Leisure Group showed their outstanding class last month at the annual National Quality Standard Awards (NQSA) which were hosted this year at Johnstown Estate in Co Meath. The Kildare based leisure group scooped the top awards for their sites in Naas, Athy and Newbridge achieving the Outstanding accolade in the Fitness and Leisure Category Awards.

Ireland Active, the representative body for the Leisure, Health & Fitness Industry assess the various competitors among the top leisure, fitness and hotel facilities across the country.

A NQSA award is the most sought-after and respected accolade in the industry, and is awarded to facilities that meet the operational standards for leisure and fitness facilities across 250 quality-based criteria. The standard is designed to encourage continuous improvement within the sector and recognises facilities for their remarkable standards in the areas of safety, hygiene, customer service and human resources. The NQSA are the only industry specific award for the leisure, health and fitness sector in Ireland.

K Leisure Group Operations Manager Noel Murphy said he was honoured to accept the prestigious awards on behalf of his hard-working staff.

He commented: "At K Leisure, we pride ourselves on operating high-quality leisure

and fitness facilities for our customers. Our staff work very hard to ensure that we are the No 1 leisure and fitness group in Co Kildare.

"K Leisure is a major player in the leisure and fitness industry in Co Kildare which employs local people and helps boost the local economy."

Kildare Sports and Leisure Facilities Ltd operates three facilities: K Leisure Athy, K Leisure Naas and K Leisure Newbridge, with one membership covering all 3 sites.

The Athy and Naas sites offer swimming pools, fitness classes, state of the art gyms, sauna and steam rooms. Newbridge is a dry site with every other training leisure facility you could hope for including an indoor hall, Astro pitches and a coffee dock.

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Damien English TD, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, who is a keen marathon runner, opened the awards with the following remarks

'As people across the country make the decision to get more active, keep fit and lead healthier lives it is encouraging to see the sector respond by continuing to improve the standard of facilities on offer.

"I am delighted to be associated with Ireland Active in recognising and rewarding their members for their efforts in having the best leisure and fitness facilities for people to enjoy".

For more information on K Leisure Sports and Leisure, see www.kildareleisure.ie



Trisha Mannion and Maureen Beirne pictured at the switching on of the Clane Christmas lights on Saturday evening, November 30

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCHED ON IN CLANE

Pictures: Tony Keane



LEFT: Ella, Cllr. Aidan, and Killian Farrelly



RIGHT: Edel and Des Marron



Sue Kerrigan and Deirdre O'Neill



Colette and Saorlaith O'Byrne



Accepting their NQS Awards: Helena Vaz (K Leisure Naas), Avril Moran (K Leisure Naas), Susan Grady (K Leisure), Linda Maguire (K Leisure Newbridge), Damien English TD, (Minister for Housing and Urban Development), Cathal Rowan (K Leisure Athy), Joe Cosgrove (President - Ireland Active), Brian Grady (K Leisure Naas), Maura Noone (K Leisure Newbridge) Liz Gray (K Leisure Athy)

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Leon Kane, St Corban's Boys NS, Naas, 2nd prize winner 11 - 13 years, Special Category



Julia Sirbu, St Laurences NS, Crookstown, 2nd prize, 8 - 10 years category



Andrew Senior, St Paul's NS, Mountmellick, 2nd prize, 7 years and under section



Aoileann Harding, St. John's NS, Monasterevin, 3rd prize, 7 years and under section



Matthew Carthy, St Mary's Boys NS, Maynooth, 1st prize, 7 years and under



Ashling Moraes, S. Paul's, Monasterevin, 3rd prize, 14 - 17 years category



Sophie Doran, Derrylamogue NS, Rosenallis, 3rd prize, Special Category



Ellen Malone, St Paul's, Monasterevin, 3rd prize, 18 years plus category



Mairéad O'Reilly, Bunscoil Bhríde, Rathangan, Highly Commended prize, 7 years and under category

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CHAPTER 7 LEAGUE, CREDIT UNION ART AWARDS 2019

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181	BMW	520D M SPORT	€190	2.0D	M SPORT, 18" ALLOYS, PRIVACY GLASS, SAT NAV, HEATED BLACK LEATHER, PDC	AUTO	WHITE	15,000	€37,950	€142
181	BMW	116 D	€200	1.5D	SE, AUTOMATIC, HEATED LEATHER SEATS, SAT NAV, ALLOYS, PARKING SENSORS	AUTO	COPPER	21,000	€25,950	€96
181	AUDI	A6 BLACK EDITION	€190	2.0D	2.0 TDI BLACK EDITION, REVERSING CAMERA, SUNROOF, 20" ALLOYS, HEADS UP DISPLAY, HEATED SEATS	AUTO	WHITE	18,000	€37,950	€142
171	SKODA	OCTAVIA	€180	1.6D	AMBITION 1.6 TDI 90HP 4 4DR	MANUAL	BLUE	68,000	€14,950	€55
171	MAZDA	3	€180	1.5D	1.5 D 105PS EXECUTIVE SE 4DR	MANUAL	GREY	26,000	€17,950	€67
171	SKODA	SUPERB	€190	1.6D	STYLE 1.6 TDI 120BHP, HEATED BLACK LEATHER SEATS, SAT NAV, REVERSING CAMERA, XENON LIGHTS	MANUAL	BROWN	32,000	€21,950	€82
171	AUDI	A6 S LINE S TRONIC	€200	2.0D	S-LINE, 18" ALLOYS, FOLDING MIRRORS, SAT NAV, MEMORY SEATS, PRIVACY GLASS	AUTO	SILVER	29,000	€31,950	€119
171	BMW	520	€190	2.0D	520 D G30 SE 4DR AUTO, UPGRADED 18" ALLOYS, BEIGE LEATHER, SAT NAV, REVERSING CAMERA	AUTO	BLACK	33,000	€33,950	€126
171	SEAT	LEON	€200	2.0D	2.0 TDI 150HP FR 5DR	MANUAL	RED	43,000	€17,950	€67
171	MAZDA	6	€270	2.2D	2.2 D 4DR 150PS EXECUTIVE SE AUTO	AUTO	GREY	41,000	€20,950	€78
162	MERCEDES-BENZ	A-CLASS	€200	1.5D	180 D AMG LINE 5DR AU AUTO	AUTO	GREY	31,000	€23,950	€89
162	AUDI	A6 BLACK EDITION	€200	2.0D	2.0 TDI 190 BLACK EDITION S-TRONIC, SUNROOF, HEADS UP DISPLAY, 20" ALLOYS, REVERSING CAMERA	AUTO	BLACK	32,000	€29,950	€111
162	AUDI	A5 SPORTBACK	€200	2.0D	SPORTBACK 2.0 TDI 150 SE 4DR	MANUAL	BLACK	28,000	€24,950	€93
162	RENAULT	MEGANE	€180	1.5D	DYNAMIQUE NAV DCI 110, NEW MODEL	MANUAL	BLACK	51,000	€13,950	€52
162	FORD	FOCUS	€180	1.5D	STYLE 1.5 TD 95PS 6 SPEED 4	MANUAL	GREY	21,000	€15,450	€57
162	VW	TIGUAN	€270	2.0D	HIGHLINE 2.0 TDI 150HP R-LINE	MANUAL	BLUE	39,000	€25,950	€96
162	AUDI	A3 SAL	€190	1.6D	SAL 1.6 TDI 110 SE, HALF LEATHER, PARKING SENSORS	MANUAL	GREY	39,000	€19,950	€74
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161	AUDI	A6	€190	2.0D	2.0 TDI S LINE S-TRONIC AUTO ONLY 53,000 KMS	AUTO	BLUE	32,000	€26,950	€100
161	BMW	3 SERIES	€190	2.0D	316 316D SE ZLBF 4DR AUTO	AUTO	BROWN	25,000	€21,950	€82
161	OPEL	ASTRA	€180	1.6D	EXCITE 1.6 CDTI 110PS ECO 5DR	MANUAL	SILVER	53,000	€11,950	€44
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161	MAZDA	6	€190	2.2D	2.2 D 4DR 150PS EXECUTIVE SE IPM 4	MANUAL	BROWN	60,000	€16,950	€67
161	VW	GOLF	€180	1.6D	COMFORTLINE, 110HP, PARKING SENSORS, BLUETOOTH, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL	MANUAL	SILVER	25,000	€16,950	€67
151	RENAULT	FLUENCE	€200	1.5 DCI	LIMITED EDITION, SUNROOF, ALLOYS, PARKING SENSOR, BLUETOOTH	MANUAL	BLACK	53,000	€10,950	€44
151	SKODA	OCTAVIA	€190	1.6D	ACTIVE 1.6 TDI 90HP 4DR	MANUAL	BROWN	62,000	€10,950	€41
151	MINI	ONE	€180	1.5D	5 DR, MINI ONE, BLUETOOTH, ALLOYS	MANUAL	BLUE	48,000	€13,950	€52
142	AUDI	A6 BLACK EDITION	€270	2.0D	2.0 TDI 177 BLACK EDITION, HALF LEATHER, 20" ALLOYS	MANUAL	WHITE	64,000	€19,950	€74
142	AUDI	A5 SPORTBACK	€200	2.0D	SPORTBACK 2.0 TDI 177 S LINE	MANUAL	SILVER	60,000	€19,950	€82
141	MERCEDES-BENZ	B 180 CDI	€200	1.8D	CREAM LEATHER, ALLOYS, AIR CON, BLUETOOTH	MANUAL	BEIGE	38,000	€15,950	€63
141	VOLVO	S60	€190	1.6D	D2 R-DESIGN 4DR	MANUAL	RED	61,000	€15,950	€59
141	VW	PASSAT CC	€200	2.0D	XEONS, PARKING SENSORS, HALF LEATHER SEUDE, SPORTS SEATS, ALLOYS	MANUAL	BROWN	51,000	SOLD	€63
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161	KIA	SPORTAGE	€200	1.7D	EXS, GLASS ROOF, HALF LEATHER, REVERSING CAMERA	MANUAL	SILVER	27,000	€19,950	€74
161	NISSAN	QASHQAI	€180	1.5D	1.5 SV MY16 E6 4DR, GLASS ROOF, BLUETOOTH, ALLOYS	MANUAL	WHITE	48,000	€17,950	€67
161	KIA	SPORTAGE	€200	1.7D	LX, 17" ALLOYS, PARKING SENSORS	MANUAL	GOLD	33,000	€18,950	€74
151	DACIA	DUSTER	€270	1.5D	SIGNATURE 1.5 DCI 110 4X	MANUAL	BLACK	43,000	€11,500	€42
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181	OPEL	CROSSLAND X	€200	1.2	SC 1.2i 82PS 5DR	MANUAL	GREY	7,000	€16,950	€67
181	NISSAN	QASHQAI	€270	1.2	1.2 SV, GLASS ROOF, SAT NAV, REVERSING CAMERA, ALLOYS	MANUAL	BRONZE	36,000	€20,950	€78
181	FORD	FOCUS ST-LINE	€190	1	ST-LINE 1.0 ECOBOOST 125PS 6 SPEED	MANUAL	RED	24,000	€20,950	€78
171	NISSAN	JUKE	€270	1.2	1.2 SV PREMIUM 4DR	MANUAL	WHITE	15,000	€15,950	€59
171	VW	PASSAT HIGH LINE	€200	1.4	HIGHLINE 1.4 TSI 150 BHP VIRTUAL COCKPIT, HEATED LEATHER SEATS, PRIVACY GLASS, IRISH CAR	MANUAL	SILVER	55,000	€22,950	€85
162	NISSAN	NOTE	€190	1.2	1.2 SV, ALLOYS, CRUISE CONTROL, BLUETOOTH	MANUAL	RED	6,000	€11,950	€48
141	RENAULT	CLIO	€270	1.2	DYNAMIQUE, AIR CON, ALLOYS, LOW KMS	MANUAL	BLACK	31,000	€8,450	€31
152	NISSAN	NOTE	€180	1.2	1.2 SV E6 4DR	MANUAL	SILVER	28,000	€10,950	€41
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NEWS

Fond farewell for teaching trio

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Kildare Town Community School said a fond farewell to three influential figures who all had a joint retirement party in the Osprey Hotel in Naas on Friday, November 22 last.

Pat Flynn, Principal of Kildare Town Community School, shared his farewell night with Brid Ward and Sean Breen.

Pat, originally a principal of Tullow Community School, in 2010 accepted the daunting job of amalgamating the three schools in Kildare Town including the Presentation Secondary School.

"The De La Salle and the Vocational School merged into what is now Kildare Town Community School," said Jenny O'Halloran, Deputy Principal.

"Pat's Vision is still evident in the school today championed by the inclusive community he has created."

She added that during his time as Principal, he developed a state of the art ASD centre, an integrated LCA programme, and put teaching and learning at the centre of everything we do as a school.

He grew the school from 560 students in 2011 to almost full capacity of 940 today. Meanwhile Sean Breen began his career in The Vocational School Kildare



Kildare Town Community School retirees 2019, Pat Flynn, Principal, and teachers, Brid Ward, and Sean Breen, pictured at their retirements party, Osprey hotel, Naas, Friday, November, 22. Photo Tony Keane.

in 1979 and joined the staff of KTCS in 2011.

"As LCA coordinator he was instrumental in so many success stories, ensuring many students stayed in school and fulfilled their potential," she said. Brid Ward has worked in Kildare

since 1986.

"As a talented and dedicated home economics teacher, she has inspired and guided many students into successful culinary careers.

"All at KTCS wish all three retirees well in the future."

Tenders for conversion of Naas Town Hall due in January

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The deadline for tenders for the conversion of Naas Town Hall to become Naas Library and Culture Centre are due on January 17, with works to begin in the New Year. According to Kildare County Council, the Tender Documents for Naas Library and Cultural Centre were sent to the shortlisted contractors on Friday 22 November via the eTender portal.

"The tender competition has a closing date of 12pm Friday, January 17, 2020. The project has a timeline of 16 months from the beginning of construction," said a spokesperson for the council.

Labour's Emmet Stagg has welcomed progress with the tender invitation for the conversion works required to Naas Town Hall which will become Naas Library and Cultural Centre.

The estimated cost of the overall works, stated Mr Stagg, is €5.9m and Kildare Co

Council have been awarded a grant of €1.5m in 2019 under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund towards the works.

Mr Stagg stated that the aim of the project is to provide a State of the Art Library facility for the Community of Naas and surrounding areas.

"The project when finished will deliver a cultural, artistic and community hub which will greatly enhance library facilities offered in the Naas Area.

"It will deliver an iconic library, cultural and public space in the heart of the Historic Town of Naas," he said.

The multi-functional facility will include outdoor civic and cultural space, complimented by an indoor space to include meeting rooms for large and small gatherings, exhibition areas, lecture and workshop spaces, hot-desk facilities, printing, research supports and gallery space.

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NEWS

County Kildare goes all purple for Day of Disabled Persons

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The colour purple is more than just a successful movie. It's been adopted as the hue of disability and several well known local structures, the Church of Our Lady and St David, Enable Ireland Kildare Centre and the "Big Ball", on the outskirts of Naas are among the monuments illuminated in the colour to mark International Day of Disabled Persons, which has been promoted by the United Nations since 1992.

Also lit up in purple were Naas Town Hall, Newbridge Town Hall and the spire at Maynooth University. International Day falls on December 3 annually and there was an interesting gathering of voluntary groups and public bodies with an interest in disability at Áras Chill Dara yesterday.

It was themed "the future is accessible" and KCC's access officer Brendan

Hurley said it means that "we must all together look towards a future where the barriers which stand in people's way no longer exists."

He added: "We envisage a future where people can access a building without using stairs, where a person can access a ramp to the beach or can access a main stream classroom or can get a job without fear of discrimination."

Among the more compelling items of interest at the Kildare County Council offices was a sensory tunnel which was set up by Irish Guide Dogs charity to give users a unique sense of what is like to be visually impaired. Users are invited to walk through the inflated structure blindfolded with street noises and loud traffic played over speakers. Surfaces such as a brick wall, wooden fence, netting, grass and fur which allows users to feel their way through a five

metres long structure with panels and bumps on a floor - similar to what you'd expect to experience if you are visually impaired.

Those exiting the tunnel were asked to describe how it felt to experience life with visual impairment.

Aslam, the national autism advocacy group, set up an experience exhibition which allows people to step into the shoes of the autism community — by giving people a practical experience of what life is with autism is really like.

The hope is that those who engage with the exhibition will see autism differently and "so be able to empathise more with those with the condition".

Access Earth is a Maynooth-based digital platform which provides users with information about the accessibility of hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions the world over based on ratings given by



Members of the Mens Shed who performed on the day - Joe Carroll, Jim Eyre, Gerry McFadden and Brian Feeney

other users with disabilities. It was set up by Celbridge man Matt McCann and has 5,000 users.

Other organisations taking part in the KCC event were Arthritis Ireland, the Irish Heart Foundation,

KARE and National Council for the Blind Ireland.

"Disabled people are not different and we want to be treated as equal. There are many hidden disabilities. It's not necessarily about something that's visible like a

wheelchair or a walking cane. It could be someone with a heart ailment or mental health issues," said Majella O'Keefe of the Naas Access and Disability Group, which lobbies for facilities for disabled people.

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Phil Geoghegan and Pam Hackett Elaine McHale, Vincent Kelly and Ina McCarthy of Naas Access & Disability Group



Sheila Travers (Leixlip Library) and Mary Kearney (Newbridge Library)



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Marinated Thyme Chicken - With a medley of vegetables, Creamed Potato & mushroom Sauce

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NEWS

Footballer Philly speaks tells brother's tragic drugs story

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Dublin footballer Philly McMahon spoke persuasively at last Monday evening's meeting of the Kildare County Joint Policing Committee (JPC) about the need for society to take a much different approach to drug addiction. McMahon wasn't there to discuss Jim Gannon's exit as manager from the Dublin team, but to tell the story of his older brother John.

The McMahons grew up in Ballymun "which was created when Dublin corporation decided to move 20,000 people from the inner city out to an area between the inner city and the airport". They grew up in Silogue, Ballymun, which was next to Glasnevin, but the two areas were clearly separated by a wall.

"So just think of that for a second. You know, where would you see a wall dividing communities. Most recently

it's Donald Trump talking about the Mexicans and we've seen it up the north with the religious divide. But Ballymun had a wall that divided the social classes."

He told the story of his older brother John who started mitching and getting involved in anti-social behaviour. In the early 1980s, McMahon claimed the drug dealers in Dublin spotted they had "20,000 people in a condensed area".

At the age of 14, his brother started going through the cycle of cannabis, ecstasy, acid and cocaine wasn't a big back there. The cohort of boys he hung out with at the time ended up being heroin addicts and a lot of them ended up in prison. John went through a lot of pain, from becoming a heroin addict, to losing his job, being kicked out of his family home, getting clean in London and coming back again. He also spent time in St Patrick's Institution in Mountjoy.

Eventually John hit rock bottom, "which is the magic potion to actually get off drugs," Philly explained. "Unfortunately rock bottom is actually close to death."

John was five days away from going to rehabilitation when he died of heart failure. McMahon learned from his older brother's mistakes and decided he would challenge the standards of his culture.

"So what are those standards? Well if you grow up in Ballymun, the majority of people will think that you have to drink, take drugs, commit crime, don't go on to further education after school."

More importantly, the pain and suffering he saw his older brother go through helped him develop a purpose in life, to help addicts and to set up a charity called Half Time Talk in his brother's name.

"A halftime talk is a sort of significant event that

happens in your life that changes the standards of how you live. It can be a bereavement like me, it can be mental health, it can be addiction, a divorce or a mid-life crisis. But you understand life a little bit better than you used to. Ultimately, we don't know when our time is up. There's nobody in this room knows. All it takes is for one person to believe in a young person, and they get a huge impact on society."

Mr McMahon also spoke of the wider societal responsibilities around drug use.

"When we see somebody on the street, who is homeless, who is a drug addict — we have created that."

He saw a clear and distinct link between inequality and mental health issues, and drug addiction. Studies show that one in five will experiment with drugs and alcohol and 10% will become addicts. At least 10% of those will struggle with mental health, he claimed and to overcome the pain and suffering they will take drugs. When they become addicts, society will push them away.

"And we're leaving these people on the streets. That's somebody's brother, somebody's sister, somebody's daughter, somebody's son. Unless it's directly in our home we just don't care."

"So with that in mind, my brother had 31 minutes in his game, and then he was taken off, didn't get a second chance." He hoped that everybody in the room could bring a little more empathy towards people who are struggling with addiction.

McMahon stated he



Peter Carey CE of Kildare County Council welcomes Dublin senior footballer, Philly McMahon



Philly McMahon addresses the crowd at the addiction awareness meeting hosted in Newbridge Town Hall on Monday last

favoured the model adopted in Portugal where drugs are decriminalised and the money previously used to prosecute drug addicts is diverted into the health service to help them - and in catching drug dealers.

"The key to it, is people, and bringing them closer together."

He also outlined how the

economics of our current approach to drugs addicts makes no sense.

It costs hundreds of thousands of euro to keep people in prison, whether as juveniles or as adults, whereas, he said, an early intervention in their lives to help them overcome drug addiction could cost just €50,000.

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Santa and snow at Lullymore!

Experience the magical Winter Wonderland of Lullymore Park.

Santa arrived in Lullymore on Saturday last, November 30, and will be there until he departs for the North Pole on Monday, December 23. Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park presents its 14th traditional annual Lullymore Christmas event – and with it, Christmas magic and snow!

It's a truly traditional and magical experience for both young and old as the park is transformed into a Winter Wonderland of family fun with some very special guests to entertain you along the way.

YOUR 2019 CHRISTMAS VISIT WILL INCLUDE:

A memorable visit to Santa and a gift from the busy elves in their workshop. The Funky Forest Indoor Centre becomes a Winter Wonderland and don't forget to have fun with the elves when you visit here!

A Festive Train trip – the Lullymore Christmas Express will take you on a magical illuminated

trip through ancient woodlands. See Christmas holograms in an old-style thatched cottage, a Crib scene in the Early Christian Centre and the illuminated walkway to the Fairy Bower.

Animals such as donkeys, goats and miniature horses will be in paddocks beside Indoor Centre.

Welcome Santa and his merry friends as they arrive on the Lullymore Christmas Express Road Train at 10am weekends and 2pm Wednesday to Friday.

Bring some real festive magic to your Christmas with a visit to Lullymore this year!

SOME HELPFUL ADVICE:

Visit our website www.lullymoreheritagepark.com/lullymore-christmas for full details about the Park at Christmas

Admission: €20 per child (includes gift) / €10 per adult or teen/ €12 per baby under two years (includes gift). No booking required for family visits.

Open at weekends: 10am – 6pm; Fridays; 2pm – 6pm. Late openings on Wednesdays and Thursdays,

2pm – 8.30pm December 4 and 5 / Dec 11 and 12 / Dec 18 and 19.

PARK & EVENT – CLOSED MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

Half price adult admission (€5) per child ticket on weekdays (Wednesday to Friday) during Christmas event, including late openings. Maximum stay 1.5 to 2 hours.

Photos not supplied - visitors welcome to bring their own cameras.

Last admission 1.5 hours before closing (4.30pm daily or 7pm for late openings).

Santa will depart to the North Pole on Monday, December 23, at 6pm (Closed Christmas Eve).

Peak times: last two weekends of event (Some queuing should be expected).

Off Peak: Midweek and late evenings as above.

The outdoor play area and adventure golf are closed during Christmas event for health and safety reasons.

The park will be closed to the public from December 24 2019 to January 24 2020 – and reopens Saturday, January 25, 2020.



Jessie and Cara Kelly with Mrs Claus PIC: AISHLING CONWAY

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Dearbhail, Edwin, Sienna, Harry and Noah Mullen with Santa Claus



Michael, Donna, Michael and John Wall in Santa suits!

SANTA AND SNOW AT LULLYMORE HERITAGE & DISCOVERY PARK

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Colette Coyle and Carly Clarke with Santa Claus



Tadhg Gorman and Cian Agar



Santa Claus with Mark Higgins, James Sharkey, Jack Kiernan, Cillian Perry and Alex Ferns



Isobel Dowd and Therese Coyle with Santa Claus



All aboard the Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park Train



Carla, Cillian and Eugene Dempsey with Santa



Amy McKeon and Sarah Bracken with Santa

STYLE FILE



Fashion blogger Rebecca Rose Quigley, Sheila Whelan of Whitewater Shopping Centre/show organiser and celebrity fashion stylist, Marietta Doran

FASHION LEADERS HOST DAZZLING STYLE SHOW AT WHITEWATER SHOPPING CENTRE

Pictures: BEN KELLY



Congratulations to the Whitewater Security team who won the 2019 Irish Security Industry Association Client Service Award



Levi and Sophia Murray from Newbridge with Marietta Doran



Models Corrina, Alex, Charlotte and Abby



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Model Abby showcasing at the Whitewater Fashion Show

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STYLE FILE



Celebration bubbly at last week's WoW Whitewater Fashion Show with Anjali Miles, Sheila Whelan and Maja Grocholewska



Brian, Olivia, Tagdh and Sheena from Newbridge



Brooke and Jessica Cox Noonan from Carbury

FESTIVE FASHION SHOW AT WHITEWATER SHOPPING CENTRE

Pictures: BEN KELLY



LEFT: Emily and Faye O'Neill



RIGHT: Amy from Artistic Entertainment

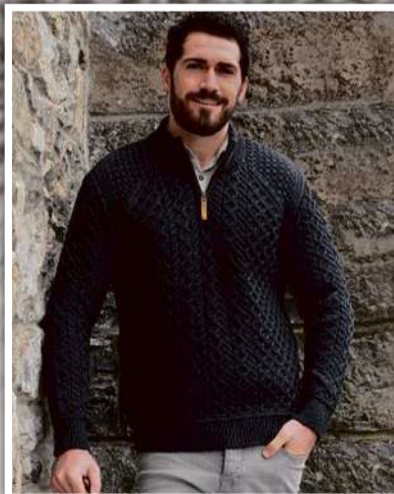


Fashion stylists Marietta Doran and Rebecca Rose Quigley

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FASHION FIX

Marietta and Rebecca Rose nail fashion advice at Whitewater festive fashion show!



Model Alex wears Replay denim shirt ,Chinos, Belt



Model Abby wears a Zara green slip dress and belt with gold heels



Model Charlotte wearing a divine ensemble from Maybel Lady Plus, ideal for a festive event or a day's racing!



Model Abby in Zara green slip dress and belt and gold heels as left



FASHION FIX



Model Abby wears Stradivarius Cream polo with Stradivarius pleated skirt, New look cream faux fur and Stradivarius Beret



Model Corrina wearing River Island One shoulder top, River island wet look jeans, Dune court silver heels and Debenhams navy faux fur



Model Alex wears 6TH Sense blazer with a 6th sense jumper and shirt



Model Corrina wearing Debenhams red Phase eight jumpsuit
PICS: Ben Kelly

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ENTERTAINMENT

Bagatelle celebrate 40 years live in Naas tonight!

Bagatelle celebrate a phenomenal 40 years of original music, live at the Osprey Hotel, Naas, tonight, Thursday, December 5.

Bagatelle began their musical career back in 1978 and since then have remained ever popular on the Irish music circuit. Over the course of their forty years, they've had several No1 hit singles with iconic songs such as Summer In Dublin, Second Violin and Trump Card.

"I remember that summer in Dublin, and the Liffey as it stank like hell..." the words are ingrained in generation of music lovers (of a certain vintage!).

With platinum and gold status album sales and classic emigration songs like Streets Of New York, Flight of Earls and Boston Rose, Bagatelle have remained a firm favourite with Irish audiences across the globe.

Over the course of their career, the band have shared stages with legends and international icons such as Bob Marley, John Denver, The Pogues, Duran Duran, The Pretenders, Van Morrison, U2, UB40, George Michael and Jose Feliciano, to name just a few.

The band were presented with an IMRO Award this year in recognition of their 40th anniversary. They came out of their very short lived retirement

of only 3 months and they have been playing a series of sold out gigs ever since. Don't miss out on what is going to be a very special night of music right on your doorstep here in Kildare.

Sponsored by Smyth Auctioneers, Naas, tickets are €25 plus booking fee and are available from www.amientertainment.ie, the Osprey Hotel reception desk, Jam Music Company and Smyth Auctioneers.



LEFT: Cast leads: Aaron O'Connor (Aladdin), Jordyn Feighery (Jasmine), Hugh Gallagher (Widow Twankey), and Paddy Carroll (Sergeant Muhammad).

ABOVE: The persona of evil - Abanazar played by Michael McHugh who looked like he was thoroughly enjoying his villainous role

REVIEW: Magical night out for all the family as 'Aladdin' opens at the Moat Theatre, Naas

KIM O'LEARY
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This year's Moat Club panto is Aladdin and with an ensemble cast singing and dancing, loads of jokes, two genies and a flying carpet, it's a magical night out for the entire family to enjoy.

The Moat Theatre was filled with excited faces young and old on Thursday 28 November for the panto's preview night, and the pantomime opened to a detailed Arabic town setting with stalls and a laundromat, as well as detailed costumes for all of the cast.

The production is set in the quiet town of Arabia where Widow Twankey (Hugh Gallagher) and her son Aladdin (Aaron O'Connor) run the laundromat with the help — or is it hindrance? — of laundry boy Wishee Washy (Shannon Somers) and his cheeky monkey Abu (part shared by Ryan Bolger and Lily

Molimard).

But then the dastardly Abanazar (Michael McHugh) blows into town seeking to gain access to a fabled cave filled with riches and a golden lamp with a genie therein (Pat Breslin) who will grant three wishes to the holder of the lamp. But the wicked Abanazar needs Aladdin's help to get into the cave and must come up with an evil plan to extract the lamp. Aladdin has other distractions in the form of Princess Jasmine (Jordyn Feighery), the beautiful daughter of the strict Emperor (Padraig Broe). Michael McHugh excelled in the role, with a voice that resonated with pure evil!

For speaking to her, Aladdin risks being thrown in jail by the Emperor's guards Sergeant Muhammad (Paddy Carroll) and Garda Ali (Molly Larkin)! With 20 adorable young actors in the junior chorus, split into two teams of ten, and the cave spirit dancers, as well

as a cast of Arabian citizens, the Genie of the Ring (Brian Lyons) and of course the magic carpet (Mia May Doyle) there is fun and colour in every scene.

Can Aladdin and his friends thwart Abanazar's evil plans and save Arabia from ruin?

The comic relief of the panto is shared between Sergeant Muhammad and Garda Ali as well as Wishee Washy, Abu, and Widow Twankey, with plenty of terrific jokes that is sure to have the audience in hysterics with their mad-cap antics.

They were offset with the dastardly Abanazar played by Michael McHugh, bringing a perfect balance of comedy and evil — the audience just loved to hate the villainous Abanazar and to adore the heroic Aladdin and his love, Jasmine.

There are some truly show-stopping dance numbers

performed by the talented cast such as a rousing performance of 'Friend Like Me' by all the cast and a stunning solo of 'Speechless' by Jasmine (Jordyn Feighery) which is a nod to Disney's mega-hit, live-action version of Aladdin released earlier this year.

The magic carpet scene — the Moat Club aced that totally, and magical it was!

The Moat Club gives its own modern spin to the classic tale of Aladdin with plenty of surprises along the way that is sure to delight young and old this Christmas season. Michael Broe directs, Dee Browne is choreographer and the musical director is Katie Conlan. Very limited tickets are available for week-night shows.

Aladdin runs from on selected dates only up to December 14. Tickets cost €16 and are available on www.moattheatre.com or 045 883 030.

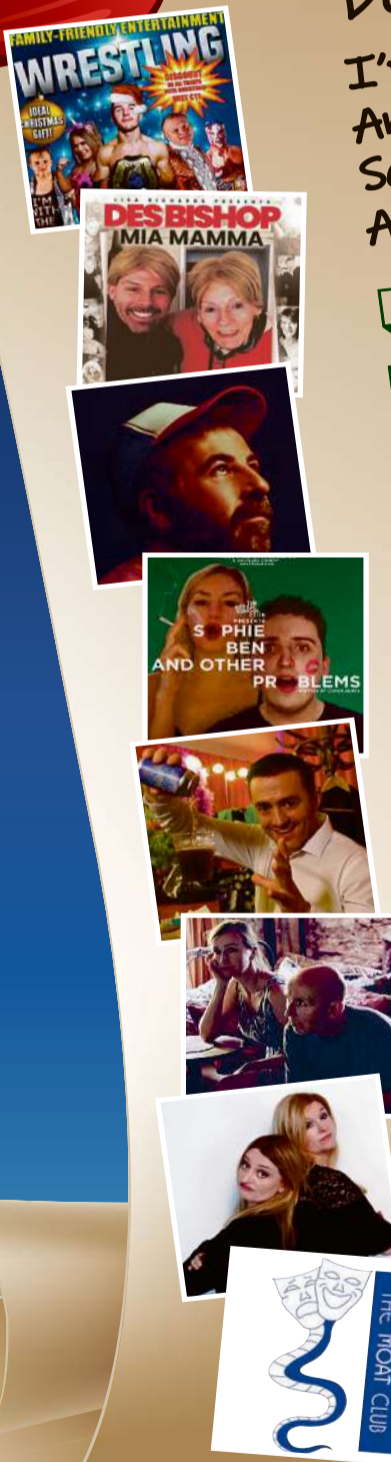


Pat Breslin made a pretty whacky genie!



Fill in this letter and send to me, or leave for a 'Secret Santa' to see!

Dear Santa Claus,
 I've been (mostly) good in 2019
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ENTERTAINMENT



The Odd Theatre Company brought the musical Little Shop of Horrors to the Riverbank Arts Centre in Newbridge last week. Emma Kilduff and Cherise O'Moore are pictured on stage



Grace and Gill O'Brien



Danny and Yuina Trundle

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS AT THE RIVERBANK

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LEFT: Brendan Farrell and Mary Power Cooney
RIGHT: Hannah Ryan and Gearoid McGauran at the show



Keelin Kilduff, Daniel Ryan, Cormac Malone and Conor Kilduff

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CHOOSE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE, HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT AND SUPPORT TWO LOCAL ANIMAL CHARITIES

On this weekend, Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December, and on the following weekend, you can have a great family day out and choose your own Christmas tree at Moone Christmas Tree Farm in Moone, Co. Kildare, from 10.00 - 4.00 each day. Head down or up the Old Carlow Road to Moone and Timolin and you will see the signs. Phone 087 6803295 for more information. The proceeds from the sale of these trees will be divided between the KWWSPCA and My Lovely Horse Rescue.

DOG OF THE WEEK - CATHAL

We have featured Cathal before and we would really like him to get a forever home before Christmas. He came into our care when his owner died and he really needs a home with someone who can give him a lot of love. We think he is about 7 - 8 years old. He loves to play with toys and to chase a ball. He is good on the lead but is happy enough pottering around and often does not want to bother with a walk.

He loves to snuggle on the couch and to be petted and cuddled. Cathal will not suit a home where there are children or where there is another dog; he must be an only dog. For more information on Cathal please contact 087 127 9835 or email kwwspca@gmail.com. He is neutered, chipped and vaccinated. We ask for a minimum donation of €150 euro to partly cover our veterinary expenses. To complete an adoption a dog licence and collar tag are required, a home visit applies and a deposit of €50 is required to secure a booking.

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FESTIVE LIGHTING IN NAAS

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OUT & ABOUT

George Edwards with Gavin, Fiona and Isla-May Beattie pictured at the Dew Drop Inn, Kill, on Saturday where a world record was made for the number of people dressed as Disney characters. Some 355 people gathered, but the effort fell just short by seven. However, €4,000 was raised for CMRF Crumlin



Aoife Hayes and Ailsing Kennedy



Jake Byrne and Daniel Kelly Nico

DISNEY CHARACTERS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT AT THE DEW DROP INN, KILL

Pictures: ASHLING CONWAY



LEFT: Celia, Lucy, Finn and Ciara O'Shea



RIGHT: Sarah Mooney and Ann Reilly



Shane, Bridgeen and Ella May Byrne



Part of the huge turnout in Kill village for the switch on of the 2019 Christmas Lights and Santa's visit, on Sunday evening, December 1



Santa arrives



Emma Aherne-O'Rourke and Lóide Lucau

SANTA TURNS ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN KILL

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LEFT: Ellen Pryne and Sonia Smith



RIGHT: Nora and John Keys



Kill NS teacher, Ross Maguire, and music DJ for the evening, Joey Howe



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OUT & ABOUT



Caoimhe, Gerard and Emily Rowley pictured at the turning on of the Christmas lights and the blessing of the crib in Newbridge last Sunday

Patrician Primary Band

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCHED ON IN NEWBRIDGE

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Jim, Darragh, Sinead and Roisin Mahony



Aex and Siobhan Cullen



Marina and Lorcan McDonnell with Aaron Flynn



Amy, Fintan, Darragh and Ciara Phelan



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LOCAL EVENTS

Kildare Chamber honours Punchestown's Dick O'Sullivan

Dick O'Sullivan, the president and former general manager of Punchestown was honoured for his Outstanding Contribution to Business at last Friday's Kildare Chamber 2019 Awards at the Killashee House Hotel.

"There's a magic about that place," he said, referring to the home of National Hunt racing in his acceptance speech.

Barretstown, the children's charity located outside Ballymore Eustace, received a standing ovation when they took home the Overall Business of the Year Award.

Ronan Twohig of Gannon Office Solutions won the Networker of the Year Award sponsored by the Kildare Post.

Allan Shine, CEO of the Chamber in his opening address paid tribute to all the finalists and noted that this year the Chamber received a record number of application for the category awards on offer

Winners on the night,

which was hosted by mentalist Keith Barry, were:

SME (1-5 Employees): Big Picture Communications; SME (6-20 Employees): Monread CRM; SME (21 Employees plus): Barretstown; Digital Marketing Award: Punchestown Racecourse & Event Venue; ECommerce Award: CarveOn; Employee of the Year Award: Siofra Ryan — Kilkea Castle Resort & Golf Club; International Trade Award: Irish Dog Foods; Green Business of the Year: Intel; Networker of the Year Award: Ronan Twohig—Gannon Office Solutions; Start Up Business of the Year: Acornstar; Excellence in CSR Award: T & I Fitouts; Tourism & Hospitality Award: Palmerstown House Estate; Innovation & Technology: The Culinary Food Group; Customer Excellence Award: Graphedia; Diversity & Inclusion Award: Maynooth University; Overall Business of the Year: Barretstown; Outstanding Contribution to Business: Dick O'Sullivan (Punchestown Racecourse).



Barretstown won the Overall Business of the Year Award. Pictured are host Keith Barry, Catriona Haverty, Dee Ahearn and Ann Murphy, Liam Queally (Queally Group, sponsors), and uke Hanahoe (Chamber President)



Anna Fortune of the Kildare Post presents the Networker of the Year award to Ronan Twohig of Gannon Office Solutions



Luke Hanahoe, Rachel Cooke, Jennifer Forester and Allan Shine of Kildare Chamber



Vicky Davis, Cathy Mooney, Kate Fiodorow



Miriam and Robert Murphy, Annemarie and Conor McGlinchey



Host Keith Barry, Dick O'Sullivan (Punchestown), (Maynooth University) and Luke Hanahoe (Chamber President)



Mark Simms, Ian McDevitt, Luke Hanahoe and Pat Sutton

Leave it to the experts ChemDry Kildare and have your house spruced up for Christmas!

As Christmas approaches, and the weather is pretty glum, you can't help but notice how tired the carpets and flooring look, with tell-tale signs of the year behind you!

If you've already done the pre-festive de-clutter, you're thinking your kitchen presses have sticky finger marks and grease stains (as do the armchairs and sofa).

Then there are the floor tiles are looking rather shabby and the grouting needs a good steam cleaning, not to mention the dog and cat hairs everywhere. You want to put up the Christmas decorations and de-clutter before the festive season, but you just don't know where to start!

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Creative Christmas trees



Festival Tree with a more contemporary twist, using multicoloured decorations



Following on from my column last week on 'Festive Door Wreaths', I thought we would look at Christmas Tree Decorating this week and the different tree decorating styles that are trending for 2019/2020. Whether you like classic, contemporary or traditional we have some lovely suggestions to help you create a stunning Christmas tree to wow your family and guests. Here are my Top 5 Trends for Christmas tree styles for 2019/2020.

WINTER WONDERLAND

To create this look, think snow covered trees and opt for either a white artificial tree or a green real tree with a dust of white snow. Add lots of white tree decorations like

white icicles and glistening silver and white baubles and then add a soft accent colour. You can also add an accent colour if your wish like blush pink, light blue or mint. Don't add any bold colours as this will take away from the softness of a winter wonderland theme. For extra magic and opulence consider pearlescent or metallic finishes. For additional depth you could consider large white feathers or faux flowers.

RUSTIC /SCANDINAVIAN

For a rustic/Scandinavian theme you want to create the feeling of a cosy log cabin. Think green trees with lots of pinecones. This style favours function over fuss so don't

overload your Christmas tree with too many baubles. Consider placing the tree in front of a window so it should feel like a natural part of the exterior surroundings. For a rustic feel you could also consider placing your tree in a wicker or rattan basket. This paired back country-style is perfect for lovers of tranquil natural interiors.

CLASSIC CONTEMPORARY

For a classic contemporary scheme, consider the existing colours of the interior where your placing the tree e.g. paint colour, curtain fabrics, upholstery etc. Decide on the type of tree you would like, real artificial, green, white,

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etc. Once you've decided this you then need to choose your Christmas baubles, garland etc. For a classic contemporary look stick to only one, two or three colours to achieve a stylish tree. If you love dark moody interiors then don't be afraid to experiment with dark blue, deep green and jewel purple.

FESTIVAL TREE

A big hit with young families and a favourite amongst children is a festival themed Christmas Tree. Colour is key here so opt for at least 3 or 4 different coloured baubles. This is a party tree with lots of jewelled sparkle. Some colours to consider are purples, teals, greens and pinks. Multi coloured flashing lights will enhance this look.

TRADITIONAL

Nothing says Christmas tradition like the smell and texture of a real tree. However, if a real tree isn't feasible for your home then try to opt for a natural pine effect tree. Add beautiful ribbon garlands in gold or red and pair this with red and gold baubles for a timeless tree that is always on trend.

TIP

To finish off your tree why not gift wrap some box's in some stylish gift wrap or linen and complete with some ribbon bows to



Scandinavian style Christmas tree decor, a very simple way to enhance a conservatory or semi outdoor space

coordinate with your colour scheme.

Lastly if your wondering how many bulbs to hang on your tree. I would suggest 120 for a 5ft tree, 240 for a 6ft and 400 for a 7ft tree.

The number of Christmas tree decorations / baubles varies depending on the size of baubles and whether you are using additional items like garland or large decorative pieces but as a

rough guide, I would suggest 60 for a 6ft and 75 for a 7ft tree.

Remember if there is any topic you would like me to cover in my column then please drop me an email with your suggestions.

Many thanks — Louise. info@aspiredesign.ie or phone 045 982 265 / 0863999926. winner of TV3's Showhouse Showdown.



Traditional Christmas Tree from Pinterest



Winter Wonderland Tree from Magz Home



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Elegant Naas home on the market

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This sophisticated, architecturally designed four-bedroom detached home in Naas boasts plenty of unique features including landscaped gardens and a garage for an asking price of €650,000.

Isolde, Jigginstown, Naas, Co Kildare, is a contemporary detached residence standing on a wonderful private landscaped site of approx. 0.229 hectare (c.0.567 acre). This fine family home enjoys beautiful light filled interiors throughout connecting all reception rooms to an tastefully appointed sunroom which boasts an internal balcony with vaulted ceilings and skylights.

Designed by Dublin architect Brian O'Kelly, this property has much to offer and must be seen to be appreciated. Inside the accommodation comprises of an entrance porch,



The sophisticated, architecturally designed 4-bedroom detached home in Naas

hallway, lounge, dining room, family room, sunroom, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms (main en-suite), bathroom, guest wc and garage.

Outside the property is approached via a recessed tarmac driveway and it benefits from private, landscaped gardens with mature trees, a garage to the side, a storage shed, mains water and septic tank, and

the potential for further development subject to planning permission. 'Isolde' is situated 1.6km from the main street of Naas with footpaths in place all the way. All amenities including schools (both primary and secondary), shops, shopping centres, pubs, restaurants, banks, churches, parks, playgrounds and sports clubs are within comfortable walking distance. Country

walks can be enjoyed along the Naas branch of the Grand Canal. The Kerry Global Plant is situated approx. 2km away.

The Arrow train service is available from Sallins. The M7 will take you to the M50 in 15 minutes and also provides direct motorway access to Cork, Limerick, Kilkenny and Waterford. Early viewing is highly recommended. Contact Smyth Naas on 045 895 4400.



Superb equestrian property on the Curragh

KIM O'LEARY
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This spacious four-bedroom bungalow close to the Curragh will ideally suit those with a keen interest in horses as it includes paddocks and stables for an asking price of €525,000.

In a desired townland close to the Curragh, Cilldara Stables is a residential equine facility on 2.77 hectares/6.844 acres. It boasts railed paddocks, stables, a tack room, a walker and more. The dwelling is an executive bungalow with an integrated garage offering generous well-appointed accommodation, oil heating provision, double glazing and a host of extras. Its access is gated ensuring security and privacy.

Inside the property comprises of spacious accommodation including four bedrooms and five bathrooms (including two en suite), an entrance hall, lounge area, a modern kitchen, utility room, a study, a back hallway and a cloak



The spacious four-bed equestrian property includes Paddocks and stables and is located on the doorstep of the Curragh

room. There is also a bright sunroom with French doors opening to the rear garden.

Outside, the bungalow is approached through a gated entrance leading up to a

tarmac driveway with ample parking for several cars, as well as a garage to the side of the property.

The gardens are in lawn and to the back of the

bungalow there are paddocks, stables, a tack room, and a walker ideal for equestrian training.

Cilldara Stables is situated in a very peaceful area with

the famous Curragh Racecourse just on its doorstep with the town of Newbridge and all of its shopping amenities just a short drive away.

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Out & About

JUNIOR DRAGONS DEN AT ST ANNE'S NS, ARDCLOUGH

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Abbie Slacke, Emily Maughan, Grace Finneran, Erin Sammon and Ella McLoy from Smart Bluetooth Headphones



Ewan O'Rourke from Smart Bluetooth Headphones



Danielle Neville, Harry Wright, Daniel Cully and Dexter O'Connell from Cafe De 4th Class



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Rose Timmons, Jade Dorrian, Jasmine Butler and Sean McCormack from Barks & Spencers (Costumes for pets)



David Gallagher, Hugh David Kelly, Eoin Forde, Sam Doolan and Charlie Connolly from Aropea Courier Company



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The aim of the award-winning WheelSwap virtual reality experience is simple: to encourage people to make a few small changes to the way they drive or cycle so that everyone is a bit safer on the road

Ford's VR project for 'Share the Road'

Delivery drivers have tried a unique virtual reality experience that allows users to see the world from either a cyclist's or a driver's point of view in a virtual space.

The aim of the award-winning WheelSwap virtual reality experience – part of Ford's Share The Road campaign – is simple: to encourage people to make a few small changes to the way they drive or cycle so that everyone is a bit safer on the road.

More than 35 drivers from consumer delivery firm Hermes participated in the training at one of the firm's London depots.

Hermes delivers 390 million parcels a year and employs

thousands of drivers across its network.

The exercise provided a useful opportunity for drivers to see the road from a different perspective, with 88 per cent agreeing that the experience would encourage them to change their behaviour.

Tom Thompson, project lead, Ford Mobility said, "It is important to Ford that all road users are able to reach their destination safely.

"We fully support greater diversity in last mile delivery solutions and are actively working to stimulate more cargo bike deliveries in urban areas.

"Working with companies like Hermes in this way helps keep the

roads as safe as possible for all."

There are more people on our roads than ever before, and an increasing number of them are cyclists, so it's important to encourage a spirit of understanding and respect between every road user, whether they're travelling on four wheels or two.

Share The Road is Ford's campaign aimed at improving road safety for everyone.

WheelSwap was developed together with London-based agency Happy Finish.

It has proved an effective tool for building empathy, with 91 per cent of the initial 1,200 participants

intending to change their behaviour, 70 per cent displaying greater empathy to their driving and cycling counterparts after watching the VR experience and 60 per cent of participating driver and cyclists changing their on-road habits within two weeks of taking part.

It has won six awards, including accolades from SABRE and European Excellence Awards.

According to a report by the Centre for Economics and Business Research titled Economics of Commercial Van Usage Across Europe, the number of vans on the road in France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Turkey and the

UK increased by more than 10 per cent between 2013 and 2018, from 23,250,000 to 25,690,000.

Most growth occurred in Turkey (31 per cent), Germany (24 per cent) and UK (20 per cent).

Martin Allwood, Network Contractor Manager, Hermes, said, "We were pleased to partner with Ford on the WheelSwap virtual reality experience, which gave our drivers a real insight into the perspective of other road users.

"Feedback from all our drivers was very positive. At Hermes, we are committed to ensuring our staff receive the best training possible and so this supports their continual development."



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The very best driving songs to cover you out on the road

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When you drive a commercial vehicle for a living, you spend a ridiculous amount of your life on the road.

There are endless playlists of songs to help you get through the day but we have compiled one where even song has a meaning and will help you get through those long days on the road

DON'T STOP ME NOW - QUEEN

To be sung when approaching traffic lights that might suddenly turn red or when someone likes like they are going to pull out of a side road in front of you.

DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' - JOURNEY

With half an hour to go to get the destination and traffic all snarled up in front of you, a song that might keep your hopes up and might stop you shouting at the muppet in the flash car who just dived across into your lane.

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU - STEALERS WHEEL

What you sing to the muppet in the flash car when it turns out the



middle lane of the motorway is the wrong lane and you are both stuck in it together.

NOTHING'S GONNA STOP US NOW - STARSHIP

When the traffic finally clears and it's a straight run to your final

destination or straight to home.

YOU SHOOK ME ALL NIGHT LONG - AC/DC

Sung by the package in the back that has just been thrown into the air for the hundredth time thanks to another pothole on our roads.

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO - THE CLASH

What the person in the car in front is singing as they wait and wait and wait and wait for a huge break in traffic before getting on to the roundabout.

SENSORS WORKING OVERTIME - XTC

Keep this one for when the dashboard lights up and you know in the pit of your stomach that the vehicle is about to calve.

HERE I GO AGAIN - WHITESNAKE

When it just seems like you are on the same road every day, these lyrics sum it up.... "Here I go again on my own. Goin' down the only road I've ever known...."

HIGHWAY TO HELL - AC/DC

When you are going to that place (you know the place) where you will be lucky if you only lose the hubcaps while you are in making a delivery.

I WON'T BACK DOWN - TOM PETTY

When you are driving into a delivery bay and someone else decides to cut in front of you. Blast it out full volume and let them get the message.

TAKE IT EASY - THE EAGLES

There are times when you will think you need to go faster but throw on this mellow tune from The Eagles and make sure you arrive where you are going safely.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE RAIN - CREDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL

When you drive enough, you will have driven in conditions where the rain and the spray is worse than any fog. When someone else gives out about a little shower, you can ask them.

SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED - STEVIE WONDER

To be played as you drive away after another successful delivery to another happy customer.

AND FINALLY

CONVOY - CW MCCALL

From the film of the same name. Crack on the CB and wait for the 'Breaker, Breaker. Watch your 20. There's a Kojak with a Kodak just off the M7 at Newbridge. You don't want to be getting wallpaper for Christmas. And watch out for the angry kangaroo heading towards Monasterevin."

Double success for one manufacturer at prestigious motoring awards

Ford is celebrating a clean-sweep of the light commercial vehicle awards season as the electrified Ford Hybrid Transit Custom line-up is named International Van of the Year (IVOTY) 2020, and the Ford Ranger is named winner of the International Pick-up Award (IPUA) 2020.

Ford is the first manufacturer to take both the IVOTY and IPUA titles in the same year on two occasions, having first achieved the feat in 2013.

The new Transit Custom Plug-In Hybrid and Transit Custom EcoBlue Hybrid models were collectively judged winners of the prestigious annual IVOTY award by a jury of 25 specialist journalists from 25 countries across Europe, at a special ceremony in Lyon, France.

Jurors praised the range of electrified powertrain solutions offered by the Ford Hybrid line-up of Transit Custom vans – designed to help reduce fuel costs for operators, allow entry

to the increasing number of low-emission zones and offer practical solutions for businesses trying to reduce emissions and meet clean-air targets.

The Transit Custom Plug-In Hybrid and Transit Custom EcoBlue Hybrid 1-tonne vans, and the Transit EcoBlue Hybrid 2-tonne van that earned the runner-up position at this year's ceremony, are three of 14 electrified vehicles Ford is introducing to Europe before the end of 2020. Ford has now won the IVOTY title six times.

The Ford Ranger – Europe's No. 1 best-selling pick-up – impressed the 18 jurors with its more powerful and fuel-efficient 2.0-litre EcoBlue diesel powertrain and advanced driver assistance technologies to take the biennial IPUA title.

Combining zero-emission driving capability and no range anxiety, the Transit Custom Plug-In Hybrid can be charged

with mains electricity for a pure electric NEDC driving range of up to 56 km (35 miles).

The vehicle's front wheels are driven exclusively by a 92.9 kW electric motor powered by a 13.6 kWh lithium-ion battery pack. Ford's multi-award-winning 1.0litre EcoBoost petrol engine acts as a range extender for total driving range exceeding 500 km.

The Transit Custom EcoBlue Hybrid's mild-hybrid powertrain uses a belt-driven integrated starter/generator in place of the standard alternator, enabling recovery and storage of energy during vehicle decelerations, and charging of a 48-volt lithium-ion air-cooled battery pack.

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The RSA lists four main reasons your vehicle needs an annual CVR test

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The CVRT confirms that a vehicle satisfies basic safety standards on the day the test is carried out. It tests what is accessible and visible.

All commercial vehicles must be tested when they are over one year old and annually after that.

3. It saves time.

Yearly tests and well-maintained vehicles mean fewer breakdowns. The CVRT programme improves the overall efficiency for goods and passenger vehicle testing.

4. Its the Law.

The legislation states that all commercial vehicles must be tested when they are over one year old and annually after that. So having your vehicle tested means avoidance of penalty points and fines.

What is the CVRT?

The Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Test (CVRT) is a roadworthiness test for all commercial vehicles, buses with more than eight

passenger seats and ambulances, all over one year old. The CVRT confirms that a vehicle satisfies basic safety standards on the day the test is carried out. It tests what is accessible and visible. It does not confer a warranty as regards the condition of the vehicle.

Commercial Vehicle Testing is one component of the preventative measures we need to have safer vehicles on our roads. In order to ensure that vehicles are kept in good and safe condition through their life, it is essential that they are regularly maintained and serviced. Commercial Vehicle Operators now have explicit obligations to have maintenance systems in place and to conduct daily walk around checks.

Prospective purchasers of used vehicles should always have the vehicle thoroughly and independently checked by a qualified person prior to purchase or else buy from an authorised dealer with a warranty. For further information visit the

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission website.

There are two types of commercial vehicle tests, one for Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) and one for Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCVs).

The LCV test is for:

All small goods vehicles with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 3,500 kg or less.

Book your LCV Test online.

The HCV test covers all other commercial vehicles including:

Goods vehicles over 3,500 kg GVW.

Goods trailers over 3,500 kg GVW.

Buses with more than eight passenger seats. Book your HCV Test online

What the test examines

Only components that are visible and accessible can be assessed at the CVRT. These include:

- Brakes
- Lights and markings
- Wheels and tyres
- Steering and suspension
- Chassis and underbody

Tachograph
Speed limiter

Exhaust emissions

Electrical systems

Glass and mirrors

Further information on the CVRT test items can be found in the testers manuals

Test Results

When your vehicle has completed its CVR test, we will give you a report outlining the results of the test. You will receive one of the following:

A pass statement, meaning that your vehicle has passed the CVR test. We will automatically send the CRW to the registered owner of the vehicle.

A test report advising you that your vehicle has failed the CVR test. The vehicle owner must get the vehicle repaired and re-present it for a CVR retest at the same testing centre within 21 days or it having travelled less than 4,000 km. When your vehicle completes and passes the retest, we will automatically issue a CRW to the registered owner of the vehicle.

From 20 May 2018 you may

receive a test report stating 'Pass pending recheck of minor deficiencies'.

This means that we identified only minor defects during the test. (We did not identify any major or dangerous defects.) In this instance your vehicle does not require a retest. However, the vehicle owner must return to the testing centre where the original test was conducted to verify that the minor defects have been repaired.

There is no time limit on re-presenting the vehicle for test. We will automatically issue the CRW to the registered owner of the vehicle when the testing centre has confirmed that the minor defects have been repaired.

See the RSA's Test results page for further information

Test Fees

The cost of the Commercial vehicle roadworthiness test varies according to vehicle size.

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Commercial Vehicle Special



Renault range of vans cater for all parts of market

A key player in the van market for 120 years, Groupe Renault says it is upgrading its light commercial vehicle range with features that cater for the varying needs of its professional customers and deliver quality levels comparable to those of passenger cars.

Since their launch in 1980, Master and Traffic have established themselves as mainstays of the LCV market, having sold over four million examples.

Renault say the New Master and New Traffic have gained stronger design, powertrains and equipment with both benefiting from imposing and meticulous design, new engines, cabin

layouts for professionals, improved driving comfort, and greater onboard connectivity.

The New Master has been redesigned inside and out, plus there are new engines and greater connectivity. Inside, the cabin gains upmarket appeal as well as enhanced practicality and functionality.

Under the bonnet there are new 2.3 dCi engines providing more power and torque while reducing fuel consumption. Driving is also safer and more seamless thanks to new advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS). There's also the option of new Master Z.E., Renault's fourth electric

vehicle, which joined the Group's LCV line-up in its original form in 2017.

Renault has restyled the new Traffic with a more expressive grille and full LED headlights, and made it even more versatile. The EDC automatic transmission offers comfort and seamless operation both in everyday maneuvers and out on the open road.

Powered by new 2.0 dCi engines, Renault claims the traffic responds to all professional situations and to certain personal uses. Renault Traffic is also available in crew van, passenger and SpaceClass passenger-transport versions.



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Joe Mallon Motors raises €12,000 for men's health

Joe Mallon Motors Naas and Portlaoise embarked on a challenge during the month of November to raise some money for the charity Movember Ireland, which is a charity raising funds for Mens Health, tackling prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

Having recruited a team of MO (moustache) growers in each location along with some of their Brand Ambassadors James Tracy, Steven Miller and sponsors, members of Allenwood GAA and Cappagh GAA clubs they have completed the task and raised far and above the original target of €5,000 achieving a super result of €12,000.

There was a Mens Health talk given by Movember Ireland to all Joe Mallon Motors staff in both locations during the month. This was well attended and the company hopes it has helped make its staff more aware of



The Joe Mallon Motors Movember fundraisers

the issues involved.

CELEBRATION NIGHT

On November 30, the final day of the challenge, there

was an event held in the showroom in Naas where all the moustaches were shaved off by Hawk and Blade Barbers, Naas.

“We would like to thank everyone for their support and to our Mo growers for their efforts throughout the month. The event was

followed by the team Christmas party,” said a spokesperson.

Joe Mallon Motors wished to thank Karl Gormley for the

photograph of the Mo growers, right, and the Lemongrass, Naas, and Kelly Lou Cakes for the catering during the celebration night.

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MOTORING

Audi at the 2019 LA Auto Show

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Audi has showcased two very new exciting arrivals for the brand at the recent Los Angeles Auto Show - the eagerly anticipated Audi e-tron Sportback and the powerful new Audi RS Q8.

SUV COUPÉ FOR THE E-TRON FAMILY

Continuing its electrification initiative, Audi has showcased the series-production version of

its electric Audi e-tron Sportback with the four-door model combining the elegance of a large coupé with the progressive character of an electric vehicle. The e-tron Sportback shares its powertrain with the Audi e-tron SUV and will be built at the same production location in Brussels.

The Audi e-tron Sportback is a dynamic SUV coupé offering up to 300 kW of power and a range of up to 446 kilometres from a single

battery charge. In terms of design, its roof extends flat over the muscular body, dropping down steeply to the rear—in typical coupé style—and flowing into the steeply raked D-pillars. The lower edge of the third side window rises towards the rear—a typical Sportback feature. Its digital matrix LED headlights are a new feature now available for the first time in a mass-production vehicle. Their light is broken down into tiny pixels and can be

controlled with exceptional precision. The Audi e-tron Sportback is scheduled to arrive in Ireland in the Summer of 2020.

THE SPORTIEST Q: THE NEW AUDI RS Q8

The new Audi RS Q8 combines the power of an RS model with the elegance of a premium coupé and the flexibility of an SUV. Offering high performance, variability and everyday usability, the new Audi RS Q8 is the top model in the Q product line. The new RS Q8 will offer epic performance courtesy of an eight-cylinder twin-turbo TFSI, but also the significant economy-boosting benefits afforded by cylinder deactivation technology and

mild hybrid (MHEV) drive based on a 48-volt main electrical system. As a result, it can “glide” for up to 40 seconds with the engine switched off at speeds between 55 and 160 km/h.

MAXIMUM POWER AND HIGH EFFICIENCY

With 600HP, 800 Nm of torque between 2,200 and 4,500 rpm – the 4.0 litre V8 in the new Audi RS Q8 delivers impressive RS performance. The turbocharged engine with direct injection accelerates the large SUV coupe from Audi Sport GmbH from 0 to 100 km/h in just 3.8 seconds and to 200 km/h in 13.7 seconds. The 250 km/h top speed is electronically governed.

With the optional dynamic package, top speed is 305 km/h. The biturbo V8 in the new RS Q8 combines maximum performance and high efficiency. Its mild-hybrid system (MHEV) is based on a 48-volt main electrical system. The core of the MHEV is a belt alternator-starter connected to the crankshaft. During deceleration and braking, it can recover up to 12 kW of power and store it in the compact lithium-ion battery. The belt alternator starter starts the engine within fractions of a second when the accelerator is actuated. MHEV technology allows for start/stop operation at a speed of up to 22 km/h.

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We William and Susan O'Connor wish to apply for planning permission for Conversion of existing attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure, new gable window, new access stairs and flat roof dormer to the rear. at 18 Rinawade Rise, Leixlip, Co. Kildare. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Derek and Isabelle Reeves, intend applying to Kildare County Council for retention planning permission for development at 23 Simmonstown Manor, Celbridge, Co.Kildare. This development consists of the retention of small garden shed (14 square metres) on shared boundary with house No.24. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Kildare County Council during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

I,Faron Coyne, intend applying to Kildare County Council for retention planning permission for development at 24 Simmonstown Manor, Celbridge, Co.Kildare. This development consists of the retention of small garden shed (14 square metres) on shared boundary with house No.23. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Kildare County Council during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

I PHILIP AND CLIODHNA TEMPLE intend to apply for PERMISSION for development at this site at 90 HARTWELL GREEN, KILL, CO. KILDARE. The development will consist/consists of: CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO EXISTING DETACHED DORMER HOUSE AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

PLANNING NOTICES

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

I MICHELLE ENGLISH intend to apply for PERMISSION for development at this site at RAHEEN, RATHCOFFEY, CO. KILDARE. The development will consist/consists of: PERMISSION TO SUB-DIVIDE EXISTING SITE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY DETACHED BUNGALOW, SECONDARY EFFLUENT TREATMENT SYSTEM AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS. PERMISSION REQUIRED TO REMOVE EXISTING SEPTIC TANK AND REPLACE WITH SECONDARY EFFLUENT TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR EXISTING HOUSE ON SITE AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Clare Providers intend to apply for full planning permission for a development at Millicent Road, Clane, Co. Kildare. The development consists of constructing a storage shed to be used for storing agricultural and hardware supplies, and which would form an extension to an existing established agriculture and hardware supplies facility, and all associated ancillary site-works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Montane Developments (Irl) Limited, intend to apply for planning permission for change of house type on previously approved sites 89, 121, 124, 138, 141, 149 & 152 Kilbelin Abbey, from 7 no. two storey 4 bedroom detached dwellings Type C, approved under An Bord Pleanála permission ref. PL 09.243623 (Kildare Co. Co. reg. ref. 13/708) to 7 no. two storey 4 bedroom detached dwellings comprising 5 no. Type A and 2 no. Type B, all located at Kilbelin Abbey, Kilbelin, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

PLANNING NOTICES

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Application is being made for FULL PLANNING PERMISSION as follows; Change of house type from 3no. three storey, detached houses as permitted under PI Ref No. 18/1438 to 3no. two storey, detached house type units, modifications to internal site boundaries and all associated site development works. It should be noted that all road alignment and footpath works will be in strict accordance with the approved planning permission PI Ref No. 18/1438. All at corner of Curragh Road (R445) and Leinster Walk, Kildare Town, County Kildare. For Sonlee Properties Limited. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROBERTSTOWN GFC intend to apply for PERMISSION for development at this site at ROBERTSTOWN WEST, ROBERTSTOWN, NAAS, CO. KILDARE. The development will consist/consists of: PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL FLOODLIGHTED PITCH WHICH WILL CONSIST OF 6 No. 18 METRE HIGH ALL WEATHER LIGHTING COLUMNS, 2.0-METRE-HIGH CONCRETE BOUNDARY WALL TO WEST BOUNDARY, 2.4-METRE-HIGH CHAINLINK FENCE TO NORTH-EAST BOUNDARY, 2 No. BALLSTOPS, DEDICATED CAR PARKING AREA AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS. PERMISSION TO RAISE EXISTING GROUND LEVELS BY AN AVERAGE OF 700MM OVER AN AREA OF 2.7 ACRES (APPROX) WITH INERT TOPSOIL AND SUBSOIL TO ACCOMMODATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Paula & Alan Duffy, intend to apply to Kildare County Council for planning permission at Ballyhays, Straffan, Co. Kildare. Planning permission is sought for the provision of 6 no. 6 metre high floodlights to the existing horse arena in the rear paddock at the rear of the existing dormer dwelling. The Planning Application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

PLANNING NOTICES

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Significant Further Information has been submitted to Kildare County Council for the following; The development as previously applied for consists of Application is being made for FULL PLANNING PERMISSION for the following; 7no. houses as follows, (a) 1no. 4 bedroom 2 storey detached house on site 1. (b) 6no. 4 bedroom 2 storey semi detached houses on sites 2 -7 inclusive. (c) Connection to mains sewer, landscaping and all associated site development works The Significant Further Information includes for the following Revised site layout including new details on all water services, landscaping & associated site works. Revisions to house design on site 1, House Type B. This application is at additional information stage under planning reference number 19/539 All at, Coolaghknock Glebe, Melita Road, Kildare Town, County Kildare For Renson Limited. Significant Further Information in relation to the application has been furnished to the planning authority and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the significant further information may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee not later than 2 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority.

PLANNING NOTICES

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Anne Gleeson, intend to apply for planning permission for development at this site, at 532 Tully East, Tully Vale, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare (R51 AN26). The development will consist of the construction of a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling, incorporating extension ancillary to existing dwelling, proposed new single storey family flat connected to proposed extension, minor alterations to existing dwelling, alterations to existing elevations including new windows and all ancillary site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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I, Nicola O'Driscoll, intend to apply for permission for development at this site at: Carrickbrook, Eadestown, Naas, Co. Kildare. The development will consist of: a) A change of house type design from that previously granted planning permission under planning register reference no.: 17/271 to a proposed new single storey dwelling with a floor area of 334.9m²; b) An increase in the proposed site area from 0.4080 hectares currently permitted to 0.4832 hectares proposed as part of this application—this also varies the area of the remaining landholding that is subject to sterilisation procedures as outlined in condition 3 of planning register reference no.: 17/271; c) The use of the existing site entrance to provide access to the proposed development as per the currently permitted development noted above; d) The use of the existing Waste Water Treatment System to service the proposed dwelling as per the currently permitted development noted above; e) The removal of the existing percolation area and installation of a new percolation area to service the existing Waste Water Treatment System as per the currently permitted development noted above; and f) All associated site development works such as driveway, landscaping, footpaths, paving etc. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission. This application was prepared by O'Flynn Architects, Lower Eyre Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. (045) 433400.

PLANNING NOTICES

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I, Robert Redmond, intend to apply for retention permission for development at the 'Golden Dragon', Nelson Street, Athy, Co. Kildare R14 TY23. The development consists of the use of the ground floor retail unit, permitted by a previous Grant of Planning Permission (P.A. Ref: 05/300032), for use for the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises all other associated site excavation, infrastructural and site development works above and below ground. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

PLANNING NOTICES

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Brook Advantage Ltd intend to apply for full planning permission for a development at Oldgrange-wood, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. The development consists of constructing 16 no. two-storey semi-detached dwellings on sites 19-34 The Birches, with option for attic accommodation on sites 19 and 34, (permission was previously granted for 16 no. dwellings under planning file 04/1043 but now withered), and all associated ancillary site-works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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I Ann Tracy Executor of the Estate of Karen Tracy intend to apply to Kildare County Council for Retention Permission at 14 The View, Cnoc na Greine, Kilcullen Co Kildare for Side single storey extension as constructed on site to existing 2 storey house and all associated site development works. That the planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application

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We, Peter Flood & Zoe Codd, intend to apply for Permission for development of a site at Grange, Kilcock, Co. Kildare. The development will consist of a two storey style dwelling with a domestic wastewater disposal system. The development will also include the upgrade of an existing farm entrance to a dual entrance also serving the proposed dwelling, and all associated site works and services. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the Application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission Signed: mckenna + associates, Architects & Building Surveyors, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath. Tel: 046-9486788. www.mckennaarchitecture.com



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A Season of Sundays captures all the action in another stunning edition

TOMMY CALLAGHAN

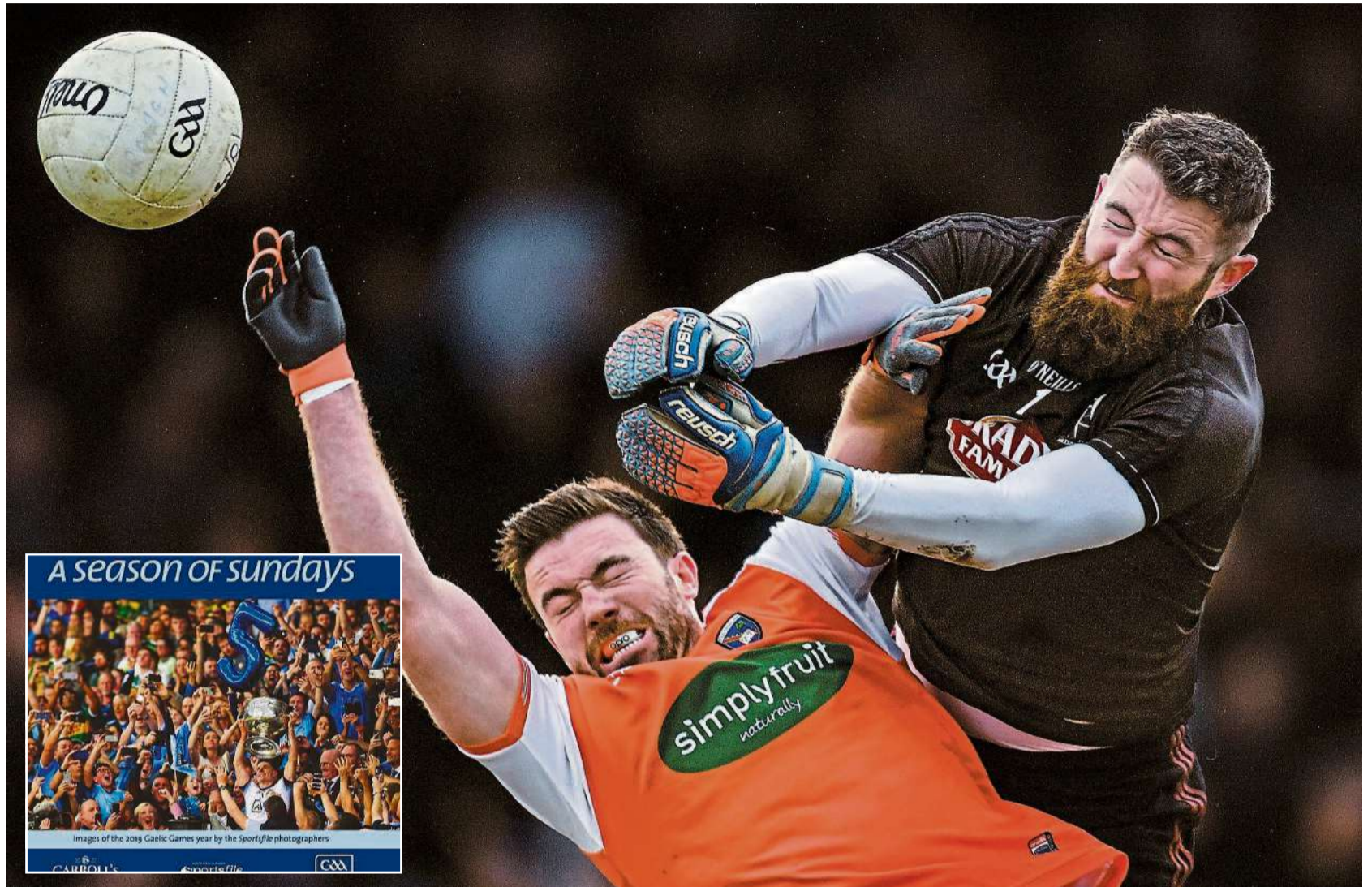
It's that time of year when many of us like to look back on the sporting season and there is no better way of stirring the GAA mind than leafing through the pages of Ray McManus' Season Of Sundays, the 2019 edition has just hit the shelves.

And for the 23rd year in a row the reader will not be disappointed with stunning images of the action from club to county, football to hurling, camogie to ladies football, and much more besides.

GAA President, John Horan, was on hand at the launch and said "I warmly congratulate Ray McManus and the whole Sportsfile team on this the 23rd edition of A Season of Sundays.

"That statistic in itself is a remarkable feat and a credit to all involved in producing a publication that illuminates the latter end of our year, reminding us of the highs of another memorable season but also of some of the lesser spotted treasures. This is only achieved by having a presence at so many of our fixtures at all grades in all codes in so many places around the country and indeed around the globe."

The creator of the annual, Ray McManus said that "at Sportsfile I have a great team of photographers and as The Photographers Association of Ireland catch-phrase goes, Capturing History is our main aim every year.



The battle of the beards: Kildare goalkeeper Mark Donnellan brushes aside the challenge of Armagh's Brendan Donaghy and punches the ball away from the danger zone. It's honours even in Newbridge, January 27, 2019 Inset, cover of 2019 edition of Season Of Sundays. PHOTO BY PIARAS Ó MÍDHEACH/SPORTSFILE

"Various parts of the country will have their own piece of history to remember this year – be that Mullinalaghta's run in the All-Ireland club football

championship or Leitrim's promotion to Division Three or Laois's first appearance in an All-Ireland hurling quarter-final since 1979. But the biggest piece of history

will be remembered by Dubliners all over the GAA world for the capture of the Sam Maguire for the fifth time in a row."

Once again a stunning

publication that captures the GAA scene from the start of the season right up to the very end.

It would make the perfect Christmas gift for any GAA

fan throughout the land.

Retailing at €27.95 from bookstores nationwide and online at www.sportsfile.com.

Kildare to host two football and hurling league double-headers

ROBERT CRIBBIN

St Conleth's Park will play host to two double-headers involving the Kildare footballers and hurlers in the upcoming Allianz National League. The fixtures which were released last week show an opening round of action on January 26, 2020 as the footballers entertain Fermanagh with the hurlers clash against London preceding it.

A few weeks later on February 23, both sides will face Roscommon at the same venue. The footballers under the new management of Jack O'Connor will have four and three home and away game split with the last two games

crucially in Newbridge as Cavan and Westmeath come to town on successive weekends.

After a disappointing campaign last term the hurlers will hope to have more luck in Division 2B and their chances of getting promoted will rely on home games with London and Roscommon while they go on the road to Derry, Down and Warwickshire.

FIXTURES

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FIXTURES 2020

ROUND 1
Kildare v Fermanagh
Sunday 26th January, 2.30pm
Venue: St. Conleth's Park
*Double-header with Kildare Hurlers

ROUND 2
Kildare v Clare
Sunday 2nd February, 2pm
Venue: Cusack Park

ROUND 3
Kildare v Armagh
Saturday 8th February, 7pm
Venue: Athletic Grounds

ROUND 4
Kildare v Roscommon
Sunday 23rd February, 2.30pm
Venue: St. Conleth's Park
*Double-header with Kildare Hurlers

ROUND 5

Kildare v Laois
Saturday 29th February, 7pm
Venue: MW Hire O'Moore Park

ROUND 6
Kildare v Cavan
Sunday 15th March, 2pm
Venue: St. Conleth's Park

ROUND 7
Kildare v Westmeath
Sunday 22nd March, 2pm
Venue: St. Conleth's Park

ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 2B

ROUND 1
Kildare v London
Sunday 26 January, 12.30pm
Venue: St Conleth's Park
*Double-header with Kildare Footballers

ROUND 2
Kildare v Warwickshire
Saturday 1 February, 2pm
Venue: Páirc na hÉireann

ROUND 3
Kildare v Derry
Sunday 16 February, 2pm
Venue: Derry GAA Centre, Owenbeg

ROUND 4
Kildare v Roscommon
Sunday 23 February, 12.30pm

Venue: St Conleth's Park
*Double-header with Kildare Footballers

ROUND 5
Kildare v Down
Sunday 1 March, 2pm
Venue: McKenna Park, Ballycran



Colm Nolan presents Ian Blackburne (Intermediate Club Hurler of the Year)

Full house at Kildare GAA Awards

TOMMY CALLAGHAN
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The Osprey Hotel, Naas, was the venue last Friday for the Annual Kildare GAA Awards where Co. Board Chairman, Ger Donnelly, welcomed all present especially special guests, the Kildare Intermediate All Ireland winning team of 1969 and the 2019 Kildare Leinster Minor football champions.

Fergal Conway (Celbridge) received the County Footballer of the Year award while Brian Byrne (Naas) collected the County Hurler of the Year Award.

The Club awards went to Matty Byrne of Sarsfields (senior); Pádraig Nash of Monasterevan (intermediate) while Ballymore Eustace man, Niall Murphy received the Junior award.

On the hurling front, it was a clean sweep for the Naas Club with Rian Boran taking the senior award; Ian Blackburne the intermediate and Emmet Carroll the junior hurling of the year award.

The Handballer of the Year went to Leah Doyle of Leixlip, who enjoyed a brilliant

season in 2019.

Kildare senior football manager, Jack O'Connor, was present to make some of the football presentations while Colm Nolan (in the absence of hurling boss David Herrity) did the honours for the hurling awards.

MC on the night was the one and only Johnny Doyle who brought his very own inimitable style to proceedings and while he did admit early on feeling "like a players after missing his first free of the game" like he did throughout his illustrious career, never let one slip bother him for the rest of the proceedings.

Nice touch by the minor champions who made a presentation to their manager Colin Ward and his backroom team while it was great to see the 1969 All Ireland Intermediate champions having the craic amongst themselves as they recalled and relieved moments from 50 years ago. Jack O'Connell, a member of the '69 team had the task of blowing out the candles on a cake to mark a very special birthday on the day.



Colm Nolan presents Emmett Carroll (Junior Club Hurler of the Year)



Jack O'Connor presents Matty Byrne Sr with his son's Matty Jr (Sarsfields) Senior Club Footballer of the Year



Ger Donnelly (Kildare GAA Chairperson) presents Leah Doyle (Handball of the Year)



Jack O'Connor (Senior Football Manager 2020) presents Pádraig Nash (Intermediate Club Football of the Year)



Ger Donnelly (Chair Kildare Co Board presents Niall Murphy (Junior Club Footballer of the Year)



Brian Byrne receives the County Hurler of the Year Award from Colm Nolan



Fergal Conway (County Footballer of the Year) and Kate Stapleton



Kildare Minor Football Panel 2019 Leinster Minor Champions

SPORT with Robert Cribbin

Senior Footballer of the Year Fergal Conway impressed with new Kildare management team ahead of 2020 season

The Kildare senior footballers have been back training a couple of weeks and they will commence their O'Byrne Cup campaign at home to Longford on Saturday afternoon.

Before looking forward though it's a perfect time to reflect on a rather mixed 2018 as Kildare look to improve their fortunes.

Fergal Conway was the standout player throughout the season as he kicked three points in the qualifier defeat to Tyrone and scored a wonder goal in the Leinster championship replay win over Longford.

As a result of his performances the Celbridge midfielder picked up the Kildare Senior Footballer of the Year award last week and he admits despite his individual accolades that it was a disappointing campaign.

"A few of the performances we put in during the year you wouldn't really be happy with as players and no matter how well I played individually it doesn't really matter if the team is losing as it's all about results and especially in the Leinster championship games with Wicklow and Longford and the qualifier with Tyrone we didn't give a good account of ourselves so it definitely finished on a disappointing note but looking forward to the year ahead."

"It was a stop start season and when you think you are getting some momentum something would put us back in our place. Even reflecting back on the previous year when we had the Super 8's and Newbridge or Nowhere where we had good performances a lot of the lads that made up the bulk of that

team were either injured or out of form so results were a bit disappointing."

Cian O'Neill resigned from his post as Kildare manager a couple of weeks after the Lillywhites departed the championship scene with Jack O'Connor coming in.

O'Connor brings a wealth of inter-county experience and along with Ross Glavin and Tom Cribbin it's a formidable management team on paper.

"Jack O'Connor is a big addition to us and we are very lucky to have him and along with Ross Glavin there is great experience there and we are really enjoying it at the moment."

"There is a lot of experience and know-how in the management team and there is a big panel there at the moment. The shoulder is to the wheel in preparing for the National League and the



Fergal Conway in action

three boys have us in a good place heading into 2020.

"Training is as enjoyable as it can be for this time of

year and like every other team there is a lot of work to do.

"We are trying to build up

that fitness base before the first league game," Conway admitted.

In less than two months time Kildare will face off with Fermanagh in the opening round of the National League and getting out of Division 2 is something that are keen to achieve.

"We take each game as it comes and no doubt the league will be a big priority, we had a good chance to get promoted against Donegal last year and didn't perform so we have to improve. We as a squad want to get out of Division 2 as Division 1 is where everyone wants to be in facing off against the best."

Conway is currently sidelined with a hamstring injury so is unlikely to be available when Kildare kick start their season on Saturday but he is bound to be a huge asset to Jack O'Connor throughout 2020.

Byrne hails wonderful year for Naas as he looks for improvement on county front

By his own admission Naas' Brian Byrne was very surprised to be picking up the Kildare Senior Hurler of the Year award on Friday night.

He is very humble though as without his impact it may have been a very shallow year for the Kildare hurlers indeed.

In a Division 2B campaign where they ultimately fell short on promotion, the centre forward played a key role which culminated in scoring 3-14 against Warwickshire.

Byrne brought that type of form into the Christy Ring Cup campaign with big performances despite losing against Roscommon and Meath and letting their grip on the trophy slip by so easily was obviously a big disappointment.

Speaking to MC Johnny Doyle the Naas man summed up the year's fortunes in the year Kildare jersey.

"I suppose after the success of last year and winning the Christy Ring Cup with Kildare it was the aim again but unfortunately it didn't work out for us and when you sit back and have a look at it with so many lads taking time off from the panel and new management it was always going to be difficult."

"We went over to London with a job to do though and we thankfully retained our Christy Ring status which was important."

David Herity is moving into his second year in charge of the team and despite going down to fellow Kilkenny

manager Michael Fennelly against Offaly at the weekend hope still springs eternal for a Kildare side even though they will be without a number of key players this term including last year's captain Martin Fitzgerald.

"David Herity has implemented his plan with Kildare and it's all about workrate and passion. Skill is very important of course but having the core values is key," Byrne admitted with regards to Herity's managerial style.

While the opening half of the year may have been disappointing for the Naas dual star the latter half wasn't far off being perfect on the club front.

The versatile 24-year-old played a starring role in the footballers winning their first ever senior league title before hurling took centre stage as Naas ended a 17 year barren spell to claim the County Senior Hurling Championship Title.

"With the club your aim is to be on the top of the St. Conleth's steps at the beginning of October which is every lads dream and thankfully this year we did it and with the minors, U21's, juniors and intermediate's also winning it was a massive year for the club."

An amazing year on the club front for Byrne and Co but with so many Naas players involved the question is can they replicate some of that success in a Kildare jersey in 2020.

Only time will tell.



Naas Brian Byrne slips his pass out field as EireOg Corrachoill Liam Dempsey closes in during the Haven Hire Senior Hurling Championship game

SPORT

Curragh Racecourse host annual awards and look to the year ahead.



Trainer, Denis Hogan with fiancée Sarah Rose, family and friends and trophy for Leading Training Performance at the Curragh in 2019.
PICTURE: CAROLINENORRIS.IE

The annual Curragh Racecourse Racing Awards, in association with The Irish Field, were held at the home of Flat Racing on Wednesday evening last at the luxurious Lilywhite Lounge at the revamped Curragh.

Pat Keogh, CEO at the Curragh, also took the opportunity to look ahead at the 2020 season where he

said 20 meetings were scheduled, each with an individual theme, all important and vital races in their own right.

The top racing awards for the 2019 season went to jockey Billy Lee and trainer Denis Cullen while The Horse of the Year award went to the Aidan O'Brien trained Magical.

A Special Achievement Award was presented to Donnacha O'Brien to acknowledge his outstanding riding career and many successes at the Curragh including the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby on Latrobe.

Billy Lee's ride on One Cool Poet in the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Northfields Handicap ensured him of the overall riding performance award, while trainer Hogan trained Make a Challenge to win three times at the Curragh most notably in the Waterford Testimonial Stakes.

A special presentation was made by Pat Keogh to Donnacha O'Brien who just last week announced his retirement from the saddle, take up training duties in early 2020.

The award acknowledged Donnacha's outstanding riding career and many successes at the Curragh including the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby on Latrobe.

Details of a variety of new initiatives were also announced during the evening by Pat Keogh.

These included a new look

2020 Curragh Membership offering great savings on admission to 20 race meetings and a fantastic range of benefits including exclusive access to a private lounge on level 1 of the grandstand. Adult membership €265, Senior's & Under 25's €210, Adult seat membership €560, Seniors & Under 25's seat membership €505.

A number of changes will

be made next season to the grandstand including the launch of The Lilywhites Lounge located on Level 2 overlooking the winning line which will be open to the public.

A variety of themes have been added to race days next year to broaden their appeal including style, music, family, community and a student race day as the finale of the season.



Liam O'Keefe with Morgan McCabe at the awards night



Padraig McManus, Chairman of Curragh Racecourse Ltd with Deputy Martin Heydon at the Curragh Awards



Pat Keogh, CEO Curragh Racecourse, presenting a Special Award to Donnacha O'Brien to mark his retirement from the saddle, at the Curragh Racing Awards 2019, in Association with The Irish Field

Top Irish jockeys get their jingle on!



Jockeys jingle ahead of their visit to Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. (L-R) Jody McGarvey, Paul Townend, Padraig Roche, Jack Kennedy, Sean Flanagan and Donagh Meyler PHOTO HEALY RACING.

Over 30 top Irish jockeys and industry personalities took part in a special festival rendition of 'Carpool Karaoke' at The Curragh yesterday. The initiative is part of the build-up to the jockey's inaugural official visit to Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin on Thursday, 19 December.

The competition was judged by renowned retired flat Jockey, Pat Smullen. A suite of short videos professionally produced by IRIS will be shared on social media from Horse Racing Ireland's social media platforms over the coming weeks. These will include video content of the competition itself, the funny outtakes and bloopers and most importantly, some footage of the jockeys very special visit to Crumlin too.

The novel idea is the brainchild of Galway based jockeys' physio John Butler who felt the industry needed a good shot of festive fun in advance of the busy Christmas racing period.

Speaking of the trip to Crumlin, top jockey Rachael Blackmore said "Carpool Karaoke today has been great fun but there is a serious side to why we are all here too! Jockeys are often praised for bravery going down to a fence at 40mph, taking falls, getting back on but the reality is that's just what we do and it's our chosen profession. From our eyes, there is no group more brave or special than the children at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, along with their parents and the staff. We are honoured to be swinging by to say hello and meet those heroes this Christmas."

Jockeys and industry personalities took part in the festivities yesterday including Paul Townend,

Barry Geraghty, Sean Flanagan, Donagh Meyler, Rachael Blackmore, Aine O'Connor, Niall Madden, Mark Walsh, Billy Lee, Kevin Manning, Mick Hussey, Ross Coakley, and Jennifer Pugh, Adrian McGoldrick, Michael Higgins, Andrew Coonan, Pat Healy, Darren Lawlor, Sharleen O'Reilly, Padraig Roche, Kevin O'Ryan, Lorcan Weir, Brendan Sheridan and the IRIS crew.

TIM HUSBANDS APPOINTED CEO OF LEOPARDSTOWN RACECOURSE

Tim Husband has been appointed Chief Executive of Leopardstown Racecourse. He will take up the position in mid-January and be in place for the Dublin Racing Festival on February 1 and 2, 2020. Tim has a strong track record in the leisure and tourism industry and over the past 25 years, has played a significant role in the transformation of Belfast to a destination of choice for both leisure and business tourists. In various roles including Managing Director of Belfast's Waterfront Hall and the Ulster Hall, Head of City Events and Venues at Belfast City Council, and most recently as Chief Executive of Titanic Belfast, he has made a significant contribution to raising Belfast's profile as a host city for major events of national and international standing.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

- Clonmel - Thursday, December 5 (First Race 12.10pm)
- Dundalk - Friday, December 6 (First Race 5.45pm)
- Navan - Saturday, December 7 (First Race 12pm)
- Cork - Sunday, December 8 (First Race 12.35pm)
- Punchestown - Sunday, December 8 (First Race 12.20pm)

SPORT

Naas CBS in dominant form as they defeat St Benildus

LEINSTER A COLLEGES SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

NAAS CBS 4-24
ST.BENILDUS 1-8

BY ROBERT CRIBBIN

Naas CBS showed all their class as they emphatically got the better of St. Benildus in the second round of the Leinster championship.

The defending champions were never threatened from start to finish and in this type of form they will take some beating.

Naas have plenty of star power in their ranks with the goals coming from James Dalton, Alex Beirne, Simon Murphy and Neil Aherne which guaranteed a home draw in the knockout stages after Christmas.

The teams were level early on when Alex Beirne and Ronan Cullen exchanged

efforts but Naas soon took command as they kicked four in row to go 0-5 to 0-1 ahead after Beirne, Simon Murphy, Sean McLoughlin and Sam Morrissey all found the target.

During that period Benildus should have got a goal when Luke Cullen squared to Bryan Keogh Smith but with David Morrissey beaten the full forward's palmed effort ricochet off the crossbar.

The Dublin side then followed up with a pair of points from Ciaran Foley but all that seemed to do was burst Naas into life and after Simon Murphy found the net in the 20th minute the game was effectively over with Beirne and Kevin Quinn pointing beforehand.

Naas then had a real swagger about themselves with James Dalton getting a second goal just four minutes

after the first and with Murphy, Quinn and Eoin Archbold increasing the Naas tally the hosts went into the break ahead on a 2-16 to 0-3 scoreline.

Naas continued where they left off at the interval with an Adam Malone point putting a huge twenty point deficit between the sides before Benildus responded in the shape of Cullen and Luke Murphy Guinane.

Naas hit back with points from Quinn and Dalton but if there was one negative it arrived in the 38th minute when Eoin Archbold was given a straight red card for a striking offence.

Naas were never down numerically in comparison with their opponents though as a separate altercation at the same time resulted in Connor Mooney also seeing red on a second bookable

offence for the visitors.

Benildus did get a goal a couple of minutes later when their best player Ronan Cullen rounded David Morrissey before kicking to the net.

Benildus added on further points from Guinane and Luke Cullen but Naas were outclassing them all over the field and the Kildare school finished in style with an Alex Beirne penalty and fourth goal from Neil Aherne putting

the seal on the easiest of victories for Naas CBS.

NAAS CBS: David Morrissey (Naas); Mark Maguire (Naas), Conan Boran (Eadestown), Ferran O'Sullivan (Naas), Adam Malone 0-1 (Raheens), Will Purcell (Two Mile House), Paddy Kelly (Naas), Kevin Quinn 0-3 (Blessington), Eoin Archbold (Naas), Sean McLoughlin 0-3 (0-2fs) (Raheens), Drew Costello (Naas), Sam Morrissey 0-2 (Naas), Simon Murphy 1-4 (Ballymore Eustace), Alex Beirne 1-6 (0-4fs) (Naas), James Dalton 1-3 (Sallins).

SUBS USED: Joe Murphy (Naas) for Costello h-t, Matthew Whelan (Naas) for

Purcell 46 mins, Nick Sweeney (Naas) for Quinn 46 mins, Brendan Quinn 0-1 (Naas) for Kelly 46 mins, Neil Aherne 1-1 (Naas) for O'Sullivan 49 mins, Eamonn Dunne (Naas) for Murphy 49 mins.

ST.BENILDUS: Liam Conway; Darragh Kenny, Jack Feahan, Shane Cullanan, Rory O'Mahony, Adam Mezynski, Cian Lyndon, Ciarán Foley 0-2, Luke Murphy Guinane 0-3 (0-2fs), Adam O'Brien, Ronan Cullen 1-2 (0-1f), Connor Mooney, Luke Cullen 0-1, Bryan Keogh Smith, Billy Hendley.

REF: Ger Gunning (Westmeath)

14 man Scoil Mhuire go down to Athlone

BR. BOSCO CUP ROUND 2

SCOIL MHUIRE CLANE 1-10
ATHLONE CC 2-12

KILDARE POST REPORTER

Scoil Mhuire's Leinster A College campaign is hanging on by a thread after they went down to Athlone last week.

Oisín O'Sullivan's second half goal seemed to have Clane in an ideal position for victory but a red card to Daniel O'Gorman and a poor last quarter meant they suffered a five point defeat with Fearghus Lennon and Dylan Keegan kicking in late goals for Athlone.

Clane threw away a lead in their opening game with Moate and something similar happened here as the Kildare side have to hope results go their way in order to qualify for the next round.

The first half was nip and tuck all the way along but an injury time point from Leinster minor winning corner back Tommy Gill, although playing at centre forward for his school, put

Clane 0-7 to 0-6 ahead at half time.

Clane had plenty of possession throughout the game but it was only in the opening ten minutes of the second half that they really put it to good use, culminating in a brilliant shot from O'Sullivan that flew into the Athlone net to put them ahead by 1-9 to 0-7.

Instead of kicking on and seeing out the game from there, Clane wilted as the home side came flying back with five points in a row in the space of ten minutes. That last of points came after Fearghus Lennon converted a free after Daniel O'Gorman was shown a second yellow card for a foul on Brian Monaghan, leaving Clane down to 14 men. Athlone took full advantage of that five minutes later when a flowing move cut open the Clane defence and Lennon found the net with a neat finish.

Clane almost responded immediately but another brilliantly struck shot by O'Sullivan was superbly tipped onto the bar by Gary Martin.

An Eoghan O'Haire free briefly got Clane back to within two points of their hosts but Athlone made sure of the win when Dylan Keegan fired home their second goal in the first minute of injury time.

Athlone will now meet Moate CS in the final game to see who tops the group and only an Athlone win by six or more points will see Clane qualify for the knockout stages.

ATHLONE CC: Gary Martin; Liam Egan, Faolan Kennedy, Luke Hamilton, Daniel Guinan, Robbie Dolan 0-1, Conor Kenneghan; Luke Grisleain, Patrick Lynch; John Feeney, Dylan Keegan 1-1, Dylan Fagan, Cormac Canney 0-3, Mark Naughton 0-3, Fearghus Lennon 1-4 (1f, 1'45). Subs: Shane Kennan for Hamilton, h/t; James Madden for Grisleain, 38; Brian Monaghan for Keenaghan, 46; Fionnan Henry for Feeney, 60+3.

SCOIL MHUIRE, CLANE: Cian Burke; Sean Connolly, Ryan Burke, Cathal McKennedy, Daniel Murray, John Lynch 0-1, Daniel O'Gorman; Mark Kelly, Eoghan O'Haire 0-2fs; Oisín Tighe, Tommy Gill 0-1, Darragh Swords, Adam Fanning 0-3, Cormac Vizzard, Oisín O'Sullivan 1-2. Subs: Dean O'Shea 0-1 for Vizzard, 14; Joe Barrett for Connolly, 30+2; Ger O'Connor for Swords, 45.

REFEREE: Mariuz Stones.



Naas CBS Simon Murphy wins the race for possession ahead of St Benildus Shane Cullanan during the Brother Bosco Cup game



Naas CBS Kevin Quinn pushes his way past the challenge of St Benildus College Ciara Foley

SPORT

Faithful county outclass Kildare in RD 1 of the Kehoe Cup

KEHOE CUP ROUND 1

KILDARE
OFFALY0-18
2-28

BY ROBERT CRIBBIN

It was a tough opening day at the office for David Herity's Kildare side as they fell to a heavy defeat at the hands of Offaly in the idyllic surroundings of St. Brendan's Park in Birr.

The unofficial home of hurling in Offaly played host to the opening game in the tenure of Michael Fennelly and his side proved much too strong for Kildare in the Kehoe Cup.

Birr clubman Eoghan Cahill has been the Offaly netminder for the last few seasons but he showed he has the skill outfield when knocking over 1-10 from corner forward.

Kildare had a real experimental look about them and it showed in the final scoreline and much improvement will be needed for the Down game next weekend.

Kildare boss David Herity confirmed that it's likely to be a much changed lineup for that game as he gets a look at his entire panel ahead of the National Hurling League in January.

Offaly started the better and within a couple of minutes they were two points up after a brace from Thomas Geraghty.

Kildare responded with a 65 from Mark Delaney but

before long it was clear to see that Offaly were much further down the line in their fitness levels and points from Eoghan Cahill and Oisín Kelly had them five clear.

Back to back scores from Delaney and Cathal Melville kept the Lillywhites in touch before Offaly made it a 0-9 to 0-3 margin through Geraghty, Liam Langton and Brian Duignan.

Three frees from Delaney meant Kildare kept adding to their tally but Offaly seemed to score everytime they shot and with Geraghty, Langton and Cahill finding their groove they eased clear.

The Naas clan of Jack Sheridan, Conor Dowling and Shane Ryan did point before the break but it was pretty academic when Cahill and Duignan ensured Offaly held a 0-16 to 0-9 cushion at the halfway mark.

The second half went along similar lines and the game was as good as over in the 37th minute when Cahill netted after Mark Doyle had earlier saved from Brian Duignan.

Kildare replied via Sheridan and Ryan but Offaly were only going through the motions really and scores from Cahill and Conor Langton left ten points between the sides.

With the result never in doubt from that point on both managements emptied their benches and any flow the game had quickly disappeared.

Delaney and Jack Sheridan finished as Kildare

top scorers and they added on further efforts before Offaly finished in style.

The home team scored 1-6 without reply at one stage of the final quarter with an Oisín Kelly goal bookending points from Duignan, Cahill, Conor Langton and Aidan Treacey.

Kildare finished out the game with Sheridan and Simon Leacy striking over but Offaly were much too good on the day and Peter Geraghty and Aidan Treacey rounded off on a sixteen point victory.

OFFALY: Stephen Corcoran; Ciaran Burke, Damien Egan, Michael Cleary, Daniel Doughan, Ben Conneely, David King, Aidan Treacy 0-2, Jason Sampson, Thomas Geraghty 0-4, Oisín Kelly 1-3, Sean Cleary 0-1, Liam Langton 0-2, Brian Duignan 0-3, Eoghan Cahill 1-10 (0-2fs, 0-1 65)

SUBS USED: David Nally for Sampson 46 mins, Peter Geraghty 0-1 for T.Geraghty 48 mins, Conor Langton 0-2 for L.Langton 50 mins, Eoghan Parlon for S.Cleary 53 mins, Oisín Murphy for M.Cleary 54 mins, Ross Ravenhill for King 59 mins.

KILDARE: Mark Doyle; Niall O'Muinneachain, John Doran, Cathal Derivan, Simon Leacy 0-1, Rian Boran, Drew Costello, Aran Kelly, Ronan Dunne, Jack Sheridan 0-5 (0-3fs, 0-1 65), James Burke, Caolan Smith, Sean Whelan, Cathal Melville 0-1, Mark Delaney 0-7 (0-5fs, 0-1 65).

SUBS USED: Cathal Dowling for Kelly (Blood Sub) 12 mins, Aran Kelly for Whelan 20 mins, Shane Ryan 0-3 for Melville 30 mins, Conor Dowling 0-1 for Dunne 31 mins, Conor Gordon for Boran 43 mins, Sean Whelan for Sheridan 46 mins, Rian Boran for Costello 51 mins, Jamie Connolly for Delaney 68 mins.

REF: David Hughes (Carlow)



James Burke drives clear from the chasing Sean Cleary of Offaly during the Leinster GAA Series Kehoe Cup 2020 game played at St Brendan Park, Birr Co Offaly

Herity pleased with aspects of Kildare's performance

The new inter-county season kicked off as Kildare fell to defeat against Offaly in the Kehoe Cup.

Despite the heavy loss Kildare hurling boss David Herity was pleased with aspects of their play.

"We got a chance to give eight players their Kildare debut which is brilliant to see and the first ten minutes was a massive learning curve for the lads with the physicality of it all but they settled in alright.

"We were on top for stages of the second half but in the last fifteen minutes they outscored us 1-7 to 0-3 so it just shows at this level against the calibre of a side like Offaly that concentration is key throughout the whole game and only for Mark Doyle in goals the scoreline could have been much worse.

"We've been back a few weeks but we've only had the Naas contingent for one training session and we finished with a lot of them so

it's going to take a while to get a lot of them back integrated after a long club season but it's November and it's the equivalent of a challenge match. Its early days yet and 0-18 is a lot for this time of the year and we will try and build on that.

"We've asked the Naas lads to do the hurling sessions and take a rest from running and the gym as at least they keep their touch and know what we are trying to do tactically for the first round of the league.

We are giving them a break for the bones of a month but when the match was changed we had to play a few of them as a result of lack of numbers."

Kildare will now play Down in St. Conleth's Park on Sunday and the Kilkenny native admitted that a much changed team will be on view as he tries to get a look at his entire panel ahead of the National League.

"Most of the lads that played today will be rested for

the Down game and the likes of Paul Divilly, Liam Dempsey, Conor KIELTY, Paddy McKenna, Sean Christiansen and the two Forde's will come into contention and it will be brilliant panel wise as we will know a lot more next week as we figure out their strengths and weaknesses.

"We have to try and get them up to this level and when we look back on the video analysis we will have learnt a great deal.

"The attitude of the lads is outstanding and as management the most important factors are skill, knowledge and attitude for them to improve on and while they have a bit to go on the first two the attitude is A1. They have bought in brilliantly to what we have asked of them training wise and if they get that skill and knowledge there is great things there for this group," Herity said.



Kildare Mark Delaney splits the posts for a point from play despite the closeness of Offaly Michael Cleary during the Leinster GAA series Kehoe Cup 2020

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O'Connor putting in the foundation as the Kildare senior footballers get season underway

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Saturday afternoon will see the beginning of a new chapter in Kildare football as Jack O'Connor takes charge of the team for the first time.

The former All-Ireland winning Kerry boss has been working away in training over the last few weeks and his team will hit the field in a competitive sphere for the first time at the weekend.

Longford are the visitors to St Conleth's Park for Round 1 of the O'Byrne Cup and O'Connor is content from what he has seen of the Kildare players so far.

"We are getting a good reaction from the players which is the important thing and they are going very hard in their pre-season work with running and weights. It's the time of year where we have to try and lay a foundation if we can.

"We're trying out a lot of new players and at the moment we'd have upwards of 50 players in and a few of them are injured so it will be a while before we have a confirmed panel.

"I've been impressed with the level of enthusiasm among the players to be honest with you, and they are very serious and dedicated about what they are doing. If you can garner a good spirit and make training as enjoyable as possible that's the key.

"There will still be hard work of course but I'm working hard on creating a good atmosphere in there and getting the players as fit as possible and then we'll work on the football.

There is no official panel for the O'Byrne Cup but from last year Fionn Dowling and Eoghan O'Flaherty have opted out while Ben McCormack is gone travelling.

Mark Dempsey will also miss the league due to college commitments but in better news the likes of Dan Flynn and Johnny Byrne are back on board.

"From last year's squad Ben

McCormack is gone travelling and Mark Dempsey is away in Canada with college so he will be unavailable for the league and outside of that we'd have the vast majority of the 2019 panel.

"Dan Flynn is back with us and that's a big boost while there are a couple of other fellas who weren't available last year back in too. Niall Kelly missed a good bit of last year, Johnny Byrne is back in training while Paul Cribbin is nearing a return from injury that saw him miss out on nearly the whole year. In general we have the vast majority of the players we want anyway," O'Connor said.

The well-touted Ross Dunphy has come in as strength and conditioning coach with Mark Scanlon of Round Towers working as his understudy and the new manager admitted that it's a backroom team that's working well so far.

"Ross Glavin would have known Ross Dunphy through the army and he has a lot of inter-county experience. He has worked with the Tipperary hurlers previously and he did a good job with Thomas Davis as they reached the Dublin Football Final this year.

"He's very enthusiastic and energetic and he's doing a great job so far."

Another thing to take into account from this weekend's games will be the introduction of a couple of new rules and for O'Connor it's hard to know what way it will work out but he does admit that it makes things very difficult for referees.

"It's hard to know with the new rules, the new kickout for example will take a while to get used to and it's going to be interesting and will lead to more kickouts being contested. The offensive mark may take the flow out of the game and slow up things so it will take a while to get up to speed and it may be tough on referees to begin with" he concluded.

O'Byrne Cup Round 1, Kildare v Longford - Saturday in St Conleth's Park at 2pm.



Kildare senior football manager, Jack O'Connor will see his charges take on Longford in the opening round of the O'Byrne Cup at St Conleth's Park on Saturday next, at 2pm.

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