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## FAREWELL TO MARIAN

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Mourners who attended the funeral mass of the late Marian Finucane at Saint Brigid's Church, Kill, last Tuesday, January 7, heard that the nation has lost a skilled broadcaster, while her family have lost a treasured wife, mother, step-mother, sister, friend and mother-in-law.

The chief celebrant of the Mass was Monsignor Ciarán O'Carroll, rector of the Pontifical Irish College, Rome, who told the congregation that the Kiltel resident, who passed away suddenly last Thursday, was blessed with energy, dynamism, determination, passion, empathy and kindness as well as a boundless curiosity about life and the world.

He said that she had to carry the cross of bereavement, with the loss of her beloved daughter Sinead (aged 8) in 1990, which she did with dignity. In turn, she became a huge supporter of the hospice movement, both at home and in South Africa.

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RTE's Ryan Tubridy sympathises with John Clarke, husband of the late Marian Finucane, at Tuesday's funeral.  
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## NEWS

# 'We miss you terribly'

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She had a quiet generosity and worked abundantly for charity throughout her life.

"She was a presence in thousands of homes each weekend, and it was in the peace of her own home that she was called unexpectedly to her eternal rest."

The concelebrants were Bishop Éamonn Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Dublin, and Father Willie O'Byrne, Parish Priest of Kill, while the mourners included the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar and fellow RTE stalwarts Ryan Tubridy, Clare Byrne and Miriam O'Callaghan.

The eulogy was delivered by her son Jack, who recently married his wife Jennifer. The couple are due to become parents next month.

"Many people across the length and breadth of the country have their own experience with mum — my version is of a mother, wife, friend, step-mother, colleague and neighbour.

"She was a shy lady who was as happy reading a book or sitting around talking with friends into the small hours, sorting out the world's problems one dinner party at a time. She was a classy lady with soul in the true sense of the word," he said.

Jack said his mother was patient, compassionate and great company, adding that she was deeply protective of her family.

"She was not strict but she would let me know if she thought I was being foolish," he said. "She expected a great effort and gave me a lot of freedom in return. Respect was deserved not just earned but there was always room for improvement and nobody was all good and nobody was all bad."

He told the mourners that his mother also had courage in her work as an activist, and one of her favourite songs was Revolution by the Beatles.

"Her activism and charity work were real because she lived the problems that she tried to fix. She stepped up to life's challenges



The funeral of the late Marian Finucane arrives at St. Brigid's Church, Kill last Tuesday. PICTURES: TONY KEANE



The late Marian Finucane's son, Jack



Broadcaster Joe Duffy at the funeral

publicly and lived them privately."

He said that she would always advise him to find within people their humanity, to stand up straight and look them in the eye and "go from there".

Jack concluded that his mother's legacy would be to live a life well-travelled, full of courage, curiosity and kindness. "Thank you mum, we love you and will miss you terribly."

Marian's husband John Clarke then stood up and spoke about his

love of 40 years. He said Marian was, for him, a woman who "made the colours brighter and the world a bit easier to live in."

"Last December she decided to retire and we were so excited we would have more time, more books to read, more places to see but sadly that is not going to happen. Someone said we were like two 15-year-olds addicted to each other and I can't deny it. Some weeks ago, we were in a township in South Africa and a very old black woman said to us

that the only thing she can give us is her tears. That is all I can give you today too."

Fittingly, The Bright Lady, with Peter Browne on uilleann pipes played as Marian's coffin entered the church and the final musical piece was Mo Ghile Mear, the chorus of which was sung by the congregation as she was taken to her final resting place. She received a round of applause as the hearse pulled away from the church. Burial took place privately after the Mass.

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# The late Marian Finucane: the 'voice of reason' and a 'superb professional'

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Tributes were paid in abundance for the late Marian Finucane who died suddenly in her Kildare home on January 2 last. The veteran RTE journalist and presenter's sudden passing shocked the nation as she was due back on the airwaves this week after her Christmas break.

The Cathaoirleach of Kildare County Council, Councillor Suzanne Doyle, opened a book of condolences for the late broadcaster who is being remembered as a trail-blazer in her field and for her charity work both at home and in Africa.

Mayor Doyle said that Marian was a virtual visitor in so many homes throughout the county. "Sincere sympathy to her loved ones. May she Rest In Peace," she said.

Tributes continued to be paid for the Kiltel resident who has been described as a pioneer in her field by President Michael D. Higgins.

Racehorse trainer and close family friend Ted Walsh, appeared in the audience on the RTE's Late

Late Show on Friday, January 3 last, where he fondly remembered his good friend.

His thoughts turned to her husband, John Clark, whom he said, with Marian, were "two peas in a pod", and to her son Jack. He said he had last seen John about a month ago outside the Lemongrass restaurant in Naas where he was waiting for Marian who was inside.

He said that they were always great company and were a couple who really enjoyed each other's company. The couple lost their eight-year-old daughter, Sinead, to cancer in 1990 which was described as a tragic burden that Marian carried privately in the years afterwards.

President Michael D Higgins described her as a "superb professional" and "one of the very early exemplars to those who sought a proper representation of women in broadcasting".

President Higgins added in his statement: "There will be many, in every part of Irish life, who will miss Marian's voice, but of course her loss is felt most acutely by her family and friends."



**ABOVE:** An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar is greeted by local Senator Anthony Lawlor at the funeral of the late Marian Finucane  
**ABOVE LEFT:** Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Richard Bruton TD, sympathises with John Clarke, husband of the late Marian Finucane  
**LEFT:** RTE's Claire Byrne at the funeral



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NEWS

# Department warns of Avian Influenza risk to poultry sector

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The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine have warned of the risk that Avian Influenza (AI) poses to the poultry sector in Ireland. The current investigation into the

suspected presence of a notifiable avian disease in a broiler breeder flock in County Fermanagh, serves to highlight once again to poultry keepers the measures they should take to reduce the risk of introducing disease into their flock. "As we are currently in the

high-risk period for avian influenza, the Department urges all poultry owners including backyard flock owners to be vigilant and to implement strict biosecurity on their premises, particularly in relation to minimising contact with wild birds," they said.



The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine warn poultry and hen owners of the dangers of Avian Influenza (AI) PIC NIAMH CUBIE

Flock-owners should also regularly monitor their birds for signs of disease. If they suspect any signs of the disease in their flocks, they must report it immediately to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Susan Anderson of Littlehill Animal Sanctuary

in Co Kildare warned hen owners also to beware of the danger and to ensure that wild birds do not have access to feeding areas or feed stores. Miss Anderson and her volunteers at Littlehill rescue thousands of hens annually from large poultry farms, the birds would otherwise be destroyed at

13-14 months and replaced by younger hens.

"Anyone who keeps poultry, even only one or two birds, in Ireland must register their premises with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine" warned a spokesperson for the Department.

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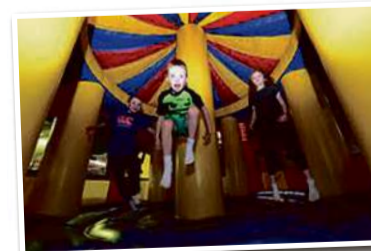
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Elizabeth Deegan and Andrea Furlong get set for this year's Operation Transformation at the launch in Ballymore Eustace last Tuesday night. PICTURE: TONY KEANE

CRIMEBRIEFS

**Moone Raid**

Gardai are appealing for information on a raid of a house in Belan in Moone on January 4 between 6 and 7.30pm. The house was broken into and ransacked and a number of items taken in the raid. Contact Kildare gardai with information on 045 527730.

**Punchestown house broken into**

A home in Punchestown, Naas, was broken into on January 6 between 5 and 6pm. The house was broken into and ransacked and a number of items taken in the raid.

**Athy house ransacked**

Kildare Gardai are appealing for information on the burglary of a house in Coneyboro in Athy overnight on January 4 last. A rear window was forced open and entry was gained. The house was ransacked and a number of items taken in the raid. Contact Kildare gardai with information on 045 527730.

**Three men acting suspiciously**

Gardai are appealing for information on an attempted break-in to a house in Aylmer Park in Naas at 7pm on January 6. Three males were seen acting suspiciously. They were described as being 5ft 9in, and wearing dark clothing. Contact Kildare gardai with information on 045 527730.



LEFT: Liam O'Baoill pictured at the New Year's Eve races at Punchestown. PICTURE: AISHLING CONWAY



RIGHT: Carrie Johnston and Robin Dunleavy taking part in the Brian Brady Youth Theatre panto in Naas. PICTURE: AISHLING CONWAY

Car park proposal for Kilcullen

Cllr Tracey O'Dwyer has submitted a motion for the next Kildare Newbridge MD area meeting to request Kildare County Council to provide a public car park for the town of Kilcullen.

"Currently the only public car park is at the Market Square, as the remaining local car parks in Kilcullen are privately owned. Kildare County Council has a responsibility to invest in providing a public car park," she said.

Retired Civil and Public Servants Association

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NEWS

# Kilsaran to appeal quarry plan refusal

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Kildare County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a sand and gravel extraction project has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála. KCC refused permission for the development on a 32 hectare site for a period of a dozen years, a refusal which Kilsaran will now appeal.

Kilsaran Concrete (trading as Kilsaran Build) had the application turned down less than two months ago and an appeal will now be decided by the first week of May.

Members of the Ballyshannon Action Group (BAG), which represents some of those objecting to the plan say they are "disappointed but not surprised" at the decision to appeal "what was a very thorough refusal by Kildare County Council of their plans for a new quarry at Racefield, Ballyshannon".

BAG added: "The residents of Ballyshannon and surrounding areas have roundly objected to the development and these objections, of which there were 229 submitted, were taken on board by Kildare County Council in its decision to refuse planning on a variety of



**Kilsaran Concrete (t/a Kilsaran build) have appealed Kildare County Council's refusal to grant planning permission at new quarry at Racefield, Ballyshannon**

grounds.

"Members of the Ballyshannon Action Group and our supporters, will continue to voice these concerns and hope that An Bord Pleanála agrees with Kildare County Council's decision in refusing this completely inappropriate and dangerous development in our area."

The application attracted numerous submissions, including from the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Old Kilcullen

Area Community Association, BAG, the Narraghmore Development association and teachers and parents associated with the primary school in Ballyshannon as well as individual objections and representations from politicians.

Former champion jockey Ruby Walsh, who lives near Kilcullen, also objected to the plan citing health and traffic concerns as well as a potential risk to an equestrian business he is involved in.

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A retired teacher who has been volunteering with KARE since 2014 said, "I found everyone in KARE

most welcoming, the support I got and continue to get is very good, the work is very rewarding and enjoyable.

The people who use the service of KARE are a pleasure to teach.

"I would highly recommend voluntary work to anyone who has free time to get involved in any area that they would enjoy."

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# Parking at busy junction hindering sight lines

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The parking of lorries on the hard shoulder of a road approaching Baltracey Cross is a danger to traffic, a public meeting has been told. Kildare County Council has said that it is monitoring a situation at Baltracey Cross in which parking is said to be hindering sight lines.

At the council's Clane-Maynooth area in December, Cllr Brendan Weld asked the council to install bollards on the hard shoulder of the road coming from Donadea towards the Baltracey Cross. Parking was continuously taking place along the hard shoulder, the meeting heard.

It was hindering the sight line towards Clane and was "now a health and safety

issue," said Cllr Weld.

Council officials said they were not aware of the issue but undertook to monitor the situation to ascertain the extent of the problem. "If vehicles are parking dangerously, it should be referred to An Garda Síochána for enforcement," they said.

Cllr Weld said that the gardai agreed with him about the danger of parking on the hard shoulder. Traffic coming from the Donadea side had to go to almost the middle of the road to see what traffic is coming, he said.

"If the lorries were parking on the Kilcock side there would be no problem," said Cllr Weld, adding that it only takes one lorry or van to cause the problem. Cllr Weld said the area around the cross has a bad record accident

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Cllr Weld, whose proposal for bollards was seconded by Cllr Tim Durkan, said that on some mornings it was not a problem, but there are a lot of complaints. "Two days a week, someone rings about people parking there" said Cllr Weld.

He said the problem appeared to be less about drivers stopping to take phone calls but to meet other people and have a rest. Cllr Durkan suggested lines, similar to what was done at Ladychapel, Maynooth, and Cllr Weld suggested erecting "no parking" signs.

Council executive, Cyril Buggy, said a sign may not work but making the hard shoulder smaller might work. They would stop parking by bringing out the bank.



Liam and Phyllis O'Keeffe of Kildare town pictured on their 50th wedding anniversary with friend and local TD Fiona O'Loughlin at their celebration party in Ryston, Newbridge, last Friday. PICTURE: TONY KEANE

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NEWS

COUNCIL BRIEFS

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Calls for bus shelters on both sides of road

A call has been made for bus shelters to be provided at both sides of the road near the Tougher's Business Park, between Naas and Newbridge.

Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer will make the request at a meeting of the Newbridge-Kildare Municipal District on January 15.

Cllr O'Dwyer said a stop is needed on both sides of the dual carriageway.

Newbridge should have bike lockers

A move has been made to provide bike lockers in Newbridge.

Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer has asked Kildare County Council to confirm if it has any plans to install bike parking lockers in Newbridge, similar to those installed in Naas.

She has a motion down for the

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January 15 meeting of the Newbridge-Kildare Municipal District.

Anti-social behaviour

A call has been made to tackle anti social behaviour in Newbridge. Cllr Mark Stafford wants Kildare County Council to remove the park benches in the Market Square area of the town. He believes this would be a deterrent to the consistent anti-social behaviour and dumping that occurs in this area. He has a motion down for the January 15 meeting of the Newbridge-Kildare Municipal District.

Monasterevin-Rathangan road safety

Road safety along a section of the route between Rathangan and Monasterevin needs to be addressed. That's according to Cllr Kevin Duffy who wants Kildare County Council to carry out a safety audit at Mountrice Cross on the R414 within the 60 km zone.

He wants safety improved safety for road users and residents as there has been several accidents on this stretch in the last 6 months. Cllr Duffy has tabled a motion for the forthcoming motion of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District meeting.



Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer has asked KCC to confirm if it has any plans to install bike parking lockers in Newbridge, similar to those installed in Naas (above)

More overcrowding at Naas Hospital

There were serious overcrowding problems at Naas General Hospital again on Tuesday last (January 7).

Some 24 patients were being treated on trolleys having been admitted through the accident and emergency department.

At Portlaoise Hospital, there were seven patients on trolleys and there are 13 people on trolleys at Tullamore Hospital.

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## NEWS

# Apartments and shops proposed for Leixlip's Main Street

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A planning application has been lodged to build 11 apartments and three commercial units at a historic Main Street location in Leixlip.

The application, by Sabrina Macari, one of the well-known Macari family who have a number of businesses in Kildare, is at pre validation stage. It was lodged on December 23.

The proposals is to develop six properties at Main Street, Nos 29, 31, 33, 35, 37 and 39. No 33 is the

birthplace of Fenian, Major William Francis Roantree. One part of the proposal is for two shops and one cafe at ground floor level and includes the refurbishment of the existing fronts.

Another is for the demolition of rear garden structures.

A main part is for a three storey apartment block, linked to the existing terraced properties at first floor with access via the existing arch at No 29/31.

There are six one-bed and five two-bed apartments proposed.

Council records show there

was an incomplete 2017 application by Pietro Macari for two shops and five apartments on the sites of No 33, 35, 37 and 39 Main Streets. In December 2014, planning permission was granted for the reconstruction of and extension to fire damaged two storey houses at No 33 and No 35.

The council's Conservation Officer, Peter Black, said then that No 33, built around 1790, was the birthplace of Major William Francis Roantree. It was in "the early stage of dereliction" but was "structurally sound" and furthermore, "an attractive and

integral component of Main Street."

Mr Black proposed that an architectural historian should provide a history of the existing terraced structure and the applicant should justify the proposal in relation to the Leixlip Architectural Conservation Area.

The permission sought the reconstruction of the fire damaged house extending it from its then 75sqm to 143sqm, and the extension to the rear of a commercial unit.

The question of overshadowing was also raised.

## Dart extension level crossing closure worries

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Plans for a €2 billion expansion of the DART commuter train network from Dublin may result in the permanent closure of several level crossings in Maynooth. The proposed plan is expected to extend DART services to Celbridge, Maynooth, Drogheda and Dunboyne.

The Maynooth line could see the permanent closure of six level crossings to facilitate the expansion with a possibility of new bridges needing to be built to accommodate pedestrians and vehicles, according to a report in the Irish Times.

The Dart expansion programme is a cornerstone of the Government's National Development Plan for 2018 to 2027, and also of its major capital programme, Project Ireland 2040.

It proposes new electrified DART services to Drogheda on the Northern line, to Celbridge on the Kildare line, to Maynooth and Dunboyne on the Sligo line as well as an enhanced service on the southeastern line.

The multi-disciplinary consultancy team contract as part of the project to extend DART services in Maynooth and Leixlip was awarded in December 2019. Labour's Emmet Stagg said the team will play a pivotal role in developing the design and tender preparation for the project.

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## NEWS

# Nurse Michelle scrubs up well at Naas Races!

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Michelle Manning scooped the top style prize as the Best Dressed Lady at Lawlor's of Naas Grade 1 Novice Hurdle and Winter Ladies Day, which took place at Naas Racecourse on Sunday, January 5.

Michelle, who is an intensive care nurse at Galway University Hospital was declared the Best Dressed Lady and bagged herself a luxurious suite stay at Lawlor's of Naas Town Centre Hotel, €1,500 worth of hairdressing and accessories from Alan Keville for Hair and a €1,500 voucher from the luxurious Residence Day Spa in Naas.

There was also hair and spa vouchers from the two fashion partners for the four runners up on the day, as well as a voucher for lunch for two in Lawlor's Bistro.

Michelle wore a white skirt from Jennifer Wryne with a camel cardigan from Zara, snakeskin heels from Asos with a matching

snakeskin hat from Laura Hanlon Millinery. Michelle completed her outfit with accessories from Jewelbox.ie.

She was selected as the winner by a team of judges headed up by model, best-selling author and nutritionist Rosanna Davison. Rosanna was joined by Carolyn McHale of Aria Boutique who represented Lawlor's Hotel; Zane Kostiva of Residence Day Spa, Naas; Ann Keville from Alan Keville for Hair, and Anna Fortune, Commercial Manager of the Kildare Post, Leinster Leader and Kildare Now, official media partners of the day.

Celebrity fashion judge, Rosanna Davison, said: "I had a fantastic day here at Naas Racecourse looking out for all the style that was on show. It was very difficult to pick a winner because there was so much interest in the competition, which was certainly worth winning when you look at all the great prizes that were on offer. In the end it was Michelle who really



stood out.

"We loved that she was so creative and was wearing her cardigan back to front on purpose! She even added some little net detail to the front of it with material she bought in Hickey's. I am delighted to have had the opportunity to be part of the



**LEFT: 'Best Dressed Lady' at the Winter Ladies Day 2020, at Naas Races, Michelle Manning from Mayo.**

**ABOVE: Judging panel at Naas Races on Sunday last: Anna Fortune, Commercial Manager of Kildare Post /Kildare Now and Leinster Leader with Carolynn MacHale of Aria Boutique; celebrity judge, Rosanna Davison; Zane Kostiva of the Residence Day Spa and Ann Keville of Alan Keville for Hair.** PICS: MORGAN TREACY/INPHO

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judging panel here on what was a thoroughly enjoyable day at the races."

Anna Fortune also commended the overall winner on her innovation and quirkiness in compiling her ensemble, along with noting how the Iconic media group in Co Kildare which includes the Leinster Leader and Leinsterleader.ie, Kildare Post and KildareNow, was delighted to be

media partners with Naas Racecourse for the event.

The feature race, The Lawlor's of Naas Grade 1 Novice Hurdle was won by Envoi Allen with Davy Russell on board.

The next race meeting at Naas Racecourse, is The Limestone Lad Hurdle which takes place on Sunday, January 26. For more details on Naas Racecourse, see [www.naasracecourse.com](http://www.naasracecourse.com)



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Our KWWSPCA adorable cats of the week, Parrot and Chardonmay

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# Kildare hip hop artist to perform at headline show in Dublin

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A talented young hip hop artist from County Kildare is making waves on the music scene with his first headline show this Saturday, January 11, at The Workman's Club in Dublin and plans for an album this year. Craig Cooney is a 25-year-old songwriter and rapper originally from Straffan.

Craig first fell in love with hip hop music at the young age of eight years old and after that he became obsessed with rhyme schemes, beats, flow and lyricism. Craig first burst onto the scene in 2018 when, after having a few drinks with some friends in his house, he made a five minute freestyle video that amassed over 157,000 views worldwide in a matter of days!

He decided to set up Craig Cooney Music on Facebook which, since its inception, has gained a loyal fan base of over 3,500 people from all over the world, and continues to grow everyday.

Craig's first release was Time Will Heal featuring Breana Marin from California. This was the first project that Wave Recording Studios, Wilsain Media and Craig Cooney worked on together. Last April, the music video for Craig's song Proud saw rising stars from the MMA scene lend their support, racking up thousands of views.

Speaking to the Kildare Post this week ahead of his first headline gig, Craig said: "I'm truly excited, it's my first headline show and I only performed in the Olympia Theatre a few months ago with Gavin James, Chasing Abbey Wild Youth and Soule to name a few at Fm104 the Gig. For me to take what I've learned from that show and bring it to my own is such an amazing opportunity, and I have written new songs specifically for the gig also."

Other hip-hop artists to perform at Saturday's gig include Ireland's Got Talent finalist Aaron J, Dublin duo Wax White, Blain, and Aiden



Craig Cooney on stage

Farrelly.

Speaking of his plans for 2020, Craig said: "I'm now working on a multi-track project and I aim to gig a lot more this year, I also hope to

perform at a few festivals in the summer too. I'm working on lots of new material all the time, I'm still learning and making sure I'm having fun with it, but I think now it is

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**OICHE NOLLAIG NA MBAN IN ARDCLOUGH GAA**

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**MONDAY**

- Aerobics N'Tone
- Alexander Technique
- Autodesks Revit
- Baking & Desserts
- Ballroom & Latin American Dancing
- Beginners Chakradance
- Bodhran Lessons - Beginners / Improvers
- Bookkeeping Manual & Computerised (Continuation)
- Child Development (Certified) - Level 5
- Counselling - An Introduction
- Crochet to Designer Wear
- Cuban Salsa - Beginners
- Digital Marketing (Certified) - Level 5
- Drawing the Portrait
- Early Childhood Care & Education - Major Award
- Fitsteps Strictly Dance Fitness
- French - Beginners
- Hand Built Pottery & Modelling
- Healthcare Support - Major Award
- Introduction to Text Production & Word Processing
- Introduction to Cyber Security
- Introduction to the World of Wine
- Kettlebells
- Leaving Cert Maths 6th Years - Ordinary Level (Cont.)
- Leaving Cert Maths 5th Years - Higher Level (Cont.)
- Leaving Cert Maths 6th Years - Higher Level (Cont.)
- Leaving Cert Maths Transition Years - Higher Level
- Legal Practice & Procedure (Certified Level 5)
- Make-Up Artist
- Modern / Latin Sequence Dance
- Online & Digital Marketing
- Ornamental Glass (Stained Glass)
- Palliative Care Support
- Photoshop for Photographers
- Pilates
- Presentation Skills
- Relax with Reiki
- Safety & Health at Work
- Sales Techniques
- Sign Language - Beginners
- Spanish - Improvers
- Spanish - Beginners
- Special Needs Assisting (Certified) - Level 5 (Contd)
- Trace Your Family
- Work Experience (Certified) - Level 5
- Yoga

**TUESDAY**

- Accounting Manual & Computerised
- Accounting Manual & Computerised - Continuation
- Barbering
- Business Administration Skills
- Cake Decorating
- Child Psychology (4 - 18 Years - Certified) - Level 6
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Computers - Beginners
- Computers - Improvers
- Computers Improvers - Pre EC DL
- Creative Photography & Techniques
- DIY
- Flower Arranging
- French - Conversational
- German - Improvers
- German - Beginners
- Hairstyling
- Healthy Living With Everyday Herbs
- Irish - Conversational
- Italian - Beginners
- Jewellery Making
- Jewellery Making - Intermediate
- Keyboard Piano - Beginners
- Keyboard Piano - Improvers
- Leaving Cert Irish - Higher Level - Continuation
- Leaving Cert Oral Irish - Continuation
- Make - Up (ITEC Certified) - Continuation
- Motivation Change Your Life
- Non-Duality and Mysticism
- Oil Painting
- Psychology - Introduction
- Psychology (NUI Maynooth - Certified) Continuation
- Public Speaking
- Quilling - Beginners
- Speaking with Confidence
- Start & Grow Your Own Business
- Tendering for Public Sector Business
- Total Body Tone (TBT)
- YOGA
- Zumba Fitness

**WEDNESDAY**

- 10-Week Change Your Body Challenge
- Art, Craft, Print & Design
- Autocad
- Bootcamp
- Bridge - Improvers
- Cake Decorating - Improvers
- Care of the Older Person (Certified) - Level 5
- Creative Writing
- Digital Photography (Certified) - Level 5
- Dressmaking - Beginners
- Furniture Restoration
- Guitar Lessons
- Hatha Yoga - Beginners
- Infection, Prevention & Control (Certified) - Level 5
- Leaving Cert Agriculture Science - Higher Level(Cont)
- Line Dancing
- Make-Up ITEC Certified (Certified) - Level 2
- MICROSOFT® Excel Office Specialist
- Mindfulness Meditation
- Philosophy - Introduction
- Online Business Development & Marketing
- Piloga
- Practical Interior Design
- Special Needs Assisting - Level 6
- Sports Psychology - Introduction
- Spring in the Garden
- Traditional Upholstery
- Training Delivery & Evaluation - Train the Trainer - L 6
- Ukulee Lessons - Improvers
- Watercolour Painting

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**Courses Begin on Monday 27th January**

**FITNESS PROGRAMME**

- Beginner All Over Fitness (all levels) Mon - Sat
- Couch - 5K (All Fitness Levels) Sat
- 18 Personal Training Sessions Mon - Sat
- Strength & Conditioning Class Mon - Sat
- Sustainable Weight Loss Class Mon - Sat

**THURSDAY**

- Accounting Manual & Computerised - (Contd)
- Bee Keeping
- Bookkeeping Manual & Computerised
- Bridge - Beginners
- Canine Obedience Training
- Choice Theory
- Computer Programming - Introduction
- Cooking Healthy Traditional Asian Food
- Developing Resilience & Coping Skills Through Laughter
- Dog Grooming
- Drawing Techniques
- EC DL - Base Modules
- Information & Administration (Certified) - Level 5
- Italian - Improvers
- Joys of Cooking
- Medical Terminology
- Painting - Acrylics
- Payroll Manual & Computerised (Certified) - Level 5
- Piloga
- Practical First Aid
- Resilience Building
- Scriptwriting
- Somatic Movement Education
- Sound Wellness
- Special Needs Assisting - Certified Level 5
- TAI CHI QIGONG
- Tenor Banjo / Mandolin
- The Law of Attraction
- Ukulee
- Web Design Using Wordpress
- Woodcarving
- Woodworking - Basic
- Writing for Wellbeing

**DAY COURSES**

**MONDAY**

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy .....10.30 - 1.00
- Creative Writing .....9.30 - 11.30
- Drawing - Introduction.....9.15 - 11.15
- Oil Painting .....11.30 - 1.30
- Pilates .....9.30 - 10.30

**TUESDAY**

- Jewellery Making.....9.30 - 12.00
- Mindfulness .....11.30 - 1.30
- Spanish - Improvers .....11.30 - 1.30
- Special Needs Assisting .....10.00 - 1.00
- Sugarcraft Cake Decorating - Sugarcraft Flowers.....9.30 - 11.30
- YOGA .....9.45 - 11.15

**WEDNESDAY**

- Spanish - Beginners .....11.30 - 1.30
- Watercolour Painting .....11.15 - 1.15
- Care Of The Older Person .....10.00 - 1.00
- Learning the Guitar Primary School Students .....3.45 - 4.45
- New EC DL - Base Modules .....9.30 - 12.30
- Somatic Movement Education .....9.30 - 11.00

**THURSDAY**

- Alexander Technique.....9.30 - 11.30
- Conversational Irish .....9.30 - 11.30
- Creative Photography & Techniques .....11.30 - 1.30
- Hairdressing Bootcamp .....9.30 - 11.30
- Personal Development & Wellbeing .....9.30 - 11.30
- Special Needs Assisting .....10.00 - 1.00

**FRIDAY**

- Canine Obedience Training .....10.00 - 11.00
- Computer for Improvers .....11.30 - 1.30
- Flower Arranging.....9.30 - 11.30
- Getting Started Computer Training.....9.30 - 11.30

**ENROLMENT DETAILS**

**TO ENROL ON-LINE LOG ON TO: [www.clanesm.com](http://www.clanesm.com)**  
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 Mornings: In Person from Monday Jan 6th 2020 between 9.30am and 1.00pm at the Adult Education office.



YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	TAX	ENGINE	SPEC	GEARBOX	COLOUR	MILES	PRICE	FINANCE FROM PER WEEK
<b>DIESEL CARS</b>										
181	OPEL	INSIGNIA	€200	1.6D	GRAND SPORT SRI 1.6 1 136PS 5DR	MANUAL	GREY	21,000	€23,950	€89
182	AUDI	A5 SPORTBACK	€200	2.0D	190 BHP S TRONIC, HEATED BLACK LEATHER SEATS, SAT NAV, 18"ALLOYS, XENON LIGHTS	AUTO	BLUE	29,000	€35,950	€134
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	MERCEDES-BENZ	C-CLASS		2.2D	C SERIES D AMG LINE 4DR AUTO	AUTO	GREY	31,000	€32,950	€122
181	BMW	116D	€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	€36,950	€142
172	KIA	STONIC		1.6D	SAT NAV, REVERSING CAMERA, PARKING SENSORS, K3	MANUAL	BLUE	12,000	€17,950	€67
171	SKODA	OCTAVIA	€180	1.6D	AMBITION 1.6 TDI 90HP 4 4DR	MANUAL	BLUE	68,000	€14,950	€55
171	OPEL	ASTRA		1.6D	ASTRA+ SRI 1.6 CDTI 110PS 5DR	MANUAL	BLACK	25,000	€15,950	€59
171	MAZDA	3	€180	1.5D	1.5 D 105PS EXECUTIVE SE 4DR	MANUAL	GREY	26,000	€17,950	€67
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	€32,950	€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	€19,950	€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	BMW	318D		2.0D	318 D SPORT ZLSG 4DR	MANUAL	BLUE	59,000	€18,950	€70
162	RENAULT	MEGANE	€180	1.5D	DYNAMIQUE NAV DCI 110, NEW MODEL	MANUAL	BLACK	51,000	SOLD	€52
162	FORD	FOCUS	€180	1.5D	STYLE 1.5 TD 95PS 6SPEED 4	MANUAL	GREY	21,000	€15,450	€57
162	AUDI	A3 SAL	€190	1.6D	SAL 1.6 TDI 110 SE, HALF LEATHER, PARKING SENSORS	MANUAL	GREY	39,000	SOLD	€74
161	VW	POLO	€180	1.4D	TRENDLINE 1.4 TDI 75HP MANUAL 5SPEED 5DR	MANUAL	BLACK	40,000	€11,950	€44
161	MERCEDES-BENZ	C-220D	€190	2.2D	C-220D SE 4DR AUTO, BLACK LEATHER	AUTO	BLUE	47,000	€22,950	€85
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	€20,950	€82
161	OPEL	ASTRA	€180	1.6D	EXCITE 1.6 CDTI 110PS ECO 5DR	MANUAL	SILVER	53,000	€11,950	€44
161	AUDI	A4	€190	2.0D	2.0 TDI 150 S-TRONIC SE ULTRA, BLACK LEATHER, ALLOYS	AUTO	SILVER	33,000	€21,950	€85
161	MAZDA	6	€190	2.2D	2.2 D 4DR 150PS EXECUTIVE SE IPM 4	MANUAL	BROWN	60,000	€15,950	€67
161	VW	GOLF	€180	1.6D	COMFORTLINE, 110HP, PARKING SENSORS, BLUETOOTH, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL	MANUAL	SILVER	25,000	€16,950	€67
151	OPEL	INSIGNIA	€180	2.0D	SC 2.0 CDTI 140PS S/S 4DR, SAT NAV, ALLOYS, BLUETOOTH, IRISH CAR	MANUAL	BLUE	70,000	€10,950	€41
151	RENAULT	FLUENCE	€200	1.5 DCI	LIMITED EDITION, SUNROOF, ALLOYS, PARKING SENSORS, BLUETOOTH	MANUAL	BLACK	53,000	€10,950	€44
151	SKODA	OCTAVIA	€190	1.6D	ACTIVE 1.6 TDI 90HP 4DR	MANUAL	BROWN	62,000	SOLD	€41
151	MINI	ONE	€180	1.5D	5 DR, MINI ONE, BLUETOOTH, ALLOYS	MANUAL	BLUE	48,000	€12,950	€52
142	AUDI	A6 BLACK EDITION	€270	2.0D	2.0 TDI 177 BLACK EDITION, HALF LEATHER, 20"ALLOYS	MANUAL	WHITE	64,000	SOLD	€74
142	AUDI	A5 SPORTBACK	€200	2.0D	SPORTBACK 2.0 TDI 177 S LINE	MANUAL	SILVER	60,000	€18,950	€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	SOLD	€59
132	MERCEDES-BENZ	E-CLASS CPE	€270	2.2D	E SERIES CDI AMG SPORT 2DR AUTO	AUTO	SILVER	74,000	€17,950	€67
131	CITROEN	C4	€190	1.6D	HDI 90 TECHNO SPECIAL EDITION CONNECTED 4DR	MANUAL	SILVER	41,000	€7,950	€30
<b>DIESEL ESTATES</b>										
172	VW	PASSAT R LINE	€190	1.6D	R LINE, 19"ALLOYS, PRIVACY GLASS, HEATED BLACK LEATHER SEATS, PARKING SENSORS	MANUAL	WHITE	40,000	€23,950	€74
171	RENAULT	MEGANE	€190	1.5D	SPORT TOURER DYNAMIQUE	MANUAL	BLACK	54,000	SOLD	€52
171	TOYOTA	AVENSIS	€200	2.0D	2.0 D LUNA TS 4DR	MANUAL	GREY	28,000	€20,950	€78
162	VW	PASSAT	€190	2.0D	HIGHLINE 2.0 TDI MANUAL 6SPEED FWD 150 ESTATE 150HP 5DR	MANUAL	GREY	38,000	SOLD	€78
161	SEAT	LEON	€180	1.6D	ST 1.6 TDI 110HP SE S/S 5DR	MANUAL	BLUE	22,000	€14,950	€55
<b>SUVS / 7 SEATERS</b>										
181	SKODA	KODIAQ	€270	2.0D	2.0 TDI 150 BHP AMBITION AUTO 7 SEATER	AUTO	GREY	10,000	SOLD	€136
181	DACIA	DUSTER	€270	1.5D	PRESTIGE 1.5 DCI 4WD	MANUAL	GREY	16,000	€17,950	€67
181	DACIA	SANDERO	€180	1.5D	STEPWAY SIGNATURE 1.5 DCI 90 P	MANUAL	RED	15,000	€13,950	€59
171	NISSAN	QASHQAI		1.6D	1.6 DSL SV CVT PREMIUM, HEATED BLACK LEATHER SEATS, GLASS ROOF, SAT NAV, REVERSING CAMERA	AUTO	BLUE	19,000	€22,950	€85
171	FORD	KUGA	€200	1.5D	ST-LINE 1.5 TDCI 120PS	MANUAL	GREY	21,000	SOLD	€89
171	FORD	GALAXY	€270	2.0D	2.0 TDCI 120PS ZETEC, PARKING ASSIST, 7 SEAT'S, TOUCH SCREEN DISPLAY	MANUAL	GREY	31,000	€26,950	€100
162	BMW	218D		2.0D	218 218D SE ZA2K 4DR AUTO, HEATED BLACK LEATHER SEATS, 7 SEATER	AUTO	SILVER	43,000	€21,950	€82
162	FORD	GRAND C MAX	€270	1.6D	ZETEC, 7 SEATS, 2X SLIDING DOORS, ALLOYS, AIR CON	MANUAL	GREY	32,000	€16,950	€63
162	VW	TIGUAN	€270	2.0D	150 BHP R LINE, 19"ALLOYS, DIGITAL DASH, LANE ASSIST, REVERSING CAMERA, XENON LIGHTS	MANUAL	BLUE	39,000	€25,950	€96
162	NISSAN	OUTLANDER	€270	2.2D	18"ALLOYS, REVERSING CAMERA, NEW MODEL 5 SEATS	MANUAL	WHITE	25,000	€20,950	€78
162	RANGEROVER	EVOQUE	€270	2.0D	RANGE ROVER EVOQUE, ED4 SE	MANUAL	GREY	45,000	€28,950	€111
161	MINI	COUNTRYMAN	€390	2.0D	COOPER D AUTO, HALF LEATHER, 17"ALLOYS, PRIVACY GLASS, ONLY 53,000 KMS	AUTO	GREY	32,000	€19,950	€78
161	KIA	SPORTAGE	€200	1.7D	EXS, GLASS ROOF, HALF LEATHER, REVERSING CAMERA	MANUAL	SILVER	27,000	€19,950	€74
161	KIA	SPORTAGE	€200	1.7D	LX, 17"ALLOYS, PARKING SENSORS	MANUAL	GOLD	33,000	€18,950	€74
151	BMW	X5	€390	2.0D	X5 M SPORT 7 SEATS, 20"ALLOYS, REVERSING CAMERA, XENONS, HEATED LEATHER SEATS	AUTO	BLACK	57,000	€41,950	€165
142	HYUNDAI	SANTA FE	€390	2.2D	2WD COMFORT, BLACK LEATHER SEATS, ALLOYS, REVERSING CAMERA	MANUAL	BLACK	61,000	SOLD	€70
142	MERCEDES	GLA	€200	2.2D	200 CDI URBAN, 18"ALLOYS, BEIGE LEATHER SEATS, REVERSING CAMERA	MANUAL	BLACK	48,000	€18,950	€70
141	HYUNDAI	ix35	€280	1.7D	1.7 EXECUTIVE, 17"ALLOYS, HALF LEATHER, REVERSING CAMERA	MANUAL	SILVER	54,000	€14,500	€53
<b>PETROL AND ELECTRIC CARS</b>										
182	NISSAN	LEAF	€110	0	40K EV SV 40KW '18 4DR AUTO	AUTO	WHITE	19,000	€26,950	€100
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 6SPEED	MANUAL	RED	24,000	€19,950	€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	€21,950	€85
141	RENAULT	CLIO	€270	1.2	DYNAMIQUE, AIR CON, ALLOYS, LOW KMS	MANUAL	BLACK	31,000	SOLD	€31
152	NISSAN	NOTE	€180	1.2	SV MODEL, AIR CON, ALLOYS	MANUAL	SILVER	28,000	€10,950	€41
131	RENAULT	CLIO	€270	1.2	IV DYNAMIQUE 1.2 PET 7 4DR	MANUAL	RED	61,000	SOLD	€28
<b>COMMERCIALS</b>										
172	PEUGEOT	PARTNER	€333	1.6 HDI	PARKING SENSORS, SLIDING DOOR, ONLY 16,000 KMS	MANUAL	WHITE	9,000	€10,950	€41
172	VW	CADDY	€333	2.0D	PV TREND TDI 75HP MANUAL 5SPEED 5DR	MANUAL	GREY	8,000	€13,950	€59
172	DACIA	DUSTER	€333	1.5D	COMMERCIAL SIGNATURE 1.5 DCI 4WD, PRICE INCLUDES VAT	MANUAL	WHITE	25,000	€10,950	€55
171	NISSAN	OUTLANDER	€333	2.2D	OUTL 4WD 6MT N1 17MY 4DR, PRICE INCLUDES VAT	MANUAL	GREY	56,000	€18,950	€70

# HomeCOOKING

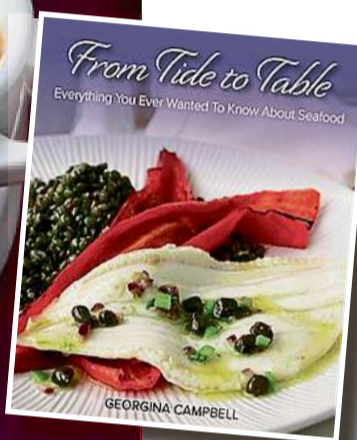
by Barbara Collins



## SMOKIES

Georgina Campbell has just reprinted her excellent book From Tide to Table. I will definitely be making this over New Year. You can buy it online and in good bookshops for €20 or £18.

When a hot starter is called for, you really can't beat this mouth-watering dish – which also makes a tasty light lunch or supper to serve with a side salad. Serves 4.



### METHOD

To Serve: freshly baked brown soda bread, or dillisk bread (see below)  
Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5. Put the smoked haddock into a pan with the milk and onion, season with pepper, then bring slowly to the boil. Remove the fish from the milk immediately. Discard the milk; skin the fish, remove any bones and break the flesh up into pieces. Plunge the tomatoes briefly into boiling water to loosen

the skins, then peel, scoop out and discard the seeds and chop the flesh. Divide half of the tomato between four ramekin dishes. Add the smoked haddock, then put the remaining tomato on top. Divide the cream among the dishes, scatter the grated cheese on top and bake for about 20 minutes until golden brown and bubbling. Garnish each dish with a little parsley and serve at once with freshly baked bread.

### INGREDIENTS

- 225g/8oz smoked haddock, cod or pollock (undyed if possible)
- 300ml/1/2 pint milk
- a little finely chopped onion
- pinch of freshly ground pepper
- 2 firm ripe tomatoes
- 300ml/1/2 pint cream
- 50g/2oz hard cheese, eg a mature red Cheddar, grated
- chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, to garnish

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spin  
boot camp  
zumba



## First Step Fitness



All classes only € 7

## Gym Class Timetable

MONDAY	10AM BODY TONING	7PM BOOT CAMP
TUESDAY	10AM SPIN	7PM ZUMBA FITNESS
WEDNESDAY	10AM BODY TONING	7PM SPIN
THURSDAY	10AM SPIN	7PM CIRCUIT TRAINING
FRIDAY	9.30AM ABS & BUMS	7PM SPIN
SATURDAY	10.15AM BODY PUMP	

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ENTERTAINMENT

**MOVIE OF THE WEEK**

**1917**

**DIRECTOR:**  
Sam Mendes

**STARRING:**  
Dean-Charles Chapman,  
George MacKay, Daniel Mays

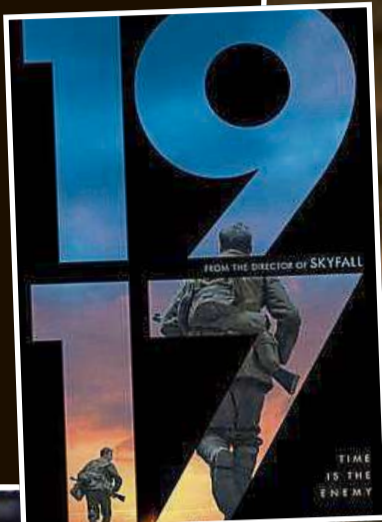
**GENRE:**  
Drama, Action

**RUN TIME:**  
119 minutes

**RELEASE DATE:**  
January 10

Two British soldiers receive seemingly impossible orders during World War I.

In a race against time, they must cross into enemy territory to deliver a message that could potentially save 1,600 of their fellow comrades - including one's own brother.



**JOHNNY MCEVOY AND BAND IN CONCERT**



**KEADEEN HOTEL NEWBRIDGE This Friday January 10th**

**A SPECIAL EVENING OF NOSTALGIA WITH ALL THE HITS**  
**Those Brown Eyes - 'Mursheen Durkin' etc etc**  
**Full 2 hour show with Johnny.No Support**

**Tickets €30 at Hotel Reception tel 045-431666**  
**Ticketmaster or Pay at the Door on the Night**

Johnny McEvoy in Newbridge, Maynooth

There is a treat in store for his Kildare fans this year as the music legend that is Johnny McEvoy is due to take to the stage in Newbridge and Maynooth as part of his 2020 tour.

The term 'living legend' is sometimes loosely accredited to artists in the music business but certainly not when people speak about Johnny McEvoy.

Johnny has always been highly acclaimed for the quality of his live concert shows and when his early 2020 tour was announced it received a huge response from his legion of fans nationwide.

His current live show is called A Nostalgic Evening of Song and Story and features all of Johnny's hit songs, including Mursheen Durkin, Boston Burgler, Long Before Your Time, Richmans Garden, Michael Collins etc — many of these songs penned by Johnny himself.

His songs are hauntingly beautiful and evocative, always presented with an individuality that is unmistakably his own unique style.



Johnny McEvoy

One can truthfully state that Johnny McEvoy has been one of the most enduring and talented singer songwriters in the folk/ballad genre in Ireland over the past 50 years.

His concert performances are second to none and incorporate a brief but relevant reference to the story of each song.

The lyrical clarity of Johnny's vocals, combined with gentle backing from excellent musicians, is a joy to

listen to.

The audience is sure to be treated to a wonderful evening of song and story.

Johnny McEvoy plays the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge this Friday, January 10. Tickets at €30 are available from the hotel reception at 045 431666, Ticketmaster or pay at the door on the night.

He also plays the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth on Friday, January 17.

Book tickets for that show on 01 6290909.



Sean Kelly, Sandra Butler, Pat Clear, Mary O'Neill, James Kelly and Dave Butler, members of BME Walkers with Altitude, at Paddy Murphy's on Tuesday, January 7 for BME OT launch



Karen Balfe, Natalie McGrath, Caoimhe Billings, Louise Flanagan, Stacey Balfe

# BALLYMORE EUSTACE OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

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LEFT: Martina Byrne, Gráinne and Rena Murphy, Ann Daly



RIGHT: Rose Barrett O'Donoghue, Nicola Piggott, Gail Kinsella, Mary Darker



Margaret Jordan, Patricia Browne, Dee Mulligan-Blake, Christina Browne and Mary O'Driscoll



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# 2019 was a busy year for major Kildare tourism venue

## A Year in Review: The Museum of Style Icons at Newbridge Silverware

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2019 certainly was a busy year for the Museum of Style Icons (MOSI) at Newbridge Silverware. The popular Newbridge tourism attraction launched numerous glamorous exhibitions last year to celebrate the lifeworks of Olivia Newton-John,



**ABOVE:** Susan Power Flanagan helped launch Newbridge Silverware and the Museum of Style Icons exhibition, 'Fashion and Fantasy - a Lifetime Curation of Haute Couture' at the Kildare attraction. The exhibition contained a collection of one off or extremely rare designer pieces which date from the 1950s to the 2000s. The pieces, which have been curated by international fashion collector, Monika Gottlieb (photographed below) for over 50 years includes one of a kind pieces by Chanel, Christian Dior, Yves Saint Laurent, Balmain, and Hermes among many others.

Susan wore a Haute Couture, Christian Lacroix coat and brooch and a green cocktail, silk taffeta dress which was designed by Christian Dior in 1957 but following Dior's sudden death was not finished until 1959 when Yves Saint Laurent had to complete the work that Dior had begun.

This dress, which was show at the Museum of Style Icons has come out of a private collection and has never been shown before to the public. It bears the DNA of Dior and the finger prints of Yves Saint Laurent.

PICS: Conor Healy / Picture It Photography



Elizabeth Taylor, Doris Day and many more.

### OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN

In partnership with Julien's Auctions, Newbridge Silverware and MOSI were honoured to welcome four-time Grammy Award-Winning super star Olivia Newton-John. Olivia personally opened the exhibition which gave Irish fans the first glimpse of some of her most iconic film costumes and memorabilia including the leather suit worn by her in the film Grease, along with gowns, awards and more. The exhibition was on display until 31 August with a portion of the auction proceeds going to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness and Research Centre.

### 'SUPERMODELS AND PLAYBOY- THE EVOLUTION OF SEX SYMBOLS'

This exhibition featured original signed photographs and Playboy magazine covers of well-known super models. Famous names included Naomi Campbell, Bo Derek, Christy Turlington, Heidi Klum, Cindy Crawford, Rachel Hunter, Elle Macpherson, Gisele Bündchen, Tyra Banks, Adrianna Lima and Liz Hurley among others.

From Marilyn Monroe the original pin-up girl of the 1950's through to the supermodels who dominated the catwalks of the 1990's, the exhibition provided an interesting insight into the evolution of the supermodel and some of the most famous women in the world.

### 'FASHION AND FANTASY - A LIFETIME CURATION OF HAUTE COUTURE'

In June, Newbridge Silverware and the Museum of Style Icons launched an exhibition which paid homage to the most famous names in haute couture fashion. The exhibition 'Fashion and Fantasy - a Lifetime Curation of Haute Couture' contained a collection of one-off or extremely rare designer pieces which dated from the 1950s to the 2000s.

The pieces were curated and collected by German native Monika Gottlieb (left) and included rare and

one of a kind pieces by Chanel, Christian Dior, Yves Saint Laurent, Christian Lacroix, Givenchy, Balmain, Hermes and many others.

### 'THE LIFESTYLE OF ELIZABETH TAYLOR'

Newbridge Silverware, together with Julien's Auctions and House of Taylor exhibited a rare collection of jewellery and costumes from the wardrobe of movie icon Elizabeth Taylor. The exhibition entitled, 'The Lifestyle of Elizabeth Taylor' was the only European showcase of the Hollywood icon's most unusual jewellery pieces, garments and film costumes. Included were garments and jewellery that were the property of the star, created by designers Christian Dior, Nolan Miller, Valentino, Versace and many more.

### 'THE DORIS DAY SHOW'

The final exhibition of 2019, 'The Doris Day Show' will remain on show at the Museum of Style Icons until February 3, 2020. This exhibition is the only European showcase of the Hollywood icon's personal garments, jewellery, awards and film costumes and offers visitors to the museum an opportunity to see a piece of film history, including the garment worn by Doris to the Golden Globe awards in 1989 when she was presented with the Cecil B DeMille award which is an honorary award bestowed by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for outstanding contributions to the world of entertainment. Also on show are garments worn in the famous Doris Day Show which was broadcast on



Doris Day Exhibition proved a popular attraction



Grease star Olivia Newton John with MC Amy Huberman and little Ella May Byrne from Naas PIC: AISHLING CONWAY



MARILYN, PLAYBOY BUNNYS AND SUPERMODELS AT NEWBRIDGE SILVERWARE in 2019 was another hugely popular exhibition PIC: Conor Healy / Picture It Photography

CBS from 1968 to 1973.

The museum welcomes over 350,000 visitors a year and contains one of the most unique collections of fashion and cinema memorabilia in the world. The free to enter museum has several permanent exhibitions

dedicated to design and style while celebrating some of the world's most iconic personalities from the worlds of fashion, film and entertainment such as Grace Kelly, The Beatles, Princess Diana, Audrey Hepburn and many more.



'The Lifestyle of Elizabeth Taylor' Model Michele McGrath, photographed at Newbridge Silverware launch of 'The Lifestyle of Elizabeth Taylor'. The exhibition was the only European showcase of the Hollywood icon's most unusual jewellery pieces, garments and film costumes. PIC: Conor Healy / Picture It Photography

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# The seduction of the 'sales' sign



Sales, sales, sales — the signs are everywhere. From 50% off to even higher discounts; to buy one, get one at half price, the options to entice one to spend and spend are endless.

However, a bargain is only a bargain when you need the item, if it really suits your colouring and looks well on you.

I have been a habitual 'sale sinner' over the years, seduced by the 70% and have purchased clothing best suited for a tall model of minute dimensions,

and not a square, middle-aged blocky woman!

I've bought bargains galore and then taken them to a dressmaker

to re-shape, crop the length, take in the bustline, add shoulder pads to give me greater height and shape — the resulting clothes are hardly a bargain if they are seldom worn.

That said, a good dressmaker is essential for any style shopper. A coat that's just a little too big will be greatly accentuated with a nip and tuck and I'd recommend Joanne Cribbin of Clane (trading as Joanna London).

She has created two mother of the bride outfits for me when I didn't like the conventional apparel on offer — rigid slimline dresses with short cropped jackets, not flattering for a maturing, square figure!

So flash the credit card and bag bargains a-plenty but make sure they really are items you will wear. Purchases that sit at the back of the wardrobe for the year and go to the charity shop in the next big de-clutter are no bargains. Happy hunting but choose wisely.

**Teddy Bear coat from Diamonds and Pearls, Naas - was €286, now €145**



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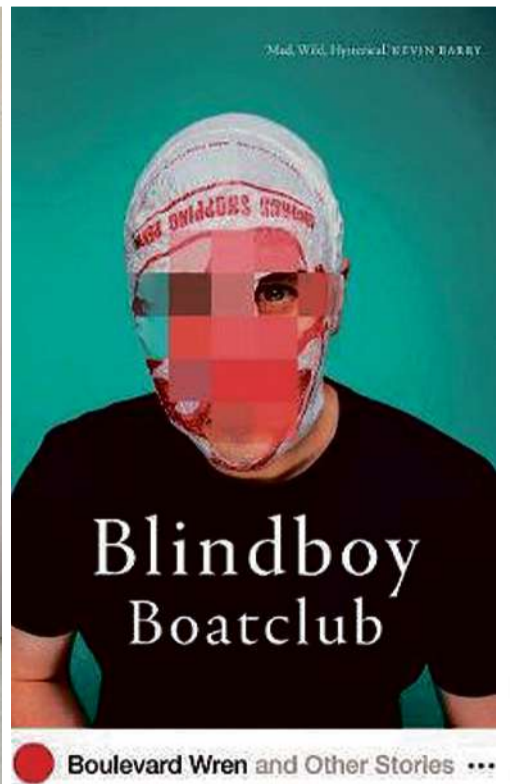
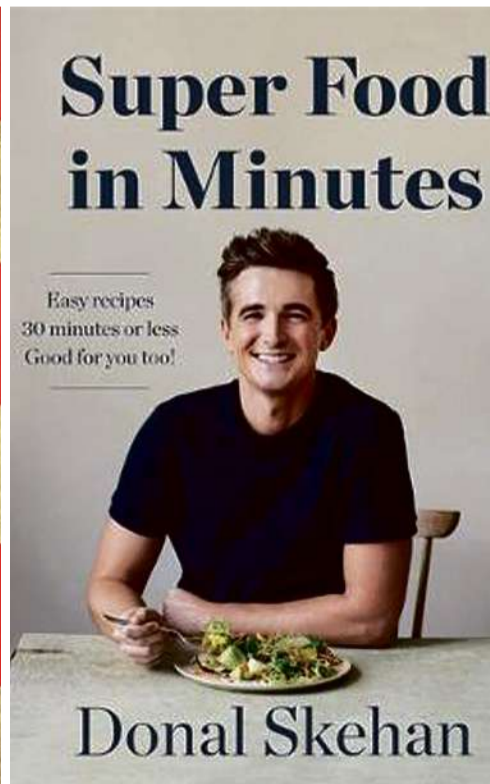
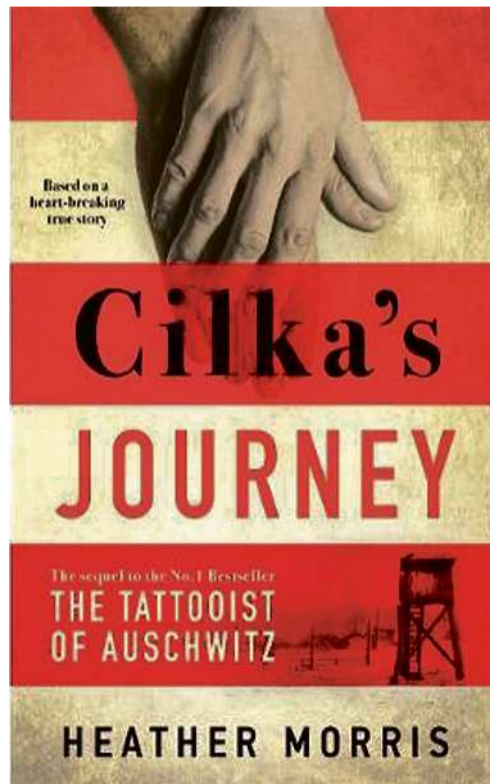
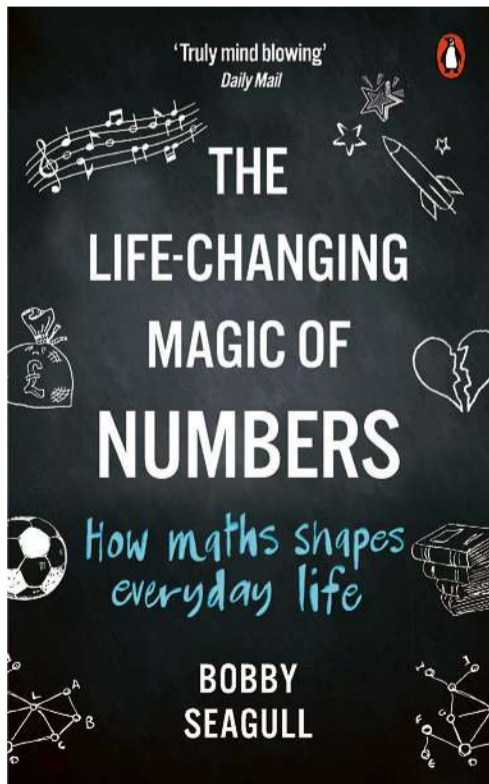


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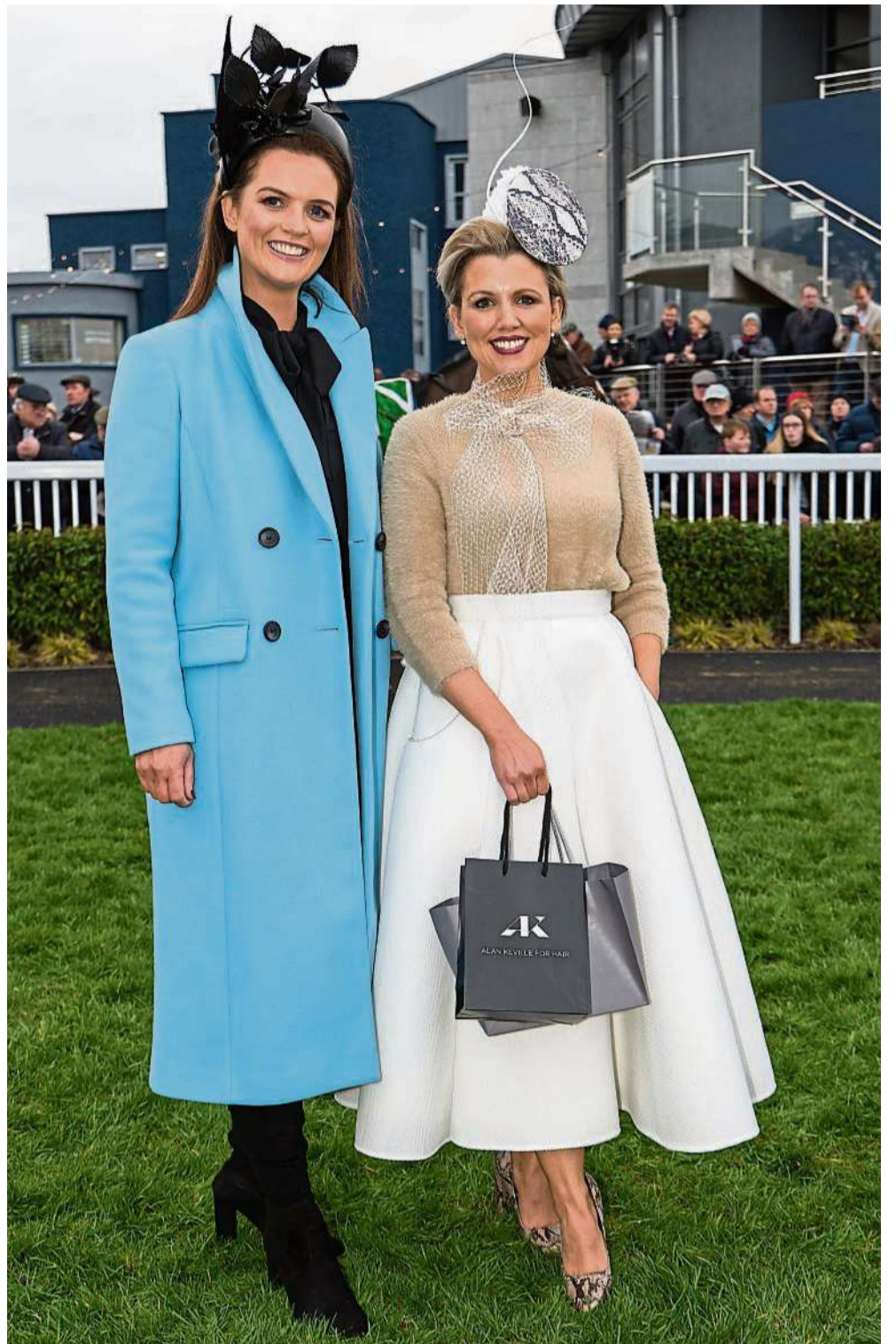


Finalists in the 'Best Dressed Lady' at the Winter Ladies Day last Sunday at Naas Races, Leanne O'Shea, Gillian Kelleher, Michelle Fallon, Gráinne Carr, and winner Michelle Manning

# Out & About

## LAWLORS WINTER LADIES DAY AT NAAS RACECOURSE

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Anna Fortune, commercial manager of Kildare Post/Leinster Leader/KildareNow, with Best Dressed Lady Michelle Manning from Mayo



Louise Allen, Mary O'Halloran, Annmarie Dunning and Eimear O'Riordan



Jockey Davy Russell, on winner Envoi Allen



Lorien and Julie Kenny and Martina McCann



Hazel Cox, Everleigh and Michell Fallon



Leanne O'Shea, Laura O'Hanlon, Siobhan Daly, Deirdre Kane



Faith Amond, with her granddaughter, little Jane Amond





Lawlors of Naas Grade 1 Novice Hurdle prize presentation, with jockey Davy Russel; Richard Nugent, General Manager, Lawlors Hotel; Mercedes Bagnall, Director of Marketing, Lawlors; Chris Richardson, MD of Cheveley Park Stud, Fionna Feehan, Project Manager, Lawlors Hotel; and trainer, Gordon Elliott



Zane Kostiva of the Residence Day Spa; Anna Fortune, Kildare Post/Leinster Leader/Kildare Now; Best Dressed Lady, Michelle Manning; competition judge Rosanna Davison; Carollyn MacHale of Aria Boutique and Ann Keville of Alan Keville for Hair



Twins, Dawn and Davina Knight



Lisa Tunstead, Elaine Murphy



Gráinne Carr, Áine Purcell, Joanne Byrne



Kerrie, Erin, and Mary Connell



Linda Blanc-Quigley, and Jill Blanc



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Anna Fortune, Kildare Post/Leinster Leader, with competition judge Rosanna Davison

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Storing your baubles - another clever suggestion (Pinterest)



Plastic Christmas Ornament Storage



Christmas tree storage bag



Lighting Storage Solution from the Crazy Organized Blog



Sample wreath storage bag from DIY Stores



Gift wrap storage ideas



Christmas Wreath Storage from Good Housekeeping

I hope everyone had an amazing Christmas and that you enjoyed all the festive celebrations. It's now time to start thinking about where and how to store all your Christmas decorations. Every year we tell ourselves we won't purchase anymore decorations, but it can be very hard to resist and there is often a lot more decorations to put away than we initially anticipated. Here are some helpful tips on how to best to pack and store your decorations. Hopefully these should help make decorating next year a little easier too.

**Recycle your Tree**  
Dispose of any sets of lights that are no longer working. Christmas tree recycling is available through Kildare County Council at many locations throughout Kildare. Christmas trees can be left for recycling at the following locations from Saturday, 4 January to Saturday, 18 January:  
\*Ardclough community Centre  
\*Athy, Meeting Lane  
\*Clane, GAA Club  
\*Maynooth, Council Depot, Leinster Street  
\*Naas, Fairgreen  
\*Newbridge, Council Nursery, Naas Road  
\*Monasterevin Soccer Club, Barrett Park, Canal Road (open to the public on Saturday, 4 and Saturday, 11 January only)

Also [www.kildarechristmastrees.ie](http://www.kildarechristmastrees.ie) offer a post-Christmas tree collection and recycling service for €10.00 where they will collect your Christmas tree after Christmas saving you the hassle of transporting it and cleaning up the pine needles from your car.

When taking down decorations you may decide that some no longer suit your scheme, so you might want to dispose of any that you no longer want. Consider donating any unbroken

decorations to charity.

**Storing Baubles**  
Depending on the size of tree and the number of trees you could either store your baubles in storage boxes with dividers or you could opt for a larger storage solution such as a large laundry basket to allow you to keep garlands and baubles for the one room in the same storage basket.

For glass baubles or valued tree decorations consider using bubble wrap or tissue to individually wrap and protect them. Avoid newspaper as the ink can stain your decorations. For smaller ornaments you can consider using clean dry egg cartons. Remember to label your boxes and store in a cool dry place.

**Storing Lights**  
If you dislike having to untangle lights each Christmas, then this easy tip is the one for you. The easiest way is to wrap you lights around something as you take them down e.g. a circular tube like a pringle can or some cardboard etc. You can then store them in a box or plastic bag to protect them from dust to ensure they work perfectly for next year.

**Storing your Christmas Tree**  
For artificial Christmas trees I would suggest that you use a tree storage bag. Ensure you fold in all branches as per the design of your tree to avoid any warping of your trees shape. If you want to make things easy for next year and have sufficient room for storing your tree in one piece, then you could opt to keep your lights on your tree and wrap your tree carefully with cling film.

**For Wreaths and Garlands**  
Wreaths can be an expensive investment so make sure you either store them in the box they came in or opt for a wreath storage



A clever way of storing wrapping paper

bag ensuring the bag is larger than the wreath to avoid any damage. You could also use a garment bag with a coat hanger to hang your wreaths or garland. Ensure you label the bag with its location e.g. hall door, over mantle etc.

**Storing Gift Wrap**  
For storing rolls of gift wrap you could consider a clear clothes cover or a clear box as this will allow you to easily see what gift wrap you have. If using a clear storage box, you could also add some compartments for sellotape, ribbon, etc so you have everything you need in the one area.

If you would like some help with your Christmas decorating next year consider taking some photographs of your trees, table tops and mantle before you take down your decorations and then share these picture with your family next year, so they can use them as a guideline to help you.

Lastly, I wish you all a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year and look forward to sharing many more interior columns with you. Remember if there is a topic that you would like covered in 2020, then please drop me a line.

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Some of the vintage items which will be on offer at the second art and antiques fair at Kilkea Castle, left, near Castledermot, this weekend – Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12, from 11am to 6pm



## Second antiques fair at Kilkea Castle almost twice as big as first!

Hibernian Antique Fair will bring its spectacular Antiques Art & Vintage Fair back to Kilkea Castle Hotel in Castledermot on Saturday and Sunday next, January 11 and 12, from 11am to 6pm.

Following the resounding response success and attendance last October, "we had to come back", said a spokesperson.

"The difference this time around is that the Fair is near twice as big. For those that attended in October, you will be wondering how this can be when you know we were choc a block last time?"

"Since our last Fair, the proprietors of the Castle have almost doubled the size of the magnificent Baronial Hall. Therefore, we can accommodate many more exhibitors.

"We have been inundated since the last Fair with inquiries for stands and



inquiries from the public. So we are delighted to announce our first Antiques Art & Vintage Fair of 2020.

"Also, Hibernian Antique Fairs celebrate a very

significant milestone this year. 2020 is our 30th anniversary of running almost all of Ireland's Antique Fairs.

"Our promise to you is that this Fair will knock your socks off. There will be thousands and thousands of fantastic items priced and ready for sale.

"Among our new dealers, this time will be JW Weldon's, Dublin, and Cortville Antiques Dublin, Ireland's two leading jewellery shops".

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## MOTORING



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# New Ford Puma set for January launch

The new Ford Puma — an all new SUV-inspired compact crossover — will be available across Ireland from early January.

The exciting new Puma fuses stunning exterior design, best-in-class uncompromised load space, and sophisticated mild-hybrid powertrain technology.

The new model introduces a new chapter in Ford's design identity with charismatic styling cues including distinctive wing-top mounted headlamps and athletic, aerodynamic lines.

Compact crossover proportions deliver a raised ride-height for a confidence-enhancing driving experience, and support class-leading uncompromised luggage

capacity of 444 litres thanks to the innovative Ford MegaBox.

The MegaBox provides a deep, versatile storage space that is capable of comfortably accommodating two golf bags in an upright position.

Powerful, responsive performance and optimised fuel efficiency is delivered for Puma customers using Ford's EcoBoost Hybrid 48-volt technology.

The mild-hybrid powertrain seamlessly integrates electric torque assistance with a low-friction, three-cylinder 1.0litre EcoBoost petrol engine.

Commenting on the arrival of the all new Ford Puma in Ireland, Ciarán McMahon, Chairman and Managing Director of Ford Ireland, said, "I am sure the



The Ford Puma launches in Ireland this month

new Ford Puma will be a big hit in the Irish market.

"It is a compact SUV that feels like a much bigger car thanks, in part, to the innovative design of the

MegaBox boot area.

"Then add in the very fuel efficient mild hybrid 1.0 litre EcoBoost petrol engine and you can see why Puma will tick all the boxes for many

prospective new car buyers."

The new Puma joins Ford's expanding line-up of SUV and SUV-inspired crossover models in Europe, including the Fiesta Active, Focus Active, EcoSport and Kuga.

SUVs now account for more than one in five Ford vehicles sold in Europe, and sales rose more than 19 per cent in 2018.

In Ireland, new Puma will be offered in three series: Titanium, ST-Line and ST-Line X.

Spec for Puma Titanium includes: 17-inch machined alloy wheels; LED projector headlamps with auto high beam; Pre-collision assist; 8-inch SYNC with Navigation and FordPass Connect modem; keyless start; electronic a/c; massage driver and passenger seats;

ambient lighting; wireless charging; cruise control with adjustable speed limiter; rear spoiler.

Spec for Puma ST-Line adds: ST-Line sports body kit; large rear spoiler; LED fog lamps with cornering feature; ST-Line sports exhaust; 12.3-inch digital cluster; dark sports headliner; flat-bottom steering wheel; alloy pedal and gear knob.

Spec for ST-Line X adds: 18-inch matt black alloy wheels; SYNC Gen 3 8-inch touchscreen with navigation and B&O Play sound system; partial leather sports trim; privacy glass; shark fin antenna.

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**MOTORING**

# The best selling cars in Ireland for 2019

Figures from motorstats, the official statistics of the Irish Motor Industry, reveal that an old favourite topped the charts as the best selling car in Ireland in 2019.

After being down the list in 2018, the Toyota Corolla saw a 121% increase in sales in 2019 to be Ireland's best selling car for the year.

A total of 4,406 Toyota Corollas were sold in Ireland in the year.

The second best selling car was the Hyundai Tucson which topped the pile in 2018. A total of 3,828 Tucsons were sold in 2019, down almost 5% from 2018.

The third best selling car in Ireland in 2019 was the Nissan Qashqai which saw its sales figures drop by over 6%

year on year — see Breda Corrigan's test drive and review on the page opposite.

Toyota had three cars in the top ten with the Yaris at ninth and the C-HR at tenth place while Hyundai and Volkswagen had two each in the top ten.

The full list of the top ten selling cars in Ireland is as follows:

- 1: Toyota Corolla
- 2: Hyundai Tucson
- 3: Nissan Qashqai
- 4: Volkswagen Tiguan
- 5: Skoda Octavia
- 6: Hyundai Kona
- 7: Volkswagen Golf
- 8: Ford Focus
- 9: Toyota Yaris
- 10: Toyota C-Hr





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## MOTORING

# New sophisticated and elegant Nissan Qashqai

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With new headlamps, redesigned alloys and front grille, the new Nissan Qashqai is a SUV which is more sophisticated and dynamic than ever.

A new headlamp design, featuring a striking LED Daytime Running Light signature, provides the new Qashqai with a smart and elegant look. Three new sets of alloy wheel designs – up to 19” in diameter – infuse the new Qashqai with its own distinctive character. Thanks to Nissan Intelligent Mobility, all occupants will feel more confident and connected than ever.

#### HIGH QUALITY MATERIALS

Unique interior touches, ranging from the high quality materials and new instrument panel, to the new D-shaped steering wheel, add to the premium feel of Ireland's best-selling SUV of

all time. Levels of noise and vibration in the cabin of the Qashqai have been vastly improved, with much less sound from the road and engine making its way inside, particularly on the motorway.

The overall shape is typical crossover, with a raised ride height, roof-rails and black plastic trim giving a familiar rugged off-roader look. The lasting comfort of the Qashqai's new seats – with their new monoform design and high quality Nappa leather with soft 3D quilting finish – ensure that every journey is completed in luxurious surroundings.

#### TRIM AND ENGINE OPTIONS

The Nissan Qashqai model line-up consists of five generously-equipped trim levels – XE, SE, SV, SV Premium, and range-topping SVE. Engine options in the new Qashqai include a new 1.3-litre petrol unit (DiG-T) with 140bhp (6-speed



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manual), or 160bhp (DCT automatic transmission), a 1.5-litre turbo-diesel (dCi) engine producing 115bhp (manual or DCT), and a 1.7-litre turbo-diesel with 150bhp (manual or DCT).

2WD is standard across the range, with 4WD reserved for the larger turbo-diesel power plant.

The DiG-T engine features a variety of technical enhancements over the outgoing units, many of which are finding their way into a Nissan for the first time. The upshot is that the 1.3-litre DiG-T engine marks a big improvement over the old 1.2-litre petrol unit. Not only does it produce 25bhp more, but there's significantly more torque throughout almost the entire rev range, thereby allowing for safe overtaking and terrific straight line performance.

#### MY TEST CAR

My test car was a mid-spec Nissan Qashqai 1.3-litre petrol (140bhp) SV model with a 6-speed manual transmission, which was finished in fashionable grey metallic paintwork. Nissan's terrific new 1.3-litre 4-cylinder turbo-charged petrol engine produces 240Nm of torque for swift acceleration, and can complete the 0-100km/h sprint in just 10.5-seconds, on its way to a top speed of 192km/h. This new engine was designed, and engineered, to boost driving pleasure while improving energy efficiency to meet rigorous new European norms. Fuel consumption as low as 5.7L/100km on a combined driving cycle is achievable, while the car will tow a braked trailer of up to 1200kg.

On the road, the new Nissan Qashqai behaves with poise and precision, with lots of grip from the tyres, and good balance. The petrol engine is extremely quiet, the



ride quality is comfortable, and visibility is excellent, ensuring that the Qashqai is an enjoyable place in which to spend time. Cargo space in the Nissan Qashqai is impressive, with 430-litres available with the rear seats up, and up to 1,598-litres on offer with the rear seats folded flat.

Also new for the latest round of updates is the infotainment system. It looks the same on the face of it, but the new processor is vastly more powerful than the old one, so loading times are significantly improved. The screen is much more responsive to touch too, allowing smartphone-style pinch and swiping motions to zoom in and out of map pages and scroll through menus.

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**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Damien & Breda O'Neill intend to apply for full planning permission for a development at Brysam House, Abbeylands, Clane, Co. Kildare. The development consists of constructing a detached dormer bungalow type dwelling, new boundary wall in keeping with wall design previously approved in file 07/2702, connection to public foul drain system, vehicular entrance, 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**

TMC Siteworks Ltd intend to apply for full planning permission for a development at Cooleragh West, Coill Dubh, Co. Kildare. The development consists of revision to planning file 19/530 for the construction of an additional detached two-storey house, (three houses in total), revised boundaries 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.

**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

I, Eileen Downey, am applying to Kildare County Council for retention permission for the following: (a) single storey extension to side of existing dwelling house, (c) minor internal modifications, connection to all existing services on site and all associated development works at Balkinstown, Nurney, Co. Kildare. R51 TP21. 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, Kieran O'Connor, am applying to Kildare County Council for retention permission for the following: (a) porch extension to front of existing dwelling house, (b) modifications to window arrangement to front and side elevations to include 2 no. bay windows to front elevation, 1 no. bay window to side elevation, (c) lean-to type shed structure connecting to existing domestic shed located at the rear of the property, (d) connection to all existing services on site and all associated development works at Milltown, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. W12 EA32. 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**

I Mathew Callaghan am applying to Kildare County Council for planning permission to construct two detached two storey dwelling houses with Garages, served by individual aquam, bison treatment systems and polishing filters and the all the ancillary site works at Newtown TD Enfield Co Kildare Signed Mathew Callaghan. 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**

Soroban Ltd. intends to apply for full planning permission for a development at Fuller's Court Road, Ballitore, Co. Kildare. The development consists of constructing 33 no. dwellings consisting of 26 no. 2 storey semi-detached houses, 1 no. 2 storey detached house, 3 no. detached bungalows and 1 no. 2 storey block containing 1 no. semi-detached house & 2 no. maisonette units. The development also includes a new recessed vehicular entrance 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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**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Star Primary Care intend to apply for planning permission for the demolition of an existing building on site and recladding the shared gable to match the remaining neighbouring building and the construction of a new three storey over basement mixed use development consisting of a basement car park and plant room, pharmacy unit, convenience store unit and retail unit at ground floor, 4no. units of medical consultation suites at first floor and 1 unit of medical consultation suites with ancillary office space at second floor, ancillary car-parking, boundary treatments, new site entrances and ancillary siteworks at the junction of Newbridge Road and South Ring Road, Naas. 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**

Frank Delaney intends to apply for Planning Permission for a development at Dalemount, Dublin Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Permission is sought for the construction of a single storey front & rear extension to an existing detached bungalow, ancillary alterations to all elevations, detached single storey garage, foul water to existing foul water sewer, surface water to Soakaways, vehicular access from double recessed entrance, ancillary landscape planting 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. 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 planning Authority of the application. O'Loughlin Architects Ltd 087 9858836

**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Planning permission sought for the construction of 2 No. Four bedroom , two-storey, detached dwellings, access driveway and all site works at Curryhills , Prosperous , 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. Signed:Charlie Devine

**PLANNING NOTICES**

**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

We, Clodagh and Alan Wall, wish to apply for planning permission for a dormer dwelling, connection to existing mains services, use existing entrance and all associated siteworks at Commons West, Kilcock, 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 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. Planning application prepared by Declan Kearns & Associates Ltd., Consulting Engineers, Tullywest, Kildare. 045 520642. www.dkassociates.ie

**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

David & Sharon Staunton intend to apply for Planning Permission for a development at a site to the rear of Dalemount, Dublin Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Permission is sought for the construction of a detached two storey / single storey dwelling, detached single storey garage and home office, foul water to existing foul water sewer, surface water to Soakaways, vehicular access from double recessed entrance, ancillary landscape planting, alterations to existing site levels, subdivision of existing 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. 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 planning Authority of the application. O'Loughlin Architects Ltd 087 9858836

**PLANNING NOTICES**

**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Application is being made for FULL PLANNING PERMISSION for the following: Extensions and alterations to existing two storey house to include (A)Bedroom extension at first floor level over existing flat roof annex to side of existing two storey house (B)Internal modifications and all associated site development works All at, 23 The Village, Green road, Newbridge, County Kildare. For Una & John Ahern. 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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# Kildare U20s start season in impressive form

## Under 20 John Kerins Cup Rd1

**KILDARE 2-17**

**2-17**

**LAOIS 1-7**

**1-7**

BY ROBERT CRIBBIN

Kildare got their Under 20 John Kerins Cup campaign up and running with a thirteen point victory over Laois at Manguard Plus Hawkfield on Saturday last. Adam Steed and James Behan got the Kildare goals in each half and it sets them up for games against Meath and Dublin in the coming weeks.

As well as the goal scorers, Shane O'Sullivan also stood out in scoring eight points throughout. Laois got the better of Kildare in last year's championship and they were competitive throughout the first half with Damien McCaul netting in the 12th minute but once James Behan did likewise down the other end the home side were in complete command.

The Kildare performance was all the more impressive given they were without their sizeable school contingent and it remains to be seen whether they will be available at all with a new GAA ruling

sidelining them at the moment. Kildare made a few changes prior to the start with Darragh Kirwan and captain DJ Earley sitting the tie out as manager Gay Campbell experimented with a number of players.

Kildare started brightly with Adam Steed pointing from distance after only a couple of seconds before the teams then exchanged efforts with a pair of Shane O'Sullivan frees being cancelled out by Dean Brophy and Damon Larkin.

That left the young Lilies with a 0-3 to 0-2 lead and it was extended when O'Sullivan nailed another free.

Laois then responded with Damien McCaul kicking in a goal to go in front for the first time. The advantage didn't last long though as O'Sullivan kicked successive frees and in the 21st minute Kildare had the ball in the net when a point attempt from Findlay Nairn was turned away by Matthew Byron, only for James Behan being on hand to palm home.

Kildare kicked on after that goal with a brace of placed balls from O'Sullivan sandwiched by a well taken 45 from Adam Steed. Laois stayed somewhat in touch with points from PJ Daly and Sean Michael Corcoran but it was the home side who held a



Kildare U20 Manager Gay Campbell has a chat with one of his players at the end of Round 1 of John Kerins Cup



Kildare James Behan weights up his options of a pass during the John Kerins Cup first round game against Laois

five point lead at the change of ends.

Laois had a great chance to reduce the deficit almost immediately after the throw in when sub Ross Bolger got free but he slipped upon contact and Matt Anderson saved well.

From that point on and with a raft of substitutions, Kildare eased away on the scoreboard with points from Steed and Behan. Kildare also had a goal chance in that period but Findlay Nairn's

drilled attempt was blocked on the line.

Laois then steadied the ship with points from McCaul and Ross Bolger but the O'Moore County would get no closer with Steed kicking his second 45 before he buried a shot to the net in the 49th minute.

The St Laurence's man also had a shot rebound off the post but it mattered little as Kildare finished the game in style with points from O'Sullivan, Behan and second

half subs Aaron Browne and Cathal McCabe.

Cian Doyle scored a late consolation point for Laois but it was Kildare's night and they can now look forward to a game with Dublin next weekend.

**KILDARE:** Matt Anderson; Eoin Curley, Tony O'Connor, John Lawlor, Sean Moore, Jack Collins, Mark Cully, Darren McDermott, Mark Grehan, Adam Steed 1-4 (0-3 45's), Paudi Behan, James Behan 1-2, Colm Joyce, Shane O'Sullivan 0-8 (0-7fs), Eoin Conneff.

**SUBS USED:** Findlay Nairn for Behan 9 mins, Adam Conneely for Curley h-t,

Aaron Browne 0-1 (mark) for Joyce 38 mins, Cathal McCabe 0-2 for Conneff 38 mins, Eoghan Mulhall for Nairn 42 mins, Dan Coughlan for Steed 49 mins, Sam McCormack for McDermott 49 mins.

**LAOIS:** Matthew Byron; Neil Keane, Jack Owens, Alex Mohan, Dean Brophy 0-1, PJ Daly 0-1, Jack Lacey, Sean O'Flynn, Sean Michael Corcoran 0-1, Barry Howling, Damon Larkin 0-1, Colin Slevin, Damien McCaul 1-1 (0-1f), Jack Owens, Darragh Galvin.

**SUBS USED:** Ross Bolger 0-1 for Howling h-t, Mikey Dowling for Keane 39 mins, Cian Doyle 0-1 for McCaul 39 mins.

**REF:** Chris Dwyer (Offaly)

## GAA

# O'Connor praises subs' role as attention turns towards the National League



Kildare senior mens football manager, Jack O'Connor

**ROBERT CRIBBIN**  
email:editor@kildarepost.com

In the grand scheme of things, it was a result that mattered very little as Kildare rounded off their O'Byrne Cup campaign with a three point victory over Carlow. Chris Byrne's stoppage time goal settled the game in Kildare's favour but for up to an hour, it was a disappointing performance.

Kildare boss Jack O'Connor put a lot of the lethargy down to a tough training session two nights previous while also acknowledging the role the subs bench played as his side scored 1-6 without reply in the final quarter.

"I'd like to give you a fairer explanation for the performance but basically, we trained them very hard on Thursday night for an hour and three quarters and I think it took a bit out of the lads legs. We intended to do that though as we are looking at the bigger picture and we felt it was still in them until halfway through

the second half and obviously we finished strong".

"I think we made 10 or 11 substitutions there so I wasn't overly upset at half time because we were creating chances in the first half and we were just lacking a bit of sharpness. Overall, the spirit the lads showed was promising as they could have easily thrown in the towel at the break as they were playing poorly and facing the wind in the second half but the subs stood up and made a difference and that's what we are looking for in building the depth in the panel".

"Our job of picking a panel for the league has certainly been made difficult by the lads coming in but that's a good thing as they've made a huge impact. There are a few lads we couldn't bring today who will come back into the reckoning next week and we'll make the cut then".

The National League is the next port of call which begins against Fermanagh

at the end of the month and the former Kerry boss outlined the injury situation with Fergal Conway unlikely to make that League opener while also showing his happiness at the return of Paul Cribbin and Jimmy Hyland.

"Fergal Conway is nursing an injury and it hasn't settled down in the last while and he may be out for the medium term and missing for a while. Kevin Feely is back training but felt a bit of tightness during the week so we didn't risk him while Eoin Doyle and Peter Kelly will be back training on Tuesday night. In general we have them all back in there and we feel we have a strong panel with good options"

"We also got Paul Cribbin back on the pitch and he was lacking a bit of sharpness which he'd admit himself but the run out will do him good and he'll improve from that. It was good to see Jimmy Hyland back too as he had a long term injury and he put in a good shift", he said.

# Campbell unhappy with U20 players rule

**ROBERT CRIBBIN**  
editor@kildarepost.com



**"It's not fair on young lads to choose between your school and your county, it's a crazy situation"** -

**GAY CAMPBELL KILDARE U20 MANAGER**

The Kildare Under 20s got their League campaign up and running with a win over Laois on Saturday last, but most of the talk was about the lads who weren't on the field. None of the sizeable Naas CBS contingent or indeed Cian Burke from Scoil Mhuire, Clane were on duty and whether they will even be available at all remains to be seen.

A new GAA ruling which was passed at Congress is stopping the lads being available for the Championship while their school is still involved in the Br Bosco Cup and manager Gay Campbell gave his thoughts on the situation.

"It's a complicated situation and there have been more flips on this than on Pancake Tuesday but at the minute and up to yesterday,

we were told anyone involved in the A and B Schools couldn't play full stop. Then word came down that they could play but Naas CBS had a game on Friday so they weren't going to be involved; a month ago, they couldn't even be in a squad so it keeps changing.

"It's not fair on young lads to choose between your school and your county, it's a crazy situation. Apparently now they can play in the league matches but if their school is still involved — in mind, the next round is not till January 29 — and they go through — they won't be eligible to be part of the championship squad until the school is finished.

"They all want to play and maybe it affects other counties more than us; we play Dublin next week and Meath the week after but then the Fresher competitions start and there's another 12 lads involved there. We'll manage as most of them are in Maynooth and we'll work with Brian Murphy on that. I don't know the thinking behind it all and it would leave you worried where we are heading."

Despite the controversy and criticism, the Raheens man still sees some positives for the championship being played at this time of the year.

"There is swings and roundabouts I suppose and it is good that when this is finished the lads will have a full season with their club but

a little more thought put in would help.

"A lot of the stuff is reactive to someone's complaints rather than everyone sitting down and having a proper discussion.

"We work closely with Naas CBS and anyone that is involved and we don't demand things off them in training. It's another problem but we'll figure it out as we go," Campbell admitted.

On the game itself Kildare looked good in the 2-17 to 1-7 victory and they are in good shape ahead of a showdown with Dublin this weekend.

"I'm very happy with the lads, we've had a few in house games over the last few weeks and there's great competition in the squad".

"We only had 23 lads tonight as there was a few sick and injured while some were away which is understandable because there's no downtime in football anymore and that needs further addressing.

"We couldn't be happier though and a lot of the work in training came out in the performance tonight".

"We tried a few things there tonight and some stuff came off but it's only a League game and it doesn't stand for anything. It's great for them though as now they are believing what we are telling them and they'll have a bit more belief about themselves next week".

"The job now is to play with that intensity again and try do it all over again".



Gay Campbell, U20s Kildare manager, is frustrated with the inconsistencies of player rules for school/college players. Picture: Pat Tinsley

# Byrne strikes late to give Kildare victory in O'Byrne Cup

## Leinster GAA O'Byrne Cup Round 3

**KILDARE**  
**CARLOW**

**1-10**  
**0-10**

**ROBERT CRIBBIN**  
editor@kildarepost.ie

A 71st minute goal from Chris Byrne gave Kildare a three point success over Carlow in the final round of the O'Byrne Cup Group Stages on Saturday afternoon.

The dead rubber which was played in the grounds of the Institute of Technology Carlow saw Kildare fail to get going for up to an hour of the game but a devastating 1-6 without reply eventually got them the result with Byrne's goal putting the icing on the cake.

It was a game where Jack Robinson and Daniel Flynn missed chances they would normally kick over in their sleep as Carlow made things very difficult for the visitors. Trailing 0-10 to 0-4 with only fifteen minutes remaining Kildare did at least put on the afterburners late on with the bench having a huge impact.

Prior to the game throw-in, Carlow made four alterations to their originally

named side while fellow school teachers in Scoil Mhuire, Clane Liam Power and Paul Cribbin switched positions in Cribbin's first game for Kildare since last March. The Lillywhites were on the board within a minute of the start with Jack Robinson curling over a point on the near sideline.

Carlow playing in their usual defensive style soon found their groove with Paul Broderick knocking over a pair of frees before a fisted point had the Barrowsiders leading 0-3 to 0-1 after only ten minutes. Kildare replied with a well taken point from Con Kavanagh before Daniel Flynn squandered a very scoreable marked attempt from in front of the goal.

The teams then exchanged scores with Jimmy Hyland and Niall Roche on target as only one point separated the sides. Despite the close margin, Kildare were proving very wasteful in front of goal with Robinson missing from a free like Flynn did earlier and Carlow finished the half the better.

Broderick's fourth point of the half and his second from play came on the back of scores from Darragh Foley and Eoghan Ruth as the home side went four points clear. Kildare ended the scoring for the opening period with a well taken free from sub Neil Flynn but it was Carlow who had the initiative as they led 0-7 to 0-4.

The flow of the game continued in the Carlow direction upon the resumption with Broderick and Diarmuid Walshe extending the tally for Turlough O'Brien's side. Things got even worse for Kildare when Paul Cribbin picked up a black card for an incident off the ball but despite being down to 14 men they still created a big goal chance with Adam Tyrrell seeing his shot saved by Robbie Molloy. Kildare were chasing shadows for much of the second half and when Diarmuid Walshe made it a six point gap in the 55th minute Kildare looked in real trouble. It was around this time that there was a change in tactics as Kildare pushed up on the Carlow kickout and the introduction of the likes of Tyrrell, Aaron Masterson

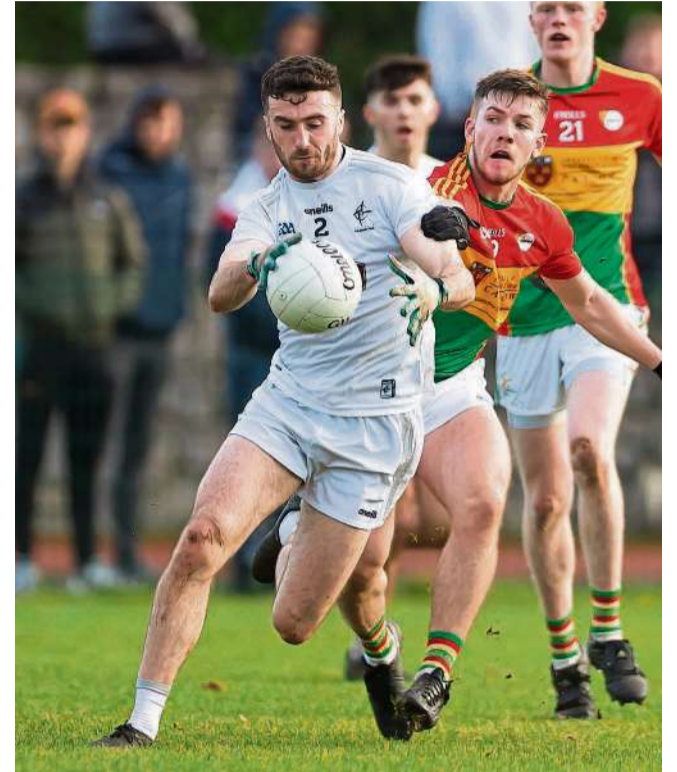
and the Ryan brothers gave Kildare momentum.

There points in as many minutes from Tyrrell and Jimmy and David Hyland got Kildare within range to strike in the final ten minutes. In saying that, Carlow still had a glorious chance in the 59th minute to put the result to bed when Broderick raced clear of all white jerseys but then carelessly pulled his shot badly wide.

Kildare took inspiration from that miss with Tyrrell and David Hyland reducing the deficit to one before a fine John Treacy effort levelled up matters. That man Broderick still had a free to win it late on though but his attempt went wide and minutes later Kildare took full advantage when a ball over the top went into the hands of Chris Byrne and the Clane man drove a shot into the top corner to give Jack O'Connor's team the late win.

**KILDARE:** Mark Donnellan; Kevin Flynn, Eoin Bateman, Liam Healy, Johnny Byrne, David Hyland 0-2, Con Kavanagh 0-1, Tommy Moolick, Liam Power, Chris Byrne 1-0, Paddy Brophy, Paul Cribbin, Jack Robinson 0-1, Daniel Flynn, Jimmy Hyland 0-2 (0-1f)

**SUBS USED:** Neil Flynn 0-1 (0-1f), Paschal Connell, Aaron Masterson, Darragh Ryan, Adam Tyrrell 0-2 (0-1f),



**Kildare corner back Kevin Flynn drives forward to set up an attack during the Leinster Series O'Byrne Cup Round 3 game**

Keith Cribbin, Shea Ryan, Mick O'Grady, John Tracey 0-1, Sam Doran.

**CARLOW:** Robbie Molloy; Mikey Bambrick, Shane Redmond, Niall Roche 0-1, Josh Moore, Ray Walker; Simon Doyle, Sean Murphy, Conor Doyle, Diarmuid Walshe 0-2, Darragh Foley 0-1, Eoghan Ruth 0-1, Daniel St Ledger, Paul

Broderick 0-5 (0-3fs), John Murphy. **SUBS USED:** Brendan Murphy for S.Murphy 18 mins, Jamie Clarke for Doyle 55 mins, Robbie Kane for Ruth 64 mins, James McGrath for Roche 73 mins.

**REF:** Barry Tiernan (Dublin)



**Kildare captain David Hyland leads by example as he drives forward to kick a point from play**

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**GAA:**  
Late goal in  
O'Byrne Cup  
match

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Gordon Elliott's Envoi Allen eases past Elixir D'ainay over the last to win the Lawlor's of Naas Grade 1 Novice Hurdle on Sunday last at Naas Racecourse

## Packed attendance at Naas cheers on Envoi Allen

**KILDARE POST REPORTER**  
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Envoi Allen proved his 1/4 betting as favourite was justified when he secured the Grade 1 Lawlor's Of Naas Novice Hurdle at Naas Racecourse last Sunday. To a packed attendance, Gordon Elliott's star novice hurdler remained unbeaten with seven out of seven wins and at his first trial at a two and a half mile distance.

The Davy Russell-ridden gelding was given a good test by the front running Elixir

D'ainay but from before the last, the favourite pulled away at ease, to score a win by three and a half lengths.

Afterwards, Gordon Elliott reported that his third winner of this race in the last four years would get entries at next month's Dublin Racing Festival at Leopardstown but that he may head straight to Cheltenham where his target has yet to be decided.

The day began with a local success as the Philip Dempsey-trained Caravation came home in splendid isolation in the opening

mares' beginners' chase. Left clear by the fall of 4/5 favourite Good Thyne Tara three fences from home, the Brian Hayes-ridden 6/5 chance enjoyed a facile nine length win in the colours of owner/breeder William Flood.

Although he had to settle for second in Lawlor's Of Naas Novice Hurdle, Willie Mullins did end the day with a double which began when Cash Back, ridden by his nephew Danny, made all the running for an impressive success in the two mile novice

chase.

The Irish Arkle at the upcoming Dublin Racing Festival could be next. The champion trainer also sent out Asterion Forlonge to win the maiden hurdle in good style.

The card concluded with a smart display from the Noel Meade-trained Thedevilscoachman who provided up and coming rider Eoin Walsh with his latest success in the Rushe's Supervalu Flat Race.

Racecourse manager, Eamonn McEvoy

commented: "Today was another landmark day for Naas Racecourse and there is no doubt that the Lawlor's Of Naas Novice Hurdle is now truly established as a major Grade 1 race on the annual calendar.

"There was a great buzz in anticipation of Envoi Allen and he didn't disappoint and we look forward to seeing what path he takes for the rest of this season and in years to come.

"We would like to thank all our sponsors on the day, including Lawlor's Of Naas

and we were thrilled with the crowd who enjoyed a great day of racing."

On his first run for trainer Martin Brassil, Abraham scored a hard-held success in the opportunity handicap hurdle at Naas on Sunday last. Ridden by the trainer's son Conor, the eight-year-old never came off the bridle as he beat Mc Alpine by a length and three quarters at odds of 14/1 in the colours of Colm Herron.

See photographic coverage of racing at Naas on pages 14, 32 and 33.

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