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#### **NEWS**





# From black and amber to navy

He's usually seen in the black and amber of Kilkenny, but Aidan Taggy Fogarty was 'In the Navy' for his second week on Dancing with the Stars!

Week two was all about the celebrity lady dancers, giving the men a bit of a break from competition, but the men did take part in a group dance to entertain TV viewers.

This was the first test for the ladies, including celebs Glenda Gilson, Grainne Gallanagh, Sinead O'Carroll, Yewande Biala, Mary Kennedy and Lottie Ryan.

The Sunday evening show concluded on a high with a group dance from the celebrity male dancers. Fr. Ray Kelly led the crew who danced to disco favourite Village People's 'In the Navy.' Don't miss Aidan this coming Sunday evening as he takes to the dance floor in week three of the competition with his professional dancing partner Emily Barker. Excitement will be high as week three sees the first elimination of a couple!

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**NEWS** 

## Magic as Merlyn chosen for Dermot's dream home

#### SIAN MOLOUGHNEY

Ireland's most famous architect, Dermot Bannon, showcased his own dream home makeover for a special "Room to Improve" - and when it came to choosing one important feature he came to a Kilkenny company!

Merlyn Showers are based at Purcellsinch, Kilkenny, where they employ about 60 staff.

What is better than one Merlyn Arysto Ten shower? Having them in all your bathrooms of course. This is precisely what Dermot Bannon decided to do when making over his dream family home for the 2-part special "Room to Improve" on RTE.

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Dermot's well-known attention to detail and love of design married perfectly with Merlyn's abilities to luxury create the bespoke, showering experience, no matter how tall the brief.



No stranger to Kilkenny - Room to Improve presenter Dermot Bannon and Deirdre Shine of Bank of Ireland, at a Bank of Ireland event in the Newpark

# Sustainability is key market driver for 2020

In a bid to meet its customer needs, the Irish-owned pet retailer. Petmania, which has 12 stores nationwide, has introduced a full range of recycled, biodegradable and sustainable pet products.

With more than half of Irish households owning a cat or a dog, reports have shown sustainability becoming a major factor for consumers when making purchasing decisions.

According to the Irish Retail Consumer Report 2019, 41% of Irish shoppers are willing to pay a premium for sustainable items, 49% look for products with environmentally friendly packaging and 52% avoid the use of plastic.

Results of a recent survey conducted by Petmania Ireland has shown that 70% of respondents believe the use sustainably sourced, recycled or biodegradable pet care products is very important. As the first generation to feel the impact

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climate change possibly the last generation that can do something about it, companies including Petmania are now beginning to adjust to the growing ethical and ecological consciousness of customers.

The new Petmania range of recycled, biodegradable sustainable choices including pet homes made out of sustainable materials or eco-plastic pet homes and carriers made from recycled plastics, free re-usable containers for pet food, an extensive range of local, holistic and natural pet food. The range also includes pet essential such essential such as biodegradable and recycled plastic waste bags plus recycled and biodegradable cat litter.



The very best of luck to **Tullaroan hurlers** in this weekend's All Ireland Intermediate club final from all at **Offtech Limited.** 



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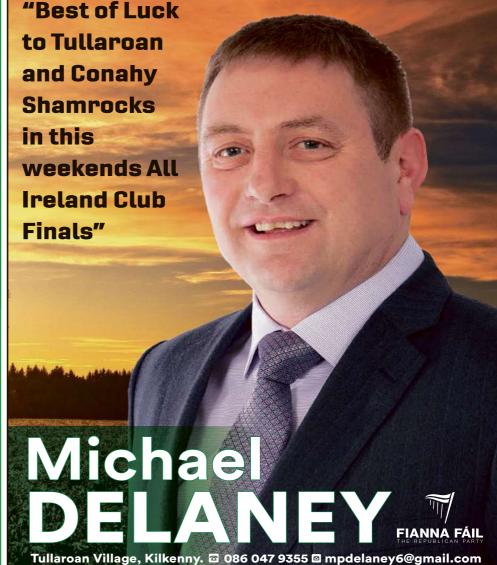
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NEWS

#### **Dyspraxia** meeting

Kilkenny Dyspraxia DCD support group hosted a public meeting in the Orchard House yesterday on the subject of 'Moving your Mind and Dyspraxia'.

Speakers on the night included Gillian Coady, and Kevin Hennessy, CBT A discussion took place on creating a dyspraxia-friendly environment for young people in Kilkenny.

#### Memorial Tractor Run

A Tractor Run, in memory of Jimmy Dowling, takes place on Sunday, January 19, leaving from Dunnamaggin.

Registration is from 11.30am.

There will also be an **Auction and Raffle on** the day. Proceeds to Home Care team, St Josephs Home and **Dunnamaggin Hurling** Club



# Funding for sheds

Funding of €11,780 been allocated to local Men's and Women's Sheds across Kilkenny.

Funding has been allocated to sheds in Kilkenny City (€3,500), Thomastown (€2,900) and Mooncoin (€1,350), as well as Callan (€650), Graignamanagh which gets €2,500 towards an indoor bowls area, and Castlecomer, which is to receive €880..

#### **Back for Business**

The closing date has been extended for returned emigrants to apply for the **Back for Business** programme which will support them start or develop businesses.

The closing date has been extended to January 22 to allow people who might have heard about the programme while home for Christmas to

Backforbusiness.com for more information.

#### Talent show

Carrigeen G.A.A. club are holding an upcoming talent show taking place in the Royal Oak beginning on Saturday, February 1. There will be an overall prize of €1,000 for the winner's at the finals. Music will be supplied by Dick Quinn and the MC will be

Pat (Pilot) Conway. Michael Lonergan will be judging the competition. Admission for each heat will be €5. Get in touch via Facebook messenger or contact Rex Quinn club chairperson on 0864034348 or Wayne Kelly club secretary on 0838116812.



#### Mooncoin Youth Club

Mooncoin Youth Club needs your help!

The group is urgently looking for volunteers to expand the youth club.

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**NEWS** 

### Marian retires from Amber Women's Refuge

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After seventeen years of stellar service Marian Woodcock has retired from Amber Kilkenny Women's Refuge.

Marian provided great support to the service users at the refuge where she worked as a counsellor and was a valued member of staff.

Manager Lisa Morris paid tribute to her colleague for the positive impact that she has had on the centre.

"I want to acknowledge the work she has done over the years with women who are victims of domestic violence and the part she has played in their recovery. We all wish her the best of luck in her retirement and thank her for all she has given for Amber," she said.

Amber Women's Refuge provides emergency accommodation and other services such as counselling, play therapy, outreach, after care. court accompaniment for women affected by domestic violence. Amber also provides educational programmes with a focus on domestic violence.

There is also a helpline that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be reached on 1850-424244.



# New memorial to remember our brave young men who served

**SAM MATTHEWS** 

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Kilkenny is to get a new memorial artwork to commemorate the many local youngsters who fought inforeign wars.

inforeign wars.

The piece will include a tribute to Callan native Thomas
Woodgate, who was the youngest serving soldier to die in World
War I. Until recently, records suggested Thomas was 18 when he went to serve in the army.It's now been confirmed he was 14 years, nine months and 23 days old when he died.

The correct age was discovered by Annmarie Gleeson and Berni Egan, who informed the family of his age and its significance. The evidence was confirmed by the parish priest in Callan, who was able to prove that he was baptised on the day that he was born.

The Kilkenny Great War Memorial Committee now plans to unveil a memorial to Thomas Woodgate and, in doing so, commemorate all the boy soldiers who left Ireland for to fight in foreign wars. The idea of the memorial's design was suggested by the committee's chairman, Donal Croghan.



A CGI depiction of how the memorial might look

"We plan to unveil the memorial on October 10 next year as it is the anniversary of his death," says Mr Croghan. "We hope to have the President

"We hope to have the President of Ireland to join us for the unveiling ceremony."

Early designs show a double statue of a boy facing a map of Ireland, and behind him is a statue of a boy soldier/airman with his back to Ireland as he leaves to fight in a war. The statues will be lifesized, and based on actual boys from Kilkenny. It's hoped the location for the

It's hoped the location for the memorial will be the Market Yard entrance to Kilkenny courthouse. Molloys of Callan will supply the map of Ireland and Ballyfoyle's



A choice piece of stonework will be required

CDS Architecture metalwork will manufacture the statues.

The memorial will cost an estimated €14,500, and local councillors have made provision of €5,000 in their annual budget. The Great War Memorial Committee have matched the contribution, but more needs to be raised. The public can help reach the target with

donations made using the PayPal account on kilkennygreatwarmemorial.com, by hand to 48 John Street, Kilkenny, Ireland; or by transfer to the bank account at Bank of Ireland, Parliament Street, Kilkenny, Ireland — IBAN: IE29BOF190606422546979 BIC:BOFIIE2D.

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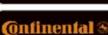












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#### **SOCIAL SCENE**

# KILKENNY&PROUD

with Siobhan Donohoe

Out and about with the Reporter's ambassador

# New Year change? Take the plunge to A New You

e are all in a spring clean mode at the moment, be it our homes or our bodies. I am no different, and one of the tasks on my to do is colonic irrigation. I have been promising myself it for years, so this week I took the plunge, or did the plunge take

Kilkenny's Aesthetic & Endermologie Clinic A New You is run by cosmetic nurse Helen Fogarty. Now if I'm having this job done, it has to be by a professional and there's no one better than Helen. She has 30 years of experience as a nurse, and in 2003 she decided to open A New You in the Springhill Clinic on the Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

Like many other complementary therapies today, colonic irrigation has its roots in ancient customs. Originating from Egypt, Greece and India where it was used with the aim of ridding the body of disease.

I won't lie, I was a bit nervous, but that didn't last long. When you meet Helen, you meet a beautiful warm person who makes you feel instantly relaxed. She explained to me all about colonic hydrotherapy, which is a bowel-cleansing technique, where warm, purified water is passed into the bowel to

remove impacted faecal matter. This matter is lodged in the bowel after build up over time.

With 30 foot of a 42 year old bowel, Helen had her work cut out for my first colonic irrigation, and I was pleasantly surprised with the results. Immediately my bloating faded away and I could comfortably button my jeans. More importantly, I slept like a log that night and I bounced around with new found energy afterwards.

The health benefits are massive - it is also reputed to increase circulation, energy and vitality. To promote a clear complexion and relieve headaches, arthritis and allergies. Most importantly to help with constipation.

So what should we be doing for a healthier bowel? According to Helen there are a few simple daily habits - drink at least two litres of water every day and that's on top of our exercise water. Eat fruits with seeds, like strawberries and kiwis, as well two big desert spoons of flaxseed.

Other treatments that Helen provides in A New Year involve Clinic Facial Rejuvenation, Laser/IPL, Red Vein and Sunspots removal, Facial peels, Microdermabrasion, Micro needling, LED Mask, Cellulite Reduction, Dermal Fillers. Believe me, you will feel like A New You!



Helen Fogarty, professional cosmetic nurse at A New You in Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny PICTURES: CHRISTOPHER DUNI







## **Fitzpatrick**

Brian Fitzpatrick of Fitzpatrick Vegetable Shop on John's Green deserves Hero of the Week.

As you know I love to champion local businesses, especially ones like Brian's, who stock a lot of local food producers.

Brian has the full range of Riversfield Organic Farm vegetables from Callan and deliciously prepared meals from Mise en Place.

My favourite is the pre-chopped bag of vegetables for stews and soups - let's face it, no one likes to chop up a turnip!

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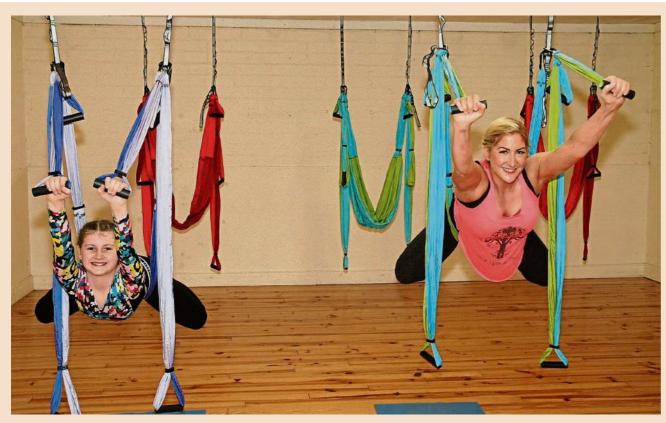


Siobhan under a LED Mask

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#### SOCIAL SCENE



### Feeling like Peter Pan with aerial yoga!

Aideen Stevens, originally an archaeologist, took an unusual route to Pilates.

From Galway, Aideen moved to Kilkenny in 2005. She is a trained fitness instructor and opened up her own studio 'Synergy Pilates' in 2012. The studio's aims are improving

The studio's aims are improving your technique and overall sport performance. Some people come to the

classes to help with chronic pain and muscle imbalance.

The studio is home to the first Reformer Pilates class in Kilkenny and now offers aerial or trapeze yoga.

My daughter and I attended Aideen's class on Saturday and we couldn't wait to try the trapeze yoga. It was such a natural high and we were both buzzing afterwards. Aideen's classes are fun, with lots of tricks and positions like Peter Pan to Super Woman!

As well as parent and child classes, Aideen with three other teachers also provide a range of adult classes. Classes are available evenings, mornings and lunch times.

For more information visit http://synergypilates.ie



LEFT: Hannah and Siobhan Donohoe enjoying the parent & child class at Synergy Pilates
ABOVE: Siobhan Donohoe and Aideen Stevens
BELOW: Hannah and Siobhan Donohoe enjoying the parent and child class at Synergy Pilates PICTURES: CHRISTOPHER DUNNE





Siobhan and Stoneyford's OT crew: Lisa Harker, William Holohan, Tara Swaby, Fred Malzard, Pamela Sheridan and Neil O'Grady PICTURE: VICKY COMERFORD

# Pamela – our Operation Transformation inspiration!

Operation Transformation Stoneyford kicked off with over 300 people taking part in the 5km walk around the village.

Pamela Sheridan, who made the final twenty for the TV series, is one of the organisers of the OT Stoneyford and is already leading the road to transformation. Pamela has dropped from 17.2 to 16.10 in just the first week. Go girl, you are an

inspiration to all taking part.

If you want to take part, join the OT
Stoneyford crew every
Wednesday at 7pm, at
Stoneyford Community
Centre, where they have plenty of activities and weekly weigh ins.

This Monday they will host a nutrition talk with Jackie Varley at 8pm. For more events follow them on Facebook @otstoneyford



Siobhan enjoying a laugh with some of the cast of the Watergate Panto

### More out and about in Kilkenny

Panto season has come to a close – oh yes it has!

The Watergate Panto was better than anything I've seen on Dublin stages.

With 12 sell out shows, a cast and crew of 80, it was no wonder it was the hottest ticket in Kilkenny for all the small and big boys and girls. Hats off to them for a magnificent production of Beauty & the Beast.

On Saturday we had a Women in Business belated Little Christmas get together in Harper's Restaurant.

#### GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Thirty-five Kilkenny entrepreneurs and business women enjoyed a Girls' Night Off to a four course meal with pre-dinner cocktails in Harpers. We decided to wait until the kids were back in school to celebrate Little Christmas – the sensible lot that we



Louise Hally, Orchard Day Spa; Siobhan Donohoe and Joann Hannick, Kilkenny Hibernian Hotel

**NEWS** 

# Finest trad musicians on way to city

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Now a fixture on the Music Calendar of Kilkenny, the annual Kilkenny Uileann Pipers Club concert will take place in The Clubhouse Hotel, Kilkenny, on Saturday January 25.

A star-studded cast made up of some of the country's finest exponents of traditional music as well as some of Kilkenny's finest will participate.

Harry Bradley has toured Europe and America both as a solo performer and teacher, and as a member of groups such as Dervish and Cran.

His debut solo CD, Bad Turns and Horse-shoe Bends, was released to broad critical acclaim and was chosen as the number one traditional album of 2000 by Earle Hitchner of New York's Irish Echo.

Bradley is also a dedicated uilleann piper and has served as a member of the board of directors of Na Píobairí Uilleann.

He was elected TG4 Musician of the Year in 2014.

Nell Ní Chroinín is originally from Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh. In 2014, Nell won Corn Uí Riada and was both the youngest person ever to win it and the first person from Seán Ó Riada's home place of Múscraí to win it.

Nell was also awarded the Prestigious TG4 Gradam Ceoil award for singing in 2012. Nell Ní Chróinín joined the band Danú in 2016.

#### RATTLE THE BOARDS

Rattle The Boards consists of leading box player from Ireland's foremost traditional band, Danú, Benny McCarthy.

Benny has been a driving force behind this bands award winning CD's for over two decades now and has toured all over the world.

One of the liveliest traditional acts in Ireland's music scene, Rattle The Boards, is another of Benny's ventures.

They consist of Benny McCarthy (Button Accordion), Pat Ryan (Fiddle and Banjo), and John Nugent (Guitar).



Harry Bradley will perform at the annual Kilkenny Uileann Pipers Club concert in The Clubhouse Hotel, Kilkenny, on Saturday, January 25

Their two albums from 1998 and 2008 are highly regarded in traditional music circles and this trio have toured Ireland America and Australia with their music.

Their Late Late Show performance featured local artist Des Dillon who may also be making an appearance on the night.

With Kilkenny having musicians to rival any in the country, this night

would not be the same if it were not for the input of our local musicians. An exciting young Kilkenny traditional band Gaeltacht Cill Cheannaig will start proceedings.

Martin Coughlan (accordion), Tommy Lanigan (bodhran and vocals), Mick Foley (Pipes) and honorary Kilkenny man for the night, Brian Mooney Bazouki and banjo. That's the round up the line-up for what should be a really special night's music, in The Clubhouse Hotel Kilkenny, on Saturday January 25 at 9pm. Tickets €15, available at The Clubhouse Hotel.

All proceeds go to Kilkenny Uilleann Pipers Club which does such great work in keeping the art form alive and engendering a love of it among young people.

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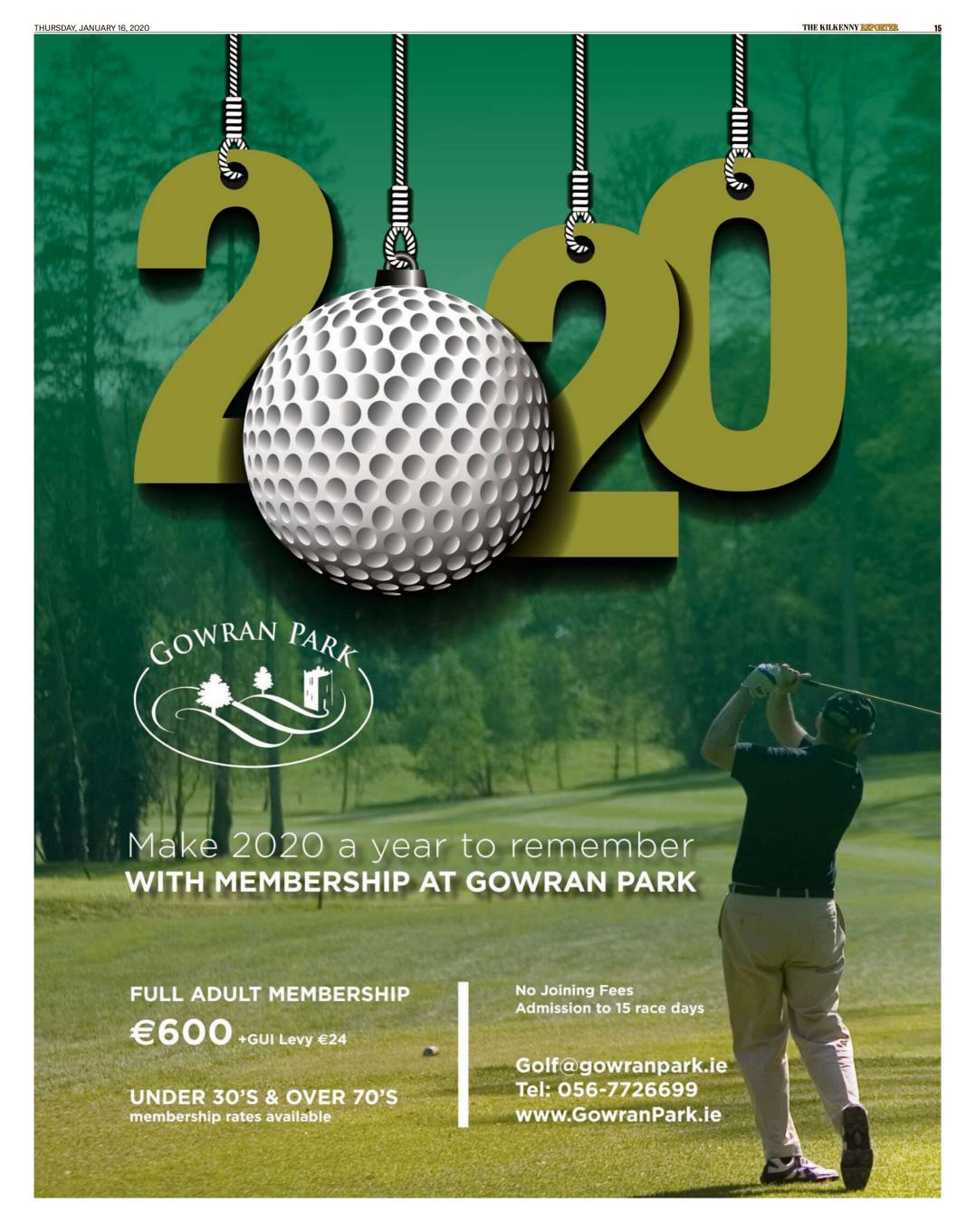


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**NEWS** 

# 1920s charity ball to fundraise for Friends of St Luke's

Fans of period drama series such as television's 'Downton Abbey' or those with an interest in the fashion of the era have a special event to look forward to next month.

Kilkenny's Newpark Hotel will host a charity ball to help raise funds for The Friends of St Luke's General Hospital Carlow/Kilkenny on Saturday, February 15.

The charity, which was set up in 1991, aims to support the work of all the staff at St Luke's General Hospital to ensure that the patient gets the best available treatment and service to aid their recovery. The charity has purchased various lifesaving equipment over the years and are currently fundraising for a transfer ventilator to facilitate the safer transfer of small and young infants and children to the intensive care units in Crumlin and Temple Street Hospital.

This elegant 1920s-themed event will commence with a drink's reception and canapes from 7pm. The attendees will be called into Newpark Hotel's stunning ballroom at 7.45pm where they will be treated to a sumptuous four course meal.

The lords and ladies can then dance the night away to The Honey Dews Swing Band. The attire for the evening is optional upstairs

1920s or formal wear.

"We are delighted to be hosting this glamourous event and look forward to providing a donation to the Friends of St Luke's General Hospital Carlow/Kilkenny," says Paul Beehan, General Manager of Newpark Hotel.

#### THRILLED

Meanwhile, Barbara Scholfield, Secretary of The Friends of St Luke's General Hospital, says the fundraiser will help the important local cause.

"We are thrilled to have been selected as the chosen charity for this event," she said.

"The donation that we receive from the night will bring us a step closer to having the funds needed to purchase a Transfer Ventilator which will facilitate the safer transfer of young infants to intensive care units in both Crumlin and Temple Street Hospital."

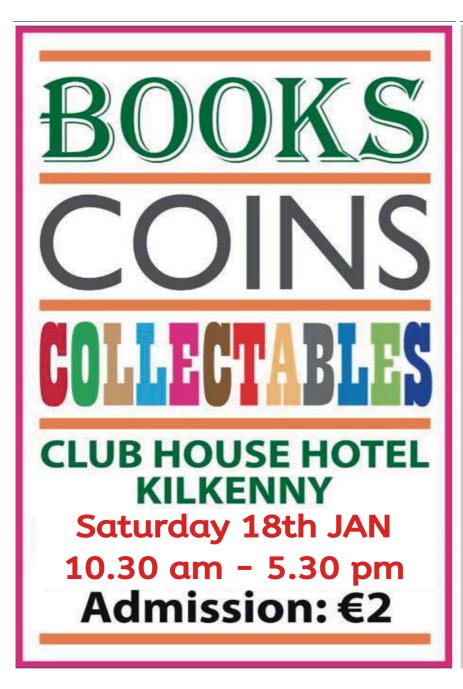
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Sweet. sweet music

Harpist Mary Kelly from Freshford provided background music in Butler House during the venue's recent Wedding Fair PICTURE: HARRY REID







### Dickboro celebrate camogie win

Over 360 people attended the Dicksboro GAA and Camogie Club dinner dance in Langton's Ballroom on Friday night.

The senior camogie players who created history in 2019 by winning a first ever senior camogie title for the club received their medals

The successful minor hurlers were also recognised at the event attended by Mr Jimmy Walsh, chairman of the Kilkenny GAA County board.

The MC for the night was current player and mentor, Davy Ryan who was fantastic and helped make the event

such a great success.

Kilkenny senior hurler Thomas Kenny received the Patsy Lacey memorial trophy for being named Dicksboro Hurler of the Year for 2019.

Tom received the trophy from the late Patsy Lacey's son Niall on Friday.

'BORO BLISS AT THE CLUB DINNER DANCE: Donal Carroll (senior camogie manager), Ted Carroll (camogie club secretary), Brian Phelan, Noreen Phelan (Dicksboro camogie chairperson), Jerry Coffee, (Noreen's father from Cahersiveen, Co Kerry) Hilda Breslin (Leinster camogie chairperson) at the Dicksboro Dinner Dance held in Langtons PICTURE: HARRY REID

# South Kilkenny plan a historical 2020!

Following a very successful 2019, the South Kilkenny Historical Society has announced its programme of lectures for January to April 2020.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Hitler's Irish Voices

David O'Donoghue's lecture will deal with the history of German Radio's wartime Irish service from 1939-1945.

As well as describing in details the radio station's on air operations from Nazi Germany, it provides in-depth profiles of those involved and the service and what became of them.

It reveals details long forgotten in both Ireland and Germany, for example, the involvement a permanent member of the Irish civil Service who ran the service whilst on leave of absence from the National Museum of Dublin.

#### THURSDAY. FEBRUARY 27

Birth of the Border: The Impact of Partition in Ireland

This lecture is based on the recently published book, of the same title, and deals with the actual effects of partition, the day-to-day implications, and the complex way that society, north and south, was truly and meaningfully affected. The book is the most comprehensive account to date on the far-reaching and enduring consequences of the partitioning of Ireland.

The speaker is Cormac Moore, a Dublin-based historian. He has published widely on Irish history including The GAA v Douglas Hyde: The Removal of Ireland's First President as GAA Patron (2012) and The Irish Soccer Split (2015).

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

St Patrick Retold

Roy Flechner is a university lecturer in early medieval history and Co-ordinating Editor of the journal Early Medieval Europe. Previous to this he was a journalist in Jerusalem. He holds a BA from the Hebrew University and a Masters degree and Doctorate from the University of Oxford.

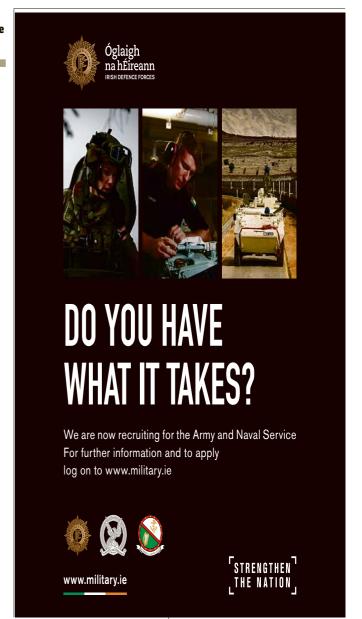
Before arriving at UCD he was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Lincoln College Oxford, a Junior Research Fellow at Trinity College Cambridge, and an Affiliated Lecturer at the History Faculty in Cambridge. **THURSDAY, APRIL 30** 

One of the most brilliant young Irishmen of our day: MacDonagh, TD (1883-1922) Joseph

While recalled by his allies as an outstanding worker in the Irish revolutionary movement, not to mention someone of a warm, humorous personality, Joseph MacDonagh has somehow remained a forgotten figure of the period.

Radicalised by the death of his brother Thomas following the Easter Rising, MacDonagh occupied a number of different roles in this period until his death in 1922: Sinn Féin activist, political prisoner, hunger striker, TD, councilor, Minister for Labour and propagandist. A rare tribute over a decade after his death in the Irish Press, led to Joseph MacDonagh being eulogised as 'one of the most brilliant young Irishmen of our day'.

This talk will illuminate many fascinating details of his life and his involvement in the pivotal events of early 20th Century Ireland.



#### **NEWS**





ABOVE: Ruth Murphy, BT presents the Biological and Ecological Intermediate Group First place Award to Emily Duggan and Eva Duggan, Loreto Secondary School LEFT: CBS Kilkenny students Zac McHardy, Eamonn O'Reilly and David Drennan

BELOW: Alex Hickey and James Kelsey from Scoil Naisiunta Moin Ruadh Pictures: PENNELL PHOTOGRAPHY



# Top boffins wow judges at Young Scientists Exhibition

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It was smiles all round last week when the students at the Loreto Secondary School won the Biological and Ecological Intermediate Group 1st place Award at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition.

Emily Duggan and Eva Duggan impressed the judges with their project which examined the effect Terroir has on Irish whiskey.

Students at the Kilkenny CBS also took away an award at the prestigious competition. A total number of 20 projects represented Kilkenny at the exhibition this year.

Kilkenny CBS' project entitled the Investigation into the Effect of iPads on Academic Success was highly commended while the Loreto Secondary School received a similar accolade for their project which explored older people's use of social media and smartphone applications.

Maebh Richardson, Lucy Harte and Ciara Cashin were also highly commended with their entry which looked at the impact of a behavioural change intervention on driver behaviour.

Cormac Harris and Alar

O'Sullivan, both aged 16 and fourth year students from Coláiste Choilm, Cork, have taken home the top prize for a project entitled "A statistical investigation into the prevalence of gender stereotyping in five to seven year olds and the development of an initiative to combat gender bias".

The coveted prize was presented to the winners by Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh TD, and Managing Director of BT Ireland, Shay Walsh. Cormac and Alan presented their project in the Intermediate section in the Social and Behavioural Sciences category.

Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh TD congratulated all the winners.

"The atmosphere of excitement, creativity and fun at the RDS has been incredible. I am particularly pleased to see so many young people tackling some of the most important issues facing us, from climate change to health, to technology, ethics and societal change. The students are a credit to their families, schools and teachers and they should rightly be proud of being here. They are a huge inspiration."

Other Kilkenny entries included an entry from Loreto Secondary School investigating if colours



Niamh Hayes and Aoibheann Heffernan, students from Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny with their project 'Exploring Fractals' pictured at the 56th BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition

influence the choices teenagers make and a project from students at the Castlecomer Community School which investigated whether the myth that twins generally skip a generation is true, and how prevalent it is in our community today.

Another project from Loreto Secondary School included investigating and experimenting with fractals through mathematics and getting a greater understanding of fractals.

Students from St Kieran's College entered a project called Hurling's Winning Formula, which was a statistical and comparative study to predict the outcome of senior inter county championship and senior schools matches while other St Kieran's students researched the common injuries adolescents suffer while playing GAA compared to different sports.

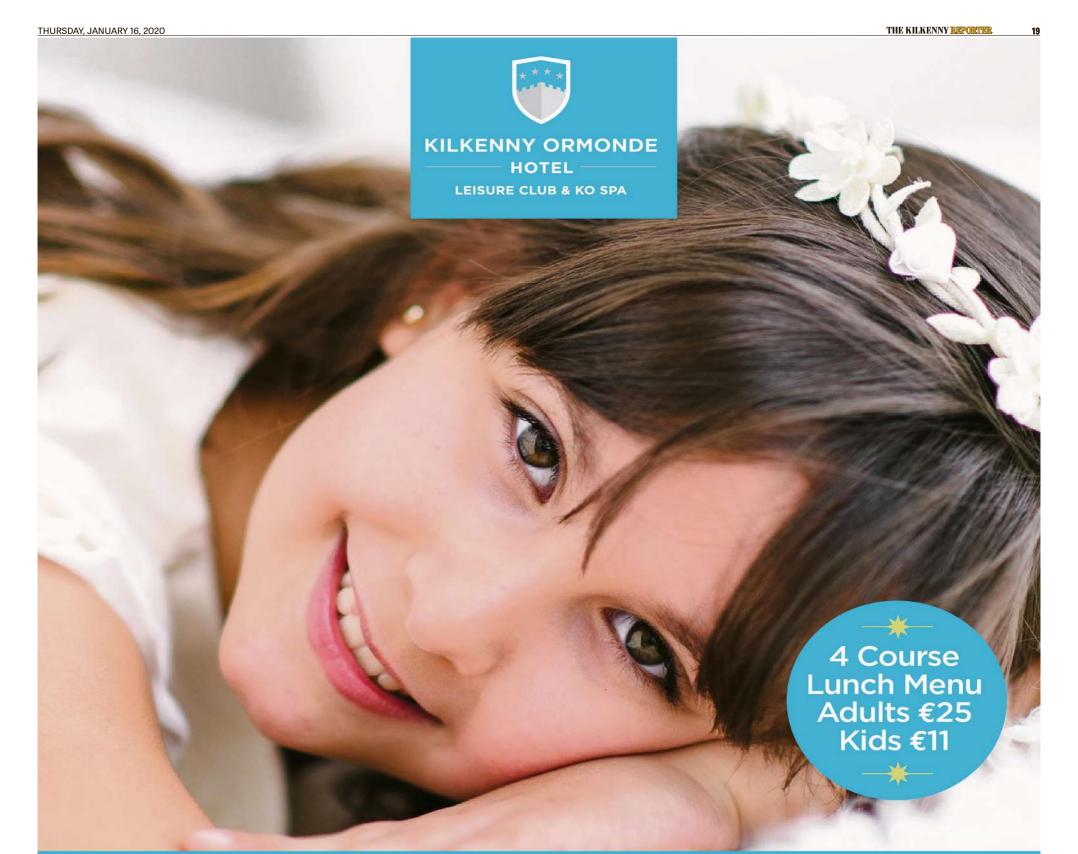
#### MOBILE APP

There were also a number of entries from the CBS Secondary School in Kilkenny City which explored a range of areas. Entries included a mobile app that serves the purpose of making shopping in retailers quicker and easier for the consumer and a project which posed the question is greyhound racing ethical.

Students from Coláiste Pobail Osraí investigated the opinions and experiences of teenagers with social media applications and its impact on their self-esteem.

Climate change was very topical at this year's exhibition and students at the Loreto Secondary School entered a project called Tacking Climate Change through Plastic.

The group created a biodegradable and eco friendly plastic made out of natural ingredients and combined it with formaldehyde to make a durable.



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#### LIFESTYLE



### Going to seed in the kitchen

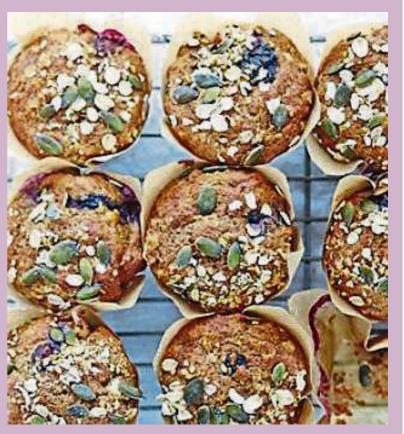
Seeds are great sources of healthy fats, vegetarian protein, fiber and antioxidant polyphenols, and so make a good addition to your cooking and baking.

Certain seeds may help lower cholesterol and the risk of cancer.

Seeds are extremely easy to add to salads, yogurt, porridge and smoothies, and can be an easy way to add nutrients to your diet.

Try flax seeds, chia seeds, pumpkin seeds, hemp seeds, sunflower seeds or sesame seeds. ABOVE: Apples and bananas are a great ingredient for breakfast muffins

RIGHT: Mixed seeds are not only pretty but add extra falvour and fibre to muffins



# The most important meal of the day... in a paper case

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It's not too late to talk about new year's resolutions.

There are lots of food based resolutions that could be made, for example last week I wrote about the trendy superfoods for 2020 and I'd like to try them.

But this week I have another resolution. Not 'eat healthier' but just 'eat.' Breakfast that is. It is so hard to find something healthy to grab when you're in a hurry in the morning. So I've decided breakfast muffins are the way to go.

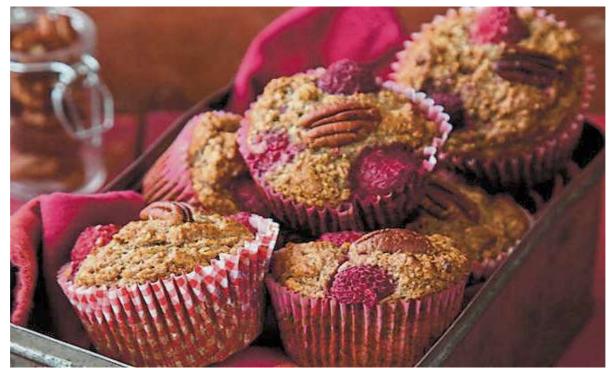
Muffins are probably not as healthy as, say, a bowl of fruit, but choose the right recipe and they are much better than a bar of chocolate with a cup of coffee two hours later! They are also very handy for eating on the commute to work.

Also, they are tasty. A breakfast muffin used to have a reputation for being disgustingly healthy and something that looked, and tasted, like cardboard. They're not.

#### EOUIPMENT

A few things to keep in mind when making muffins. First, equipment. A muffin tin looks very similar to a bun tin (cupcake tin) but the shapes are deeper. When using a muffin tin also make sure you have muffin cases. Again they are bigger than the paper tin liners used for cupcakes.

Muffin batter is usually wetter than bun batter too, so if you're not used to making them don't panic.



Raspberry, banana and pecan muffins are a tasty way to start the day

Muffins usually keep in an air-tight box for a few days.

### RASPBERRY, BANANA AND PECAN MUFFINS INGREDIENTS

1½ tsp baking powder 1½ tsp baking soda 2 medium ripe bananas 2 large eggs 200g frozen raspberries 2 tsp cinnamon 50ml olive oil 50g pecans 150ml low fat yoghurt 50g porridge oats 200g wholemeal flour 1tsp vanilla extract

#### METHOI

Heat the oven to 180  $^{\circ}$ C/160  $^{\circ}$ C fan. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with

Mash the bananas. Add the yogurt, oil, eggs and vanilla extract and mix.

Put the flour in a large bowl and add the oats, cinnamon, baking powder and baking soda.

Keep 12 of the pecan to top the muffins then finely chop the rest, and add them to the bowl. Mix everything together.

Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and mix together.

Stir in two-thirds of the raspberries, keeping some for the top of the muffins.

Spoon the batter evenly between the muffin cases. Put the extra rasberries and pecans on top, press down gently

Bake in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes, until risen and cooked

through. Remove from the oven, transfer to a wire rack and leave to cool.

#### **BLUEBERRY AND MIXED**

#### SEED MUFFINS INGREDIENTS

2 large eggs

150ml natural low-fat yogurt
50ml rapeseed oil
100g stewed/ pureed apple
1 ripe banana, mashed
4 tbsp clear honey
1 tsp vanilla extract
200g wholemeal flour (can be substituted with self-raising flour)
50g rolled oats
1½ tsp baking powder
1tsp bicarbonate of soda
1½ tsp cinnamon
100g blueberries

#### METHOD

Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with cases. Mix the eggs, yogurt, oil, apple sauce, banana, honey and vanilla.

2tbsp mixed seed (like pumpkin,

sunflower or flaxseed)

Put the remaining ingredients, except the seeds, into a large bowl, add a pinch of salt and mix together.

Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and mix briefly until you have a smooth batter.

Divide the batter between the cases. Sprinkle the muffins with the extra oats and the seeds.

Bake for 25-30 mins until golden and well risen.

Remove from the oven, transfer to a wire rack and leave to cool.

## Final call for Young Filmmaker of the Year Awards

The last call is out for entrants for Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year 2020, Ireland's festival celebrating young filmmakers from Ireland.

The closing date is January 24, 2020. Fresh Film is an advocate for young filmmakers year-round and encourages young people to make films by hosting annual Fresh International the Film Festival which incorporates Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year Awards. Fresh International Film Festival 2020 takes place in Limerick from March 23 to 28, 2020 and is open to young people from 7-18 years of age. This will be the 24th year of the festival, which encourages young people from Ireland and overseas, aged 7 to 18 years, to create, exhibit and share films.

The Fresh International Film Festival provides an opportunity for young filmmakers to see their work on the big screen and to compete for the title of Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year and to win €1,000 towards their next film.

All submissions are also considered for a range of Specialist Awards including the Radharc Trust Award for documentaries, the Animation Award, the RTÉ 60 Second Award, the Film in the Irish Language award and the RTÉ Factual Award, in addition to the International and Audience awards.

The Festival has Junior (7 to 12 years), Senior (12 to 18 years) and International categories for individual and group projects. Young filmmakers can enter as independents, as part of their school or in a group.

Films must be original and can be up to 15 minutes duration for Seniors or 10 minutes duration for Juniors. Senior films will be screened at one of the Regional Heats, which take place in Dublin,



Cork, Galway, and Limerick during early March.

The Senior and Junior finalists' films will be screened during Fresh International Film Festival 2020 from March 23 to 28 in Limerick. The awards will be announced at the final screenings on March 25 and 26. Fresh Film runs a number of initiatives under strand headings.

The Fresh Production strand features the 'Fresh Blood' horror film workshop, the 'Hothouse' programme and the 'Fresh Film Squad' designed to bring young people together to share their film experiences and create new work.

Under its Fresh Education strand, it devises film programmes for the classroom such as the 'You Judge It' school juries and the 'young programmer' project. As part of its Fresh International strand, it distributes Irish films made by young people to festivals all over the world and seeks opportunities for young people to participate in international exchanges.

Speaking about the final call for entries, Festival Director and Founder Jayne Foley said: "From filmmaker exchanges to film shares, awards to workshops, Fresh continues to seek new and innovative ways of engaging with international young filmmakers and audiences.

"We are an international film festival and we distribute Irish films to festivals all over the world. Fresh's relationship with filmmakers and festivals from all over the world began in 1993 with a screening of 'Kids in America' a collection made by young people from the USA.

"We are looking forward to great things from our 2020 crop of films. Understanding the basic building blocks of storytelling, camera and editing will stand you in good stead in the media-driven future.

"We are seeking filmmakers, the makers of dreams, the ones who challenge us with their alternative vision and the ones who show a mastery of the art. We give you this gentle nudge again. Write your story. Grab your camera. Get your friends or your classmates or do it on your own. We await the new crop. We look forward to the harvest."

The closing date for entries is Friday, January 24. The full festival programme will be available shortly. Further details and application forms can be found at www.freshfilmfestival.com.



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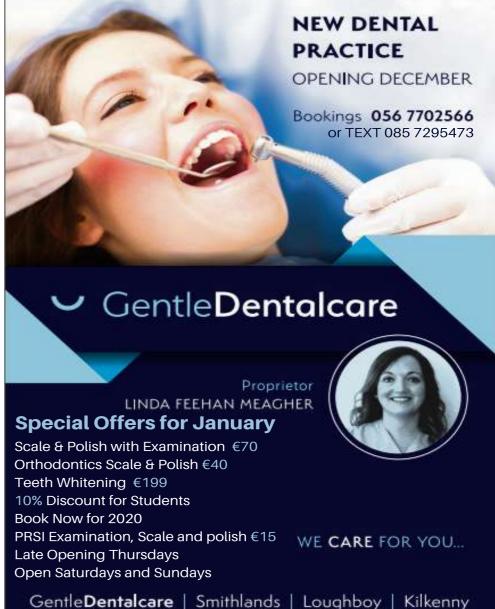
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# Geography can be a daunting exam for students

The Leaving Cert Geography course by its very natures is broad in content and depth and can be a daunting exam for students.

This week I will be giving notes & tips on rock formation in Ireland. The topic of rock formation & the rock cycle have proved popular choices on the Leaving Cert paper over recent years. The table below (Fig 1) shows how frequently the topic has appeared as 20 marks part a's & 30 mark questions.

In more recent years rock formation questions have tended to ask about rock formation in two different rock groups. For example in 2019 the question asked students to explain the formation of one sedimentary rock and metamorphic rock. This in essence is forcing students to be knowledgeable on all the rock groups instead of picking and choosing rock groups to focus on. The same happened in 2016 where question 1B asked students to describe an igneous rock & a metamorphic rock formation. The key thing here is to not be put off by the phrasing of the question, while it requires knowledge of two rock groups; it does mean that students will more than likely have to write less on these two rock groups as the marking scheme will have to reflect

what the question is asking.
In this week's column I will be looking at the 30 mark question from 2019 papers question 2B;

Explain the formation of each of the following, with reference to examples that you have studied:

- One sedimentary rock
- One metamorphic rock

Students will have between 12-15 minutes maximum to write at least 15 SRP's.

The marking scheme for this question is as follows:

One sedimentary rock example named will get 2 marks – for example limestone or sandstone.

One metamorphic rock example named will get 2 marks – for example quartz or marble.

Explanation of formation of sedimentary rock will get 6/7 SRP's – Students will need 6 or 7 SRP's on how their chosen sedimentary rock has been made, what it is made from & where it can be found.

Rocks & Rock cycle	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Igneous rock	6	60	30.	Q1B	8	Q1B	38	89	Q3B	58	
Sedimentary rock	Q2B		48 8		Q2B		8	Q1B	92		Q2B
Metamorphic rock	Q2B			Q1B			Q1B	Q18	10	Q1C	
Rock cycle & interaction		Q3B	Q3A		Q3C		Q2C	Q3A	Q2C	Q2C	Q2C Q3A
Rock type & linked landscape	100	500		Q3B	4	Q2C	38	16	100	528	

#### FIG 1

Explanation of formation of metamorphic rock will get 6/7 SRP's - Students will need 6 or 7 SRP's on how their chosen metamorphic rock has been made, what it is made from & where it can be found.

- Credit 1 x SRP per rock type for named location from formation. Location must be linked to named rock – In other words students will get marks for a named location for their chosen rock e.g. Limestone is found in the midlands or south east of Ireland such as Kilkenny. It was created when Ireland was under warm tropical oceans.

- Max 1x SRP for each rock type if merely a description with no reference to formation. Students will not get marks if they just describe what the rock looks or feels like. The focus of the question is on how it's made.

- A relevant labelled diagram will get 1  $\times$  SRP. If it has no labels it will

get o marks. – Log onto REVISE.ie to see some possible diagrams that may be suitable for this question. Extra information on the diagram can gain up to 2 further SRP's, but it must be correct and relevant to the question.

- Question not tied to Ireland – examples and locations from all over the world can be used.

- If only one rock is written about then students will only get a maximum of 7 SRP's – students need to be aware that they must write about both rock types equally. If they only write about one then 7 SRP's is the maximum score they can get.

- Where students explain the formation of more than one sedimentary or metamorphic rock, mark all and award the highest mark – in other words if a student writes about limestone & sandstone, both of which are

sedimentary rocks, then they will be awarded the highest mark for the rock (limestone or sandstone) that scores the highest mark.

#### ROCK GROUPS

Sedimentary Rocks – These are formed from particles of rocks, dead plants, and bones or shells of sea creatures that were deposited on the bed of seas and lakes and built up over time to be compressed into layers of solid rock.

Metamorphic Rocks – They are formed from rocks that already exist. They are igneous or sedimentary rocks that have been changed into harder rocks by great heat or pressure.

#### **SANDSTONE**

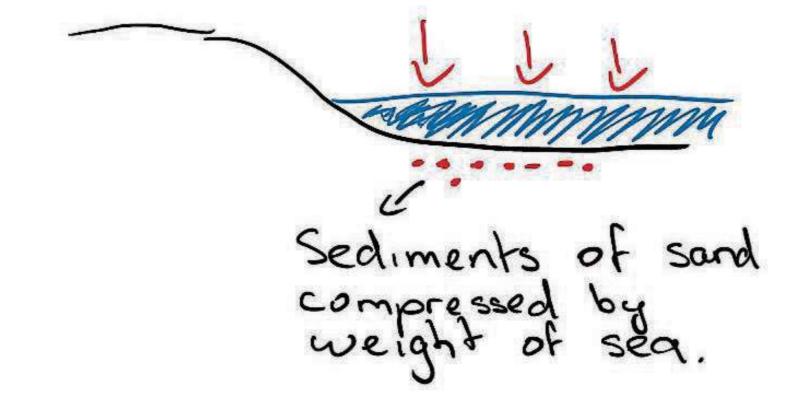
This is the 2nd most common rock in Ireland & is found commonly in Cork, Kerry and Waterford. The most common

minerals found in sandstone are feldspar and quartz. Sandstone takes on the colour of the materials it contains. This is usually brown, yellow, & red due to the sandy material that makes up the rock. It is rough to the touch & made from tiny grains of quartz.

### FORMATION, MAKEUP & CHARACTERISTICS

Sandstone is a mechanically formed rock. This means it is made from the weathered & compacted remains of broken down rocks or sand. It is laid down in layers called strata. Much of this rock was created 300 to 400 million years ago when newly formed mountains were weathered. Sand is carried by the wind and rivers & deposited in the sea where the layers build up over time. The layers became compressed, heated & cemented together by bonding agents like silica.

To see more detailed notes on the rock groups like metamorphic rocks or on any of the other areas listed in the table sign up at our website at www.REVISE.ie. Here you will find video lessons, diagrams flashcards & sample answers to the most common topics on the leaving cert.



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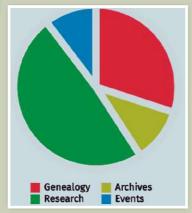
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# Break down your financial resolutions to reach goals

auith the New Year firmly under way, I thought it would be helpful to map out the year ahead with some suggestions that may help improve your finances in 2020.

So, in this two-part feature, I'm going to give you a month-by-month guide with some ideas about what you should be doing in the year ahead. And please feel free to tackle them in any order that works best

#### **JANUARY**

This is the month when people make resolutions and goals about what they would like to achieve in the year ahead. However, the mistake they make and the reason why their goals don't materialise I believe, are because of two things (a) they are too vague with what they want and (b) there is a lack of awareness of what their starting point is.

And on that last point, my advice is not to rush into making resolutions without first giving them some thought. Your starting point therefore is to look at what you

You've got to know what you're up against and identify the mistakes you made in 2019 before you can make the necessary adjustments to ensure you hit those goals in the vear ahead.

You need to have the data about where your money is going, available. When you do, you can then make what changes are begin and necessary intentionally redirect money away from areas you may be overspending on, to areas that are more meaningful to you.

This is the month, I think people should be setting their financial

If for example you want to save more money next year, it's not enough just to say you want that to happen, it's much too vague.

You need to say something like this: On the December 12, 2020 I'm going to have €5,000 in my account.

You now have a specific amount set, within a clearly defined time frame that you can measure progress against.

If you set yourself a big goal like saving for a deposit on a house, I would recommend you break that



Liam's month by month guide will give you the road map to achieving your financial goals

#### You've got to know what you're up against and identify the mistakes you made in 2019

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goal down into a series of much smaller goals, which will help you reach that bigger goal. Setting yourself one goal of saving €30,000 can seem overwhelming but setting yourself 100 goals of saving €300 every month may not be.

This is the month, I'd like you to check in with your partner and have that chat about your finances.

Obviously, Valentines' Day falls in February, and talking about money isn't very romantic so I would recommend you stay loved

up in February and set aside some time in March instead.

You need to tell your partner about how you feel about their saving and spending habits. Are they spending too much? Too little? Share with them in a non-judgemental way what you're feeling, what worries you, what you think they should be doing etc.

Do you know what your partner's financial goals are? Do you know what yours are? Have you ever told them? If you haven't, now is the time to have that chat.

There is never a bad time to create and follow a monthly budget. If you do, it will be one of the best things you do in 2020.

If you want to make progress and get your finances under control, a budget could be the key to achieving both. I meet people all the time who make a lot of money but they're struggling every month. It's not the amount they earn that's the problem, it's how the manage it.

But when they commit to starting a budget and more importantly, commit to sticking to one, things begin to change and make much more sense in a short period of time, and they can see what the problem was and what they need to do.

There are many different tools available to create your spending

plan e.g. write it down, use an excel spreadsheet or use an online tool. I personally like using an excel doc. It's easy to record, easy to follow and easy to see which areas you are doing well in and which you need to pay more attention to.

Make this the month you commit to (a) stop adding to your existing debt and (b) start destroying what debt you already have.

Debt is the biggest enemy to wealth creation. It impacts your monthly cash flow and takes away funds that could be applied to other areas of your finances, so the quicker you are debt-free the

The big advantage to getting out  $of \, debt \, is \, not \, the \, interest \, saving \, \hbox{-} \, yes \,$ that's an excellent consequence but for me it's being able to use that money you'd otherwise be making towards loan repayments, and applying it to other areas of your finances like investments, savings, overpayments on a mortgage, children's education, your pension fund etc.

This month I want you to do two things: (1) look at your savings rate and see if it can be increased and (2) assess your emergency fund.

Ideally, you should be saving at least 10% of your income which is separate to whatever you're contributing to your pension each month.

If you're struggling to save anything at all, rather than focusing on 10%, focus on 1% or 2% and gradually increase your savings rate over time. To help identify how much you can save and where it will come from, record what you spend your money on over a 60 or 90-day period and that will give you a good idea of those areas you could reduce your expenditure in.

In relation to your emergency fund, now is the time to check in and see if the amount you have saved is adequate. Unexpected expenses occur all the time and you need to be prepared for them regardless of what age you are or what income you

Holding somewhere between three and six months of your net monthly income is a good number to aim for. Next week, I will continue with months July to December.

#### ASK LIAM

Our personal finance expert answers your questions ...

Q: Last year, I invested into a low risk pension fund with a risk rating of 3. It performed fine, but some of my work colleagues were in a risk rating 4 fund and made much more than I did. I don't want to make the same mistake this year, so I'm thinking of moving everything into a higher risk fund, what do you think?

A: The signs for 2020 are reasonably good and in a couple of weeks' time I'll be giving you my predictions for the year ahead.

But despite that, you need to be cautious as well. If you feel you want to increase your exposure to a higher risk fund, I believe a good play when choosing to transfer all or a specific amount from your current fund, the strategy most investors adopt is to increase their equity holdings to a half way point, which is somewhere between the maximum amount they would hold in equities and what their average exposure

Let me explain.

The typical equity holding for a fund with a risk profile 3 is about 40%. A fund with a risk rating of 4 holds c. 60% in equities and a risk rating 5 is 79%.

So, if you wanted to increase your exposure to a risk rating 4, the amount you should transfer over is 10% of your current fund i.e. 50% of the difference between what you currently hold in equities and the up-lifted amount.

If the value of your fund was for example, €100,000, then you should transfer €10,000 to a fund with a risk rating of 4 and leave €90,000 where it is.

If you wanted to move some of your fund up to a risk rating 5, then your midway point between your current holding and a risk rating 5 is  $19.5\% (79\% - 40\% \times 50\%)$  so you should transfer over €19,500 and keep €80,500 in the fund with the risk rating of 3.

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#### LIFESTYLE

# Meet our brave new leaders on OT 2020



#### MENTAL HEALTH **MATTERS** DR EDDIE MURPHY

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR UCD SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

peration Transformation has a new home in the middle of Ireland in Tullamore, Co Offaly and it's all very exciting.

As a Midlander, it's great to bring the excitement and wellbeing message of Operation Transformation (OT) from this often overlooked and beautiful

It's early days yet for our leaders and it's going to take me a number of weeks to get "under the hood" and figure out truly what's going

Saying that, my clinical  $intuition\,is\,in\,over drive\,picking\,up$ on some early areas of gains for our leaders.

Let's meet the leaders.

#### LORRAINE 46YRS - CAVAN -**STARTING WEIGHT 12ST 5LBS**

Lorraine is a barber and business women who has lost her way. She is our lightest and oldest

With her partner Terry she has two wonderful children Mia and the energetic toddler Jodie. She is the classic "Pear Shape".

Lorraine has the oldest  $metabolic\,age\,of\,61\,which\,reflects$ the ratio of muscle/fat in the body.

The aim for Operation Transformation is a 10% weight

As a former marathon runner who has raised thousands for Cystic Fibrosis Ireland Lorraine will succeed.

She introduced me to a new word a "Foosie" which is a Cavan word for a treat. Too many chocolate treats is Lorraine's downfall. Lorraine has work to do on her poor body image. I think I will be working in that area!

#### SHANE 29YRS - LOUGHREY. **GALWAY - STARTING WEIGHT 20ST**

Busy, busy, busy Shane, I can't

#### It's early days vet for our leaders and it's going to take me a number of weeks to get "under the hood" and figure out truly what's going on

keep up! Let me enlighten you. He is a teacher, a musical theatre director doing shows all over the country and a dad to four children.

He is a classic apple shape, like myself, where our weight is carried in the abdomen which carries a higher cardiac risk. He is a classic dashboard diner.

I have a massive level of curiosity regarding Shane as anyone watching his life would wonder how he can stretch the laws of physics and make time! I have great admiration for Shane; the courage he showed stepping out in front of the nation was epic.

#### **BARRY 39YRS - CORK - STARTING WEIGHT 29ST 4LBS**

Barry is big in all ways. A chartered physiotherapist, a rugby player, he comes in at 6ft 7inches.

Barry is married to Andrea and they are our first OT couple. Of Barry's 29 stone odd he has, wait for it, 16 stone 12 lb is muscle.

As OT is all about sustainable weight loss and given this amount of muscle which has a higher metabolic rate, Aoife has increased his portions. So as a rule of thumb

journey to Barry's - after all men have the advantage of testosterone when it comes to losing weight. indicate that he is hungry; I have

They are a lovely couple, who are six months married and plan to have a child. As I explore driven Andrea I want to understand is she driven for herself or to please others?

#### TANYA 33YRS - CORK - STARTING WEIGHT 14ST 11LBS

Tanya, a care worker and mum to four children, Abbie 16, Rian 10, Mark 5, and Odhran 1, is a busy lady. I suspect there are confidence and self-esteem issues.

The biggest first hurdle is that Tanya is a Coca Cola addict drinking 10-12 cans per day, waking up at night to drink Coke, planning

purchases so she never runs short, a slab of 24 cans every two days.

This is going to be a such a tough week for Tanya, the withdrawal, and craving. Even the thought of it from Tanya coming in on the first weight in was over whelming.

Fingers cross for Tanya; if she cracks this is she well on the way.

Our Leaders are so brave. It is through their lives that they offer us all, including myself, insights into making changes that enhance our health and wellbeing.

\* Dr Eddie Murphy is a clinical psychologist, author and mental health expert. ONLINE CBT STOP DEPRESSION - STOP ANXIETY - available at https://stratushealthcare.ie/mental-wellbeing/



Barry and Andrea are the first ever couple to appear together on Operation Transformation

if you are over 23 stone follow Barry's plan. Poor Barry's reports already

never heard of an OT leader

hungry. I suppose it's all about

recalibration. I have challenged Barry to give up vaping. Bottom line OT is all about wellness and increasingly the evidence against vaping is emerging.

#### ANDREA 31YRS - CORK - STARTING **WEIGHT 21ST 2LBS**

Andrea is a senior scientist in a pharmaceutical company. I think Andrea's biggest issue is eating similar sized portions to Barry's.

It's important that Andrea doesn't compare her weight loss

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## MANABOUTTOWN

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# How to beat the January blues

he third Monday of January has been awarded the title of Blue Monday. This gloomy title is given due to a combination of post-Christmas blues, short days, cold dark nights and unpaid credit card bills.

Apparently, a university professor managed to precisely calculate the most depressing day of the year using factors such as weather conditions, debt level, time since Christmas, time since failing our new year resolutions, low motivational levels and the feeling of a need to take action. Long story short: January kind of sucks.

So to lift my mood and hopefully yours, I've compiled a little list of tips that will help us to keep the January blues at bay.

#### **EVOLUTION IS BETTER THAN RESOLUTION**

I have a big problem with New Year resolutions because they usually involve listing what you don't like about yourself. Rather than focusing on your perceived weaknesses and how you propose to fix them, focus on your strengths and how you can use them to live a happier and more fulfilling life.

Don't know what your strengths are? You can ask people you trust to tell you what they think your strengths are. Pick five people who know you well and you trust to be honest with you. Or, you can cheat and go to www.viacharacter.org and take a free test that will identify your character strengths.

Then, every day, pick one strength and try to use it in your daily life. Research shows that  $applying \, your \, character \, strengths$ in your day-to-day life will improve your mood and chase the blues

#### HELP OTHERS AND HELP YOURSELF

A personal goal of mine for 2020 is to do something charitable every month because in helping others, we help ourselves to feel better. I should preface this by saying that I am neither virtue signalling or looking for praise here, but last week I sold a very valuable Boda Skins leather jacket to one of my Instagram followers and donated the money to The World Wildlife Funds Australian Bushfire Emergency fund and Australian Red Cross. With money being tight because of the time of year, this I  $\,$ felt was the least I could do and I felt better for doing it. Getting involved in charity work, or fundraising, or a community project or even just being kind and helpful to someone you know is good for the mood and good for the soul. Helping others will put your own troubles and concerns into perspective and give you a more positive outlook on life.

LEAVE YOUR DESK AT LUNCHTIME

In January, many people feel like the fun is over and that winter will never be over. This is when  $Seasonal\,Affective\,Disorder\,(SAD)$ can creep in. The January blues are compounded by the lack of daylight. When we're going to work in the morning, it's dark. When we're leaving work in the evening, it's dark. Daylight lifts your mood, even when it's not sunny, so make sure to leave your office at lunchtime and go outside for some fresh air and some daylight.

#### LOOK FORWARD TO SOMETHING

Having something to look forward to can help lift you out of your January slump. While I'm all for Dry-January (because I'm broke and I've put on some festive timber) I also know the value of 'rosv prospection'. Anticipation of

happiness is often as good as or greater than the happiness experienced so book a spa treatment or a trip away (if funds are tight then Booking.com offer a 'pay later' option), sign up to a night course or organise a meal with friends on payday and notice how much better it makes you feel.

#### HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

January is a good time to focus on what you have, rather than what you don't have. Instead of thinking of all the obstacles in your way, focus on the good things and good people in your life. Taking time to be grateful and notice simple pleasures will give you a more positive attitude and make you more resilient. Taking stock of the good people in your life will strengthen relationships and will help to reduce stress.

#### **GET SOME EXERCISE**

During the winter months, people are often less motivated to exercise, but it's very important to stay active if you want to boost your mood. Exercise reduces stress hormone levels and will give you a clear head and more upbeat outlook. It also helps you to sleep more deeply, making you better prepared for the day ahead. Even if it's just a quick walk at lunchtime, get up and get outside, preferably somewhere where there's green.

#### TRY TO EAT RIGHT

When I sit into my car on a Sunday evening, the Google Maps app on my phone automatically tells me the distance to the Chicken Hut. That should tell you how my diet has been going over Christmas. But now is the time to get back on the wagon. Eating foods that promote serotonin (the 'happy hormone') production can help to drive away those January blues. Winter can

 $leave\ you\ craving\ starchy\ carbs\ and$ while they are an important part of any diet, it's important to strike a balance. If, like me, you need to snack then use foods like bananas, walnuts and tomatoes; they all help your body to produce serotonin and lift your mood.

#### BE KIND TO YOURSELF

Don't beat yourself up if you break your new year diet resolutions. The most important thing is to be kind to yourself and to not look at unwanted behaviour as failure. Instead, focus on the progress you're making. If you've cut down on drink/cigarettes/ chocolate/takeaways then give yourself some credit. Eating one chocolate is better than eating the whole bag or box and it's a step in the right direction. When you stop putting pressure on yourself, you can achieve so much more. Embrace failure and mindfully understand what triggered you into going back the old behaviour of reaching for that drink/cigarette/sweet or whatever. Were you tired, stressed or just hungry? And how can you react differently next time? Understanding your triggers and cultivating a growth mindset will stand to you long after the month

on the calendar has changed. TAKE A BREAK FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

Being constantly connected to smart technology can have a negative impact on your mood. Taking a break from your phone in the evenings can be key to beating the January blues. Avoid social media for two hours before you go to bed at night.

Instead, read a book, listen to music or have a relaxing bath. A good wind-down routine will help to reduce anxiety and allow your mind to relax and help you get a better night's sleep.

CONNECT WITH PEOPLE

It can be very easy to isolate yourself when you are feeling low, which is why it's more important than ever at this time of year to stay in regular contact with your close friends and family. If you're struggling with your mental health then January and the January blues can seem never-ending. If this is the case then please do reach out and ask for help. Talk to a friend, a loved one or a

counsellor. Counselling can really help with feelings of depression, anxiety or stress. Please know that you're never alone.

(Dedicated to the late Natalie Katilius)



#### **Watch This Space**

#### Rolex 'Pepsi' reincarnation improves core virtues of classic watch

My watch of the week is the Rolex GMT Master II "Pepsi" watch.

Coke or Pepsi? It's a matter of taste, some say, and individual tastes always differ. But there's only one right answer if you're talking about the Rolex GMT-Master. Although Rolex made a

version that had a GMT bezel in red and black, called "Coke", the first **GMT-Master from 1955 bore** the red-and-blue scale for the 24-hour display and was nicknamed "Pepsi". The new Pepsi GMT-Master II represents the reincarnation of the classic in its original form. The

greatest advantage for the wearer of the new Pepsi model is the increased power reserve. Instead of two days, the watch provides almost three full days of uninterrupted

Rolex has also improved the calibre consistently in the core virtues of

accuracy, longevity, and sturdiness. Decorations are present, like a sunburst finish, but there is no hand-applied engraving. The new movement can also be identified by a detail on the dial: a tiny Rolex crown is placed between the two words "Swiss Made" at the dial's

edge. At €8,650 the steel GMT-Master II Pepsi is placed in the mid-level price range. There are more economical manufacture alternatives with a second-time zone, as well as more expensive ones, but with regard to value retention, hardly anyone can compete with Rolex.



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#### SUDOKU

#### 6 8 7 2 1 7 8 5 2 7 3 8 2 8 6 2 3 9 7 9 4 5 2 8 9 4 1 8 2

#### WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.



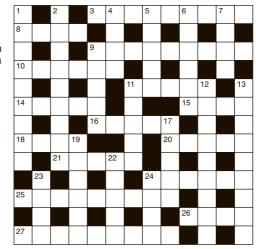
How you rate: 15 words, average; 20 words, good; 25 words, very good; 30 or more, excellent.

#### **DOUBLE CROSSWORD**

#### **Cryptic Clues:**

- 3. Private coach has to remain outside. according to the law (9)
- 8. Not a good man. we hear, in the church (4)
- 9. The best astronomy student? (4.5)
- 10. They may be male birds or hens perhaps (6)
- 11. Employing a rousing finale (5)
- **14.** Unhappy time for a bull (5)
- 15. A great sea power (4)
- 16. Thus America produced a great composer (5)
- 18. They may be fast, but only without running (4)
- 20. It comes from a bird and sounds inexpensive (5)
- **21.** Sharply inclined to be exorbitant (5)
- 24. She may have to raise the issue (6)
- 25. River rose perhaps - to fill it? (9)
- 26. One has a lot of fun with it! (4)
- 27. A fresh run on the daily presses (9)

- 1. In the team as an extra occupation (2,3,4)
- Musical pieces start openly but not exactly sure later (9)
- 4. Adds up the drinks (4)
- 5. Weeds are found in the back street (5)
- 6. He's out of form (6)
- 7. Close in an attack (4)
- **9.** Cheap cuts? (5) 11. Appropriate (5) 12. Help the dealer?
- (4.1.4)13. Mincemeat
- Peter finds neither hot nor cold (9)
- 17. Man of many parts (5) 19. Accentuate,
- in a manner of speaking (6) 22. Young swimmer
- in wild revel (5) 23. You might say
- it when offering a gift, or present (4)
- Pronouncedly mean manner (4)



#### **Quick Clues:**

#### Across

- Helplessness (9)
   Space (4)
   Monetary (9)
   Students'
- residence (6) **11.** Feeling (5) **14.** Taut (5)
- **15.** Box (4)

- 15. Box (4)
  16. Attain (5)
  18. Society (4)
  20. Correct (5)
  21. Close together (5)
  24. Flowing (6)
  25. Tasty (9)
  26. Couple (4)
- **26.** Couple (4) **27.** Verbosity (9)

#### Down

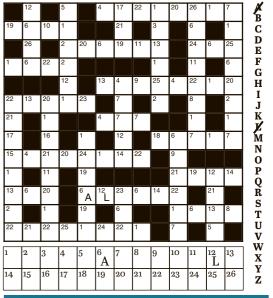
- Designer (9)
   Agreement (9)
   Post (4)
   Speechify (5)
   Surplus (6)
- Applaud (4)
- 9. Not so many (5)
  11. Disreputable (5)
  12. Short-lived (9)
- **13.** Pillagers (9)
- 17. Pulls (5) 19. After (6)
- 22. Rule (5)
- **23.** Nothing (4)
- **24.** Ado (4)

To hear any crossword solution or the full solutions call **0905 789 4251**. Calls cost 80p per minute plus your network access charge. SP: Spoke, **0333 202 3390**.

For four extra letter codeword clues, call 0901 293 5251. Calls cost £1 plus your network access charge. SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390.

#### **CODEWORD**

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.



#### **LAST WEEK'S** SOLUTIONS

#### DOUBLE CROSSWORD:

Cryptic: Across: 1 Duck; 3 All clear; 8 Junk; 9 Dovetail; 11 Cheap edition; 13 Endear; 14 Tender; 17 Streets ahead; 20 Eventual; 21 Omit; 22 Everyone;

Down: 1 Dejected; 2 Contend; 4 Lloyds: 5 Chew the fat; 6 Erato; 7 Rely; 10 Apparently; 12 Creditor; 15 Dreamed; 16 Strain; 18 There; 19 Cede.

Quick: Across: 1 Male; 3 Compound; 8 Rage; 9 Disorder; 11 Intermediary; 13 Garret; 14 Scribe; 17 Schoolmaster: 20 Honoured; 21 Crop; 22 Preceded;

23 Smut.
Down: 1 Marriage; 2 Lighter; 4 Opinec
5 Provincial; 6 Under; 7 Dare;
10 Irresolute; 12 Decrepit; 15 Interim;
16 Allege; 18 Canoe; 19 Whip.

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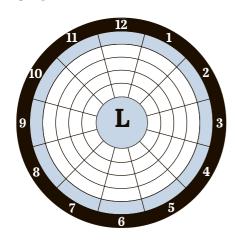
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2	7	3	5	6	9	1	8	4

#### CODEWORD:

CUDEWORD: 1=L, 2=H, 3=Z, 4=M, 5=D, 6=V, 7=I, 8=G, 9=R, 10=T, 11=W, 12=X, 13=F, 14=Y, 15=S, 16=O, 17=K, 18=C, 19=E, 20=U, 21=N, 22=A, 23=P, 24=J, 25=Q, 26=B. WORD WHEEL: CTEADEA ST STEADFAST.

#### **CLOCKWORD**

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter L in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a UK rock group.



- 1. Fuel
- 2. Regretful
- Infuse Warm-blooded
- 6. Fatal
- animal
- Attack
- 7. Spade 8. Force
- 9. Remember
- 10. Tooth covering

- 11. Cunning
- 12. Human

#### NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

#### THE CLUES:

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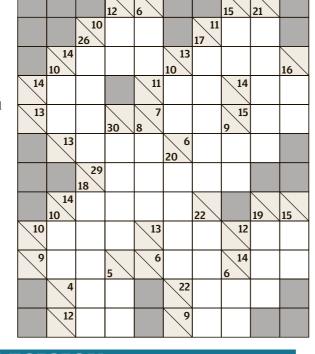
gives a royal person; gives a royal person; gives a medical person.

#### **KAKURO**

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9.

Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it.

No number may be used more than once in any one block.



#### **SPLIT DECISION**

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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#### **LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

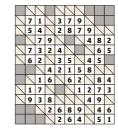
#### CLOCKWORD:

1 Shiver, 2 Armour, 3 Eraser, 4 Easter, 5 Dagger, 6 Jaguar, 7 Answer, 8 Father, 9 Finger, 10 Robber, 11 Editor, 12 Yammer.

CELEBRITY: Saeed Jaffrey.

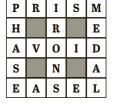
#### KAKURO:

NINER: UNCLOTHED.



#### SUDOKU:

#### SPLIT DECISION:



**OUT & ABOUT** 

DICKSBORO GAA CLUB DINNER DANCE PICTURES: HARRY REID



Having a great night at the Dicksboro GAA Club Dinner Dance were Conor Doheny, Andrew Gaffney, Oisin Gough, Joe Sheehan, Cillian Timmons, Mark Nolan, Evan Clarke, David Conway, Daire Maher, Tommy Farrell, Deans Moylan, David Campion and Christy Kavanagh



LEFT: Enjoying the Dicksboro **Dinner Dance** were (seated:) Sean Moore, Darren O'Connor, Denis Loli and Jim O'Neill. Standing: **Patrick** O'Sullivan, Paul McCabe, Síle Moore, Debbie O'Connor, Aidan Maher, Jemma Loli and Annmarie O'Neill



Grace Keoghan and Kate McCluskey





Davy Ryan with Jimmy Walsh, Chairman of the Kilkenny County Board

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Emer and Barry Henderson, Margaret and Ivan Doherty, Derek and Una Deegan, Ian and Dara Connelly, John and Noreen Egan, Meabh and John O'Donnell

**ABOVE:** At the 'Boro Dinner Dance in Langtons were Rachel Egan, Aisling Mullaney, Leah Brachen, Rachel Dermody, Caoimhe Cassin, Ellie Murphy, Isobel Nolan, Amy Clifford, Caoimhe Carroll, Katie Byrne, Margaret Mary O'Shea, Emily Doyle and Naomi Trait



Pat and Jackie Cody



Enjoying the Dicksboro Dinner Dance were Therese Walsh, Liz Holohan, Shane Kavanagh, Jim Murphy and Tom Beirne

# TERTAINMENT

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN KILKENNY

### Oh Bryan to play with Aslan on **Saturday**

Kilkenny band, Oh Bryan are supporting Aslan in the Hub at Cillin Hill on Saturday.

They will go on stage at 8pm doing an acoustic set.

The boys have been on tour with Aslan over the past year playing all over Ireland in places like The Olympia, The INEC Arena and The Wexford Opera House.

"Although we are primarily a rock band we scale down for these Aslan shows playing an acoustic set.

"We still rock the places as best as we can with the acoustic set and recommend people to some early to check us out. It also really lets the songs shine and speaks for themselves when stripped back to acoustic," Steve O'Brien of the band said.

Steve and Shane Power are from Kilkenny and have been involved in the music days for years.

"We both started off our gigging careers in the Z00 Club which used to be held on Sundays when we were in school. Now based in Dublin we continue to write and release music," Steve added. Oh Bryan will release their new single soon. Their next single It's Not Easy will be released on February 12 on all platforms



## lub House Hotel book fair on Saturday

The annual Club House Hotel Book Fair on Patrick Street, Kilkenny is on Saturday from 10.30am to 5.30pm is a must for those looking for either a book present or that elusive edition printed in a byegone era not available in electronic format.

The annual Kilkenny Winter Book and Coin Fair will include an eclectic mix of old and new books and coins groups.

Booksellers from all over the South of Ireland will display over 5,000 titles covering fiction and non fiction with out of print items on the centenary of the Great War, War of Independence and the Civil War.

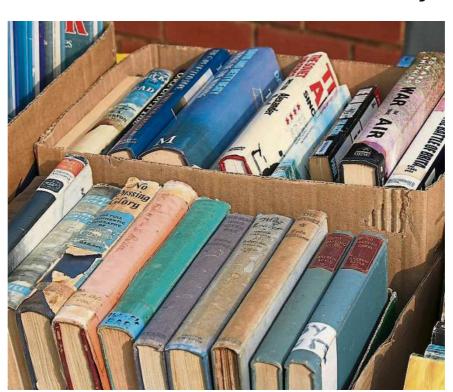
Books and ephemera on both local and national history, topography, folklore traditions will also feature. and

That book you have been searching for, or missed out on last year, may be back on the

For the serious collector there will be many scarce Irish first editions, rare prints and bindings with some rare Irish maps.

Local histories will feature and there will be two coin dealers present: Seamus O'Connor from Dublin and Kieran O'Brien from Wexford.

Geata Buidhe Thomasatown specialise in modern and antiquarian. Other booksellers attending include Well Read Books, Waterford; Paulstown Books which include many Carlovian material, O'Neill Books Thomastown and Bourke Books comprising both military, local, national and international history, Pat Dunne from Kildare and Joe Collins from Dublin will also add a large collection of rare and interesting titles to the Bookfair. Other categories will include, poetry, sport, GAA, biographies, war, an literature and the classics. angling,



#### OH NOH!!!!!

rare and unique programme of classical and contemporary Noh theatre, the 650 year old Japanese art form will be performed on Saturday, February 1 in the Watergate Theatre.

A rare and unique programme of classical and contemporary Noh has been organised to celebrate Japan's Season of Culture in the year of the 2020

Tokyo Olympics. Noh is a highly aesthetic classical Japanese theatre style featuring dance, music and poetry.

Acclaimed artists Teruhisa and Kinue Oshima, and Akira Matsui, collaborate with Jannette Cheong and Richard Emmert once again in celebration of the 2020 Japan Season of Culture.

The programme: Takasago, a play from the classical repertoire, deals with the legend of the twin pines of Sumiyoshi and Takasago.

Between the Stones, a new English noh drama by Jannette Cheong with music by Richard Emmert, that explores how the burden of grief turns into a of and celebration friendship love, through the healing power of gardens.

WELL-KNOWN PLAY

Takasago, written by Zeami, is one of the most important and well-known plays in the classical noh repertoire.

It deals with the legend

of the twin pines of Sumiyoshi and Takasago. According to legend, the spirit of the Sumiyoshi pine travels across Osaka Bay nightly to visit his wife, the Takasago pine, in a bond that transcends space and

will Takasago performed as han-noh, literally a "half noh", featuring the very quick and strong second half of the play.

Between the Stones is the third collaboration between author Jannette Cheong and founder of Theatre Nohgaku, Richard Emmert, and the second co-production Unanico.

The lead role will be played by Kinue Oshima, the only professional female nohactor in the Kita school. Kinue Oshima was also the lead actor in the Cheong-Emmert collaboration, Pagoda (2009).

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#### **GIG GUIDE**

Thomastown Drama - Three drama groups will visit the Concert Hall in Thomastown over the next three months.

On February 1, Kilquan Players from Coon will present a three-act comedy written by Jimmy Keary called Love Thy Neighbour.

doors open at 7.30pm with the curtain up at 8pm.

Directed by Mr Benny Mills, admission €10 at the door on the night.

On Saturday, March 28, The Eigse Players from Slieverue in south Kilkenny present a comedy written by Jimmy Keary called, Hitting The Jackpot.

Directed by James Rockett, admission is €10 at the door on the night.

On Saturday, April 18 Fourth Wall Theatre from Laois present John B Keane's The Field. Enquiries 087-7728170.

#### BUTLER GALLERY AUDIO TOUR

Butler Gallery is delighted to host a Live Audio Described tailored tour for people with visual impairments on Wednesday, January 22 to access the exhibition A Most Favourable Soil, a curatorial project by the Selvage Collective.

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# Queen (the band) tribute for Watergate

Flash Harry are celebrating the music of Freddie Mercury and Queen at the Watergate Theatre on Saturday night.

Flash Harry are Northern Ireland's most enduring tribute band, celebrating the music of super star Freddie Mercury and super group Queen, for over 25 years.

Flash Harry deliver a rock show that will have the audience rocking in their seats and singing along to anthems of one of the greatest bands in history; featuring classics like Radio Ga Ga, We Are the Champions, to Bohemian Rhapsody, Who Wants to Live Forever and everything in between.

The five piece band have played everywhere from the USA to Dubai as well as major venues in the UK and Ireland and continue to sell out venues wherever they go, recreating the magic of Queen for audiences young and old.

For a true celebration of the music of Queen, Flash Harry are a

band not to be missed. Tickets available at watergate theatre.com or on 056 7761674!

Estimates of Queen's record sales range from 170 million to 300 million records, making them one of the world's best-selling music artists.

In 1990, Queen received the Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to British Music from the British Phonographic Industry.

They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001.

Each member has composed hit singles, and all four were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2003.

In 2005, Queen received the Ivor Novello Award for Outstanding Song Collection from the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers, and Authors.

In 2018, they were presented the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

This is a fun night not to be missed in the Watergate.

### Final call for young filmmakers awards

The last call is out for entrants for Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year 2020, Ireland's festival celebrating young filmmakers from Ireland.

The closing date is January 24, 2020.

Fresh Film is an advocate for young filmmakers year-round and encourages young people to make films by hosting the annual Fresh International Film Festival which incorporates Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year Awards.

Fresh International Film Festival 2020 takes place in Limerick from March 23 – 28, 2020 and is open to young people from 7-18 years of age.

2020 will be its 24th year encouraging young people from Ireland and overseas, aged 7 to 18 years, to create, exhibit and share films. The Fresh International Film Festival provides an opportunity for young filmmakers to see their work on the big screen and to compete for the title of Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year and to win

€1,000 towards their next film.

All submissions are also considered for a range of Specialist Awards including the Radharc Trust Award for documentaries, the Animation Award, the RTÉ 60 Second Award, the Film in the Irish Language award and the RTÉ Factual Award, in addition to the International and Audience awards.

The Festival has Junior (7-12 years), Senior (12-18 years) and International categories for individual and group projects.

Young filmmakers can enter as independents, as part of their school or in a group. Films must be original and can be up to 15 minutes duration for Seniors or 10 minutes duration for Juniors. Senior films will be screened at one of the Regional Heats, which take place in Dublin, Cork, Galway, and Limerick during early March.

The awards will be announced at the final screenings on March 25 and 26, 2020.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT LISTINGS**

## What's on in Kilkenny this week

#### Thursday

Trad followed by DJ and Late Bar, Matt The Millers, 6pm Swing Dancing, Home Rule

Swing Dancing, Home Rule Club, 7.30pm The Pinsetters, Carroll's Bar,

Thomastown, 9pm
Siobhan and Elise, The

Siobhan and Elise, The Pumphouse Bar, 9.30pm

#### FRIDAY

Trad followed by DJ and Late Bar, Matt The Millers, 6pm

Qween, Set Theatre, 8pm Gavin Carroll, Rafter Dempseys,

Open House in The Bar, Home Rule Club, 9pm

Devil The Bit, Lanigan's Bar, 9.30pm

**Acousticats, Kyteler's Inn, 10pm** Blind Dog, Ryan's Bar, 10.30pm

#### SATURDAY

Bingo Loco, Ormonde Hotel, 6pm Trad followed by DJ and Late Bar, Matt The Millers, 6pm Laughter Lounge, Set Theatre, Flash Harry, Watergate
Theatre, 8pm

Tom Brazil Live, Home Rule Club, 9pm

Live Wire, Rafter Dempseys, 10pm

Live DJ, Lanigan's Bar, 10pm Back Door Blues, Ryan's Bar, 10pm

Róisín Dubh, Kyteler's Inn, 10pm

#### SUNDAY

Hot 4 Jazz Quartet, Left Bank, 5pm

Generation 5, Kyteler's Inn, 6.30pm

Tomas Jackman, Kyteler's Inn, 9pm

The Bar Flies, The Pumphouse Bar, 9.30pm

Devil The Bit, Lanigan's Bar, 9.30pm

#### **MONDAY**

Monday Night Madness, Matt The

Millers, from 6pm Sleeping Beauty Panto, Castlecomer Community Hall,

#### **TUESDAY**

Samba Drumming Workshop with Jeremy Hickey, Billy Byrne's,

Sleeping Beauty Panto, Castlecomer Community Hall, 8pm

Sean Maher, Brewery Corner, 9pm



John and Rena Foxe with Fiona O' Dolan



Noreen Cowley was with Joan Cleere at the Beauty and the Beast Panto in the Watergate



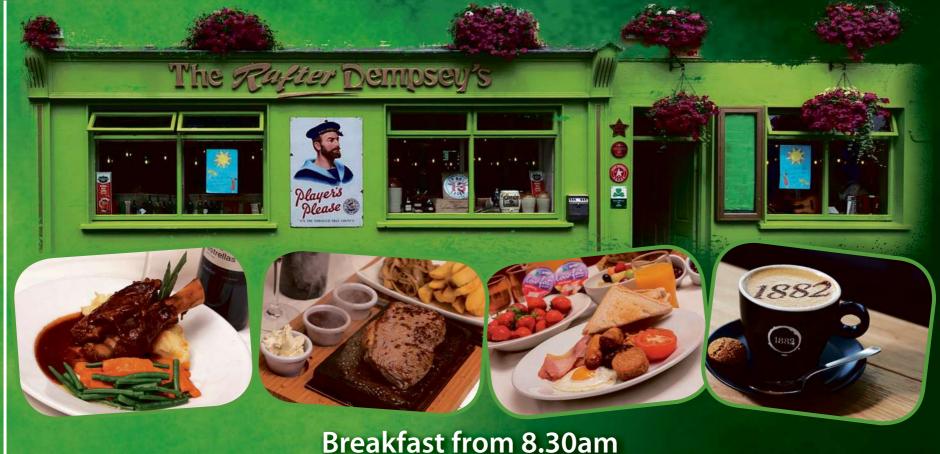
Lorna Nolan with Isabelle Flynn



Joanne and Michael Whelan with Carlie Purcell and Ava Whelan

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### **Top Tips**

### For Getting Outside for Some Winter Fun

It's cold, windy and often rainy, but there are still lots of fun ways to get out, get active and have fun as a family

Make sure everyone has warm, waterproof gear to hand, so when the mood strikes you, you can head out without too much hassle

Keep it simple—a bike ride, a visit to a playground (which are often much quieter at this time of year so children can run around more freely), walks around town to find landmarks, can be lots of fun and don't require much planning

Think Spring! Start to look for the emerging snowdrops, crocuses, frog spawn, returning birds, etc-pick a favourite spot and check back on a regular basis for signs of new life. Bring a camera or drawing book along and create a nature iournal

Have something warm and tasty ready for when you return home---a warm bowl of soup or a cup of hot chocolate will warm up both body and soul after your wintery adventures





# Parent & baby/toddler groups are a lifeline

The expectations and realities of parenthood can be quite different. Plans for maternity or parental leave usually include leisurely days where yourself and your sleepy newborn will finally have the time to catch up with friends, household projects and all those other things that have been on the long finger for so long. There will be, without a doubt, plenty of those lazy, hazy days. There are also other days; the ones where a shower is like a gift from the gods and getting dressed feels like a major achievement. You realise that time isn't your own because there's a new (tiny) sheriff in town and that you haven't had a conversation with a grown-up all day. This is where a local Parent and Baby/Toddler group can throw you

a lifeline.

As the name suggests, these groups benefit both parent/carer and child. While your baby or toddler has an opportunity to interact with babies of similar age and developmental stage, you can enjoy a chat with other parents/carers and pick up some very helpful information and tips from that peer group, as well as from the group leader. They provide a weekly space that has a subtle structure – for example, free play, craft activity, tidy-up, snack, story and song - and which allows both you and your child to meet friends, explore new things and learn.

The group provides a weekly window, usually for 60-90 minutes, where you can meet with others

who understand exactly where you are at this particular point of parenthood. Suggestions dealing with sleepless nights, easing the pain of teething, sibling rivalry and finding time for yourself are generally always points of discussion.

The sessions also provide a great opportunity to see developmental milestones in action. Your baby, for example, might be a newborn but there may be a mom with a three-month old in the group, or a dad with a nine month-old who is

It's fascinating to see what lies ahead and again, to pick up some ideas from other parents/carers.

For some parents, grandparents and carers, the weekly catch-up and

opportunity to learn about play or language development is enough.

For others, the understated hand-holding and support makes them that bit more confident in their parenting role. Which ever you are, it doesn't matter; if you are caring for a baby or toddler, these groups are a welcoming and supportive place for you.

This article was contributed by

a member of Parenting Limerick. Parenting Limerick is a network of parenting and family support organisations.

For a full listing of parent baby and toddler groups www.loveparenting.ie/

baby-toddler-groups or contact Limerick Childcare Committee www.limerickchildcare.ie

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# Best way s winter

am surrounded with sickness these days more

Wherever I go, people complain of terrible chest tearing coughs, sore throats, aches and pains that are incredibly hard to shift, and the hospitals are crammed worse than ever.

Looking back on the past few years, the flu seems to be harder and harder to beat and that is because the virus is well able to mutate to make it harder for our immune

system to beat it - which also seems to be the problem behind vaccinations not always delivering the expected effects.

Influenza, commonly known as 'the flu', is a highly contagious viral infection of the respiratory tract. It affects all age groups, though kids tend to get it more often than adults.

The flu is often confused with the common cold, but flu symptoms usually are more severe than the typical



The flu can knock out the hardiest of individuals and can lead to more serious illnesses, like pneumonia

sneezing and stuffiness of a cold. Symptoms, which usually begin about two days after exposure to the virus, can include: fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, dizziness, weakness, loss of appetite, upper respiratory complaints, including the

ears. Small children and infants with the flu also may  $seem\,fussy\,suddenly\,or\,just$ "not look right".

After five days, fever and other symptoms have usually disappeared, but a cough and weakness may continue.

All symptoms are usually

gone within a week or two. The weaker your immune system is, the longer it takes to get over it.

However, it's important to treat the flu seriously because it can lead to pneumonia and other life-threatening complications, particularly in infants, senior citizens, and people with long-term health problems. And if we don't allow ourselves time to recover fully, it may linger on for months or cause further complications.

Once you have caught the flu, all you can do is support your immune system by getting plenty of bed rest, keep yourself warm, sweat as much as possible by taking hot baths before going to bed and taking home made remedies.

It is best not to eat at all, but drink nourishing bone broth made of any bones. soup vegetables, herbs,

onion, garlic and ginger. Drinking this throughout the day along with hot ginger-licorice tea with fresh lemon juice will support your healing the best.

Take also Vitamin C with Zinc every 2-3 hours, Echinacea drops or elderberry three times a day, cod liver oil and a diverse probiotic to help build your white blood cell army.

Once you start to recover and if you are blessed enough not to have caught the virus, make sure to avoid anything that weakens the immune system; sugar and processed foods, alcohol, stress and lack of sleep. Shiitake, a medicinal mushroom, is one of the best to help support the nervous system and modulate the immune response to fight viruses. Eat fermented foods, vegetables and oily fish to keep your body in top fighting form.

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A. Ruby Walsh

B. Ted Walsh

C. Tommy Walsh

Answer

Name	••••••

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Replies to Thyestes Chase Competition,
Kilkenny People Newspaper, 34 High Street, Kilkenny. Closing date 16-01-20

#### **OUT & ABOUT**



At the IFA Dinner Dance were Joe Coogan with Lilia and Sam Harper

## Out&About

## IFA DINNER DANCE AT THE NEWPARK HOTEL

Pictures: HARRY REID



Joe Healy speaking at the IFA Dinner



Margaret Keane, Matt and Barbara O'Keeffe, Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and Jimmy Brett



Music for the IFA Dinner Dance in the Newpark Hotel was provided by Leather and Lace, aka Kieran Scott and Sadie Sheridan





Declan and Christana Gibbons, Cllr Bobby Aylward, Eleanor Phelan, Ethel Dalton and Mayor Martin Brett



Margaret Healy with Siobhan McDonald

#### OUT & ABOUT





LEFT: Tom O'Shea with Minister John Paul Phelan at the IFA Dinner Dance in the Newpark Hotel

ABOVE: At the IFA Dinner Dance were Mary Jacob, Mary Walsh, Ann O'Carroll, Jimmy Walsh and Fabian Jacob

RIGHT: Kathleen Brennan and Mary B. Dunphy





Paul O'Brien, National Chairman of IFA Environment Committee, acted as MC for part of the evening



At the IFA Dinner Dance were (seated:) Brid Fitzpatrick, Tim Cullinane, Louise Maher. Standing: Eamonn Maher, Jim Fitzpatrick and Henry Mooney

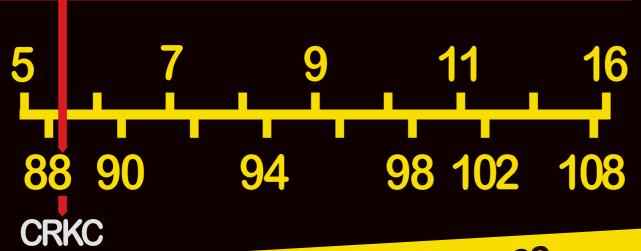




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MINI Ireland is introducing a special edition Convertible model, the MINI Sidewalk Convertible.

The high-spec model is a limited edition with just 150 available for UK and Irish customers.

This special edition features new Deep Laguna metallic body paint, unique seat and soft top roof designs, Harmon Kardon Hi-Fi and Head-Up Display as standard.

The convertible is supplied exclusively with a

192hp Cooper S powertrain featuring MINI TwinPower Turbo technology and a 7-speed Steptronic transmission with double clutch and steering wheel paddles, enabling fast and smooth gear shifts.

Combined fuel consumption is 6.7-5.51 L/100kms, Co2 emissions are 152-125g/km.

The Arrow design soft top roof can be opened or closed electronically in 18 seconds. The car also has new 17-inch light-alloy Scissor Spoke 2-tone wheels, a new seat design with special seat badging and contrasting seams in Petrol and Energetic Yellow colours. The new dashboard facia is Piano Black with accents in Petrol and Silver.

Standard items include a
Navigation Plus Pack
featuring an 8.8-inch touch
screen display, Satellite
Navigation, Wireless
Charging and Amazon Alexa
functionality and three
driving modes. A wind
deflector is also included.

The MINI Sidewalk Convertible is available to order now from €47,840 at Irish MINI retailers, with production starting from March.



An overview of the luxurious interior in the Mini Cooper Convertible

#### **MOTORING**

## Renault aims to 'Captur' your heart again

## **Second generation:** French crossover arrives this week

The second generation of the Renault Captur will arrive in Renault dealerships this week priced from €21,995-€31,445, writes Trish Whelan.

Captur, launched in 2013 and has been the most successful compact SUV ever in Ireland with almost 10,000 registrations to date.

Renault say the new model is 110mm longer than before offering more interior and boot space, is more versatile and more refined with a range of ADAS and EasyLife features.

The Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) available on the model fall into three categories: Driving, Parking and Safety. Together, they form the Renault EASY DRIVE system. Their settings are easy to adjust from the Renault EASY LINK multimedia system touchscreen.

Three trims are offered -Play, Iconic and S-Edition. All versions include 17-inch wheels. multimedia touchscreen with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, full LED lights and Automatic Climate Control.

Customers can choose from eleven exterior colours and four roof finishes, offering a total of 90 colour combinations.

Engines are the TC3 100 ( $\epsilon$ 200 road tax) and 130 with manual transmission; TCe 130 EDC and 155 EDC ( $\epsilon$ 270 road tax); dCi diesel 95/115 with manual transmission ( $\epsilon$ 190 and  $\epsilon$ 200 road tax), and the EDC 115 version ( $\epsilon$ 190 road tax).

The price walk from the Petrol TCe 100 to diesel (dCi 95) is  $\epsilon$ 2,000; from Play to Iconic trim is  $\epsilon$ 1,650; and from Iconic to S-Edition is  $\epsilon$ 2,000.

New Captur has been awarded the maximum 5-star Euro NCAP safety test rating

There are a total of 90 colour combinations between body and roof in the new Renault Captur



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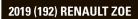
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#### The purpose of this post is:

To work with the management and outreach team to continue to develop a sustainable and comprehensive Outreach service for Amber Women's Refuge CLG relevant to Co. Carlow and to maintain linkages with other service providers in order to raise awareness of Domestic Violence and the services provided by Amber.

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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 Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to mission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to

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#### **SPORT**



Padraig Walsh and his Tullaroan team-mates have grown and grown as they've progressed through the championship

## Can Kilkenny clubs turn Croker into an arena of celebration?

#### **Gaelic Games**

JOHN KNOX

course senior All-Ireland hurling finals involving Kilkenny are the big, big ones, but a weekend in which three county champions contest national deciders comes a close second.

Sure where would you get it? Only in Kilkenny!

Intermediate champions, Tullaroan and Conahy junior Shamrocks, the championship runners-up, will be hoping to turn Croke Park into an arena of celebration on Saturday.

And 24 hours later the biggest winners of club honours in the hurling All-Ireland senior championship, Shamrocks from Ballyhale, will be bidding to extend their lead at the top of the Roll of Honour

as they chase an eight national victory, and what for them would be a first two in-a-row.

So much to look forward to and enjoy. Sure you couldn't but feel a part of it. That is the peculiar Kilkenny

way too. We all love to see our own well, doing being successful. Hurling is a shared passion; the of success neighbours shared feeling.

Back in 2011 Kilkenny were at this point too, with three teams in the club finals. Lady Luck turned her back on O'Loughlin Gaels (senior), (intermediate) Dicksboro and John Lockes of Callan (junior) that day and all came home empty-handed.

The hope is for better things this time.

Shamrocks have a super record in this championship, however. They have already contested eight finals, losing one, their first against the then big hitters Blackrock (Cork).

It has been success, success all the way since for the small parish Shamrocks are with the free flowing looking for their hurling well from which eighth title talent gushes with

ease. Their manager, Henry Shefflin, proud product of the club who was challenged by injury during a distinguished career, made an indelible mark in his time.

His take of 10 All-Ireland nior hurling winners senior medals is the greatest in the 136 year history of the GAA. He has forever insisted he got a lot from the club.

Now he is giving back big time, having steered Shamrocks into new fertile  $territory\,where\,they\,followed$ a Kilkenny championship win the season after an All-Ireland success.

Now a shot at reaching a new milestone for the club putting All-Ireland wins together.

Shamrocks face the best of Tipperary and Munster in Borris-Ileigh, who won this championship once back in 1987. They are a mighty brigade, driving by that classy hurler, Brendan Maher, plus elegant and determined players like Dan McCormack, a high achiever in the county colours, his brothers Sean and Ray, along with Conor Kenny, Paddy Stapleton and so on.

It is almost as if Borris-Ileigh are on a crusade, turning heartache in the parish into a positive, unifying force for the area.

Shamrocks know

power of such emotion; how it can fortify and lift and drive people on to extraordinary deeds. They are facing a

storm, no doubt. Shamrocks are a force themselves. They have the gift of invention, being able to turn near impossible situations into big gains, victories.

TJ Reid, a man born to lead and lead, is a giant of a hurler in every sense. He is brave. He has physique. He has touch.

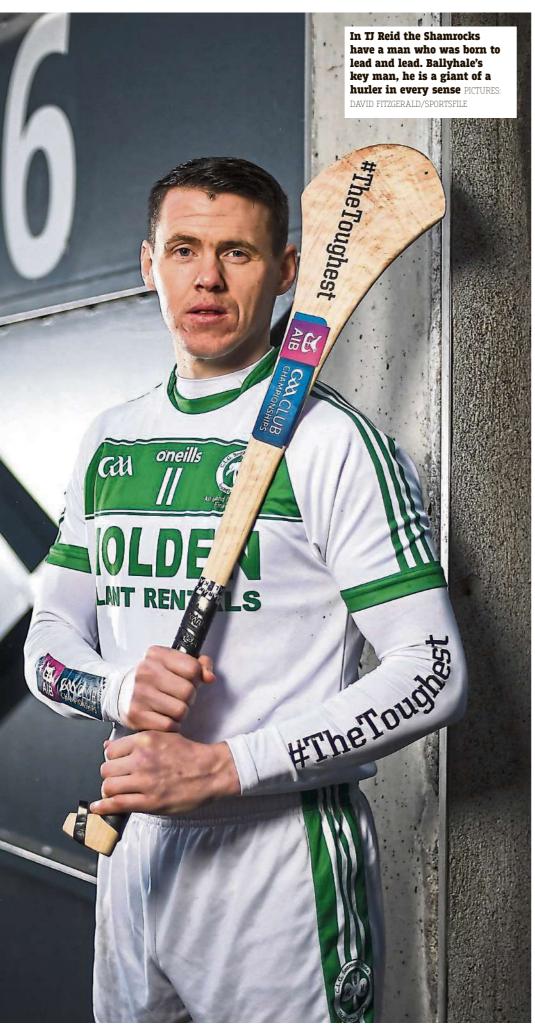
all that off with a healthy work-rate. TJ doesn't leave the labouring in tight matches to others. He gets stuck in!

All-Star Colin Fennelly, a powerfully built full-forward with pace to burn, is another potential destroyer Shamrocks. He has helped dig the team out of a few tight corners this season and last.

game, effectiveness within the



SPORT



Shamrocks can reach a new club milestone - putting All-Ireland wins together

of them - plus the Keoghans', Buggy, Maher and so on have a level of goodwill on their side the likes of which has rarely been seen. Opponents Fr O'Neills from Cork won't care. They are out to spoil the party.

Tullaroan have grown and grown during this championship. Their darling, former All-Star, Tommy Walsh, has enjoyed such a rush of goals since the Kilkenny semi-finals that he could be described as the Messi of hurling.

He plays the game with the enthusiasm of a young boy. He carries himself like a gentleman. He is no stranger to Croke Park. If Tullaroan need a leader, his hand will be first up, and it will be highest too.

The Kilkenny champions have a great chance here. O'Neills had two players suspended this week following incidents in the semi-final. They have the right of appeal.

It doesn't matter. If Tullaroan show the same start to finish determined attitude that marked their semi-final victory over Naomh Eanna (Antrim) then they will be hard to beat.

Conahy Shamrocks will contest the junior final against Russell Rovers (Cork) having lost the Kilkenny county final against O'Loughlin Gaels. They are chasing a second junior crown, having tasted success in 2008.

The way Conahy have turned bitter disappointment in the county final into a success in Leinster and a real possibility in the All-Ireland final reflects massively on the players and team officials. They face a very tough task, the most difficult by some distance of what they have taken on to date.

Conahy have to believe. If they can put the best they have to offer out there, then anything is possible.

THE PANELS
SHAMROCKS - Dean Mason, Darragh

Corcoran, Joey Holden, Darren Mullen, Evan Shefflin, Michael Fennelly (capt), Brian Butler, Ronan Corcoran, Conor Phelan, Adrian Mullen, Brian Cody, TJ Reid, Eoin Reid, Colin Fennelly, Eoin Cody, Mark Gorman, Richie Reid, Gavin Butler, Patrick Hearne, Joseph Cuddihy, Mark Aylward, Conor Walsh, Patrick Mullen, Eoin Kenneally, Kevin Mullen, Casey Corcoran, Martin Davis, Patrick Doyle, Enda Kenneally, Jason Devereux. TULLAROAN - Paul Buggy, Diarmuid Doheny, Tommy Walsh (Village), Stephen Maher, Martin Walsh, Padraig Walsh, Jack Keoghan, Tomás Dunne, Mark Walsh, Bill Gaffney, Martin Keoghan, John Walton, Shane Walsh (capt), Tommy Walsh, Peter Walsh, Tom Fitzgerald, Ger Luby, Ken Coogan, Stephen Dowling, Dylan Simpson, Adam Tallis, Jim Moore, Shane Cuddihy, John Maher, Liam Teehan, Gavin Joyce, Sean Cuddihy, Tommy Walton, Joe Coughlan,

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Brennan.



James Bergin and his Conahy Shamrocks team-mates will lock horns with former Cork hurler Brian Hartnett and Russell Rovers in the junior final at 4pm on Saturday

team, is growing season on season. When the ball is in hand he sees nothing but the goal.

Neither bone nor ash frighten him when he catches sight of the target. Powerful, fast, straight line running. Goal, goal, goal appears to be the way he thinks.

With the majestic Michael Fennelly at the heart of the defence - he puts his battered and patched up body through all sorts of hardship Shamrocks have an unreal power source that helps drive others, gifted youngsters like Evan Shefflin, Ronan Corcoran, Eoin Cody and, of course, Adrian and Darren Mullen.

Full-back Joey Holden is a serious performer too, the one who can launch a deadly counter attack with a simple, well placed hand-pass. Because of his easy style and efficiency, some of his most telling work often goes unnoticed. He is a serious bit of gear. Believe it!

Shamrocks are in a good place heading into this All-Ireland final. Borris-Ileigh are thinking the same about themselves.

The first Kilkenny v Tipperary All-Ireland senior club final is full of promise. Hurling will be the winner, no doubt about it.

Tullaroan is a name forever linked with hurling. The Walshs' - there are seven

#### SPORT







Catriona Carey takes on two Skerries challengers



Sinead Connery launches a Kilkenny attack

## Sharp Cats are on a roll!

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#### KILKENNY FIRSTS SKERRIES

The Kilkenny ladies first team got the second half of their season up and running when they smashed Skerries for nine at the weekend.

The game started well for the Cats, who opened the scoring at Kilkenny College through Linda Caulfield following a Caitriona Carey short corner.

With goalkeeper Doireann McGurdy keeping things tight at the back Kilkenny remained in control of the game. Linda Caulfield scored again as the fantastic work-rate saw the hosts end the half 3-0 in front.

The second half started brightly for Kilkenny with some lovely one-two passes between Caitriona Carey and Gemma O'Dwyer. Carey passed the ball out to Hannah Kelly on the right wing who attacked the circle and sweetly struck it past the 'keeper.

Some great defensive play by Rachel Kelly and Ciara Clarke down the right wing, coupled with fantastic forward movements, saw the ball fall to Ally Carter who slotted it through for Ava Murphy to deflect it past the 'keeper. Scorer Murphy then turned provider, setting Ally Carter up to sweep home. After a number of short corners in the second half, a switch left to Rachel Kelly saw her power past the goalkeeper to hit the backboard.

The intensity and work rate continued into the fourth quarter, when Sinead Connery got on a loose ball on the right hand side of the circle. Despite valiant efforts of the Skerries defence she managed to get her shot away and bury the ball into the back of the net.

Paula Farrell added the final flourish, picking up a through ball from Abby Gilsenan before touching it past the 'keeper.

It was a great result and start to their second half league campaign for the team who face into a double weekend next week with both a cup and league fixtures.

KILKENNY FIRSTS: Doireann McCurdy, Lainey Gilsenan, Niamh Spratt O'Shea, Rachel Kelly, Ciara Clarke, Abby Gilsenan, Catriona Carey, Sinéad Connery, Linda Caulfield, Paula Farrell, Ally Carter (captain), Hannah Kelly, Gemma O'Dwyer, Aisling McGrath, Ava Murphy

#### LEINSTER LADIES HOCKEY LEAGUE DIVISION 12

#### KILKENNY SECONDS LORETO SEVENTHS

The Kilkenny Seconds

edged their way closer to regaining their top of the table position with a 6-1 win at home to Loreto on Sunday.

The locals hit the ground running when midfielder Nessa Farrell sent a rasper of a shot to the back of the Loreto net.

Captain Louise Kenny linked up superbly with Kate Blanchfield, who netted the second from a short corner.

#### STARTED WELL

The second half started well for Kilkenny. Ruth Ferris latched on to a fantastic pass by Fischer and guided the ball effortless into the back of the Loreto goal. The Loreto continued to press on and pulled a goal back, but the third quarter saw a frenzy of shots by Kilkenny.

Loreto's fearless blanket defence denied Kilkenny time and time again until eventually Farrell managed to break through with a direct shot from the top of the D. This was shortly followed by some fantastic stickwork by Ferris that saw her get her second goal of the day.

The final goal of the game came from Blanchfield who rounded several Loreto players and pushed the ball on the reverse over the line.

KILKENNY SECONDS: Doireann

McCurdy, Aoibheann O'Connor, Ellen Daly, Andrea Parr, Eva O'Donnell, Maggie Byrne, Kate Blanchfield (2), Ciara Fischer, Louise Kenny, Nessa Farrell (2), Hannah Lodge, Julia Patterson, Ruth Ferris (2), Avril Simpson.



**ABOVE:** Hannah Kelly keeps the ball under close control **BELOW:** Abby Gilsenan in action for the Kilkenny Firsts



#### REPORTER SPORT

## Lowry good each way bet to prevail again in Abu Dhabi

HE Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship boasted one of the strongest fields on the European Tour last year, and this week's renewal will be even stronger.

Defending champion at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship is Irishman Shane Lowry.

The Offaly golfer will return to

the site of his first Rolex Series win, when he tees it up this week. Lowry birdied the final hole at Abu Dhabi Golf Club to triumph in what turned out to be a pivotal week in his career. He later went on to win his first Major, the Open Championship.

Four-time Major Champion Koepka joins Lowry in the field along with other top-ranked Americans Patrick Cantlay and Bryson DeChambeau.

Tommy Fleetwood, Bernd Wiesberger, Danny Willett, Lee Westwood and Rafa Cabrera Bello are among the other top names who will tee it up in Abu Dhabi from Thursday.

American Cantlay is the

bookies' favourite to land the title at 8/1, with Fleetwood next best at 10/1.

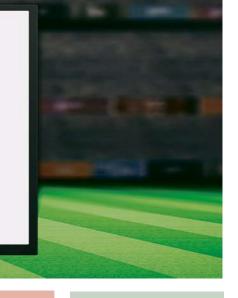
However, at odds of 18/1. defending champion Lowry is a decent each-way bet to prevail at Abu Dhabi Golf Club, especially in the wake of his second place finish in Hong Kong at the weekend when he carded a final round of 64.



Our tip this week, Shane Lowry



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#### **Thursday**

ABU DHABI CHAMPS SKY SPORTS 3.30AM

SINGAPORE OPEN FREESPORTS 7AM

#### **SNOOKER**

MASTERS 2020 BBC2 1PM

DESERT CLASSIC SKY SPORTS 8PM

PARMA V ROMA BT SPORT 8.15PM



#### Friday

ABU DHABI CHAMPS SKY SPORTS 7AM

#### SNOOKER

MASTERS 2020 RRC2 1PM

#### GOLF

DESERT CLASSIC SKY SPORT 4PM

#### SOCCER

FULHAM V MIDDLESBORO SKY SPORTS 7.45PM

DRAGONS V ENISEI S4C 8PM

#### Saturday



Andrew Porter of Leinster in action against Nacho Brex of Benetton when the sides met in round one, they meet against this weekend in Italy in the final round

ABU DHABI CHAMPS SKY SPORTS 8AM

#### GAA

ALL-IRELAND CLUB HURLING FINALS WITH TULLAROAN AND CONAHY SHAMROCKS ON TG4 YOUTUBE CHANNEL

#### RUGBY UNION

LYON V NORTHAMPTON BT SPORT 1PM

#### **RUGBY UNION**

BENETTON V LEINSTER BT SPORT 1PM

#### **SNOOKER**

MASTERS 2020 BBC2 1.15PM

#### RUGBY UNION

BT SPORT 2 3.15PM

RUGBY UNION

BT SPORT/C4 3.15PM

HARLEOUINS V CLERMONT

PARTICK V CELTIC PREMIER SPORT 5.30PM

NEWCASTLE V CHELSEA SKY SPORTS 5.30PM

#### **RUGBY UNION**

EXETER V LA ROCHELLE BT SPORT 5.30PM

#### RUGBY UNION

SALE V GLASGOW BT SPORT 5.30PM

NAPOLI V FIORENTINA PREMIER SPORT 7.45PM

#### BASKETBALL

PELICANS V CLIPPERS SKY SPORTS 8.35PM

#### Sunday

ABU DHABI CHAMPS SKY SPORTS 7AM

ALL-IRELAND CLUB SHC FINAL BALLYHALE SHAMROCKS V BORRIS-ILLEAGH 2PM FOOTBALL FINAL COROFIN V KILCOO 4PM

#### RUGBY UNION

SARACENS V RACING 92 BT SPORT 1PM

#### **RUGBY UNION**

MUNSTER V OSPREYS BT SPORT 1PM

#### SOCCER

BURNLEY V LEICESTER SKY SPORTS 2PM

LIVERPOOL V MAN UTD SKY SPORTS 4.30PM



Liverpool and Man United battle in the game of the day on Sunday

## Walsh Cup woes for Kilkenny as Wexford earn their place in final

LEINSTER GAA BORD NA MONA WALSH CUP 2020

WEXFORD KILKENNY

2-18 1-9

JOHN KNOX

At the one moment they appeared to have created an opportunity to get on top Kilkenny lost their footing and ultimately this Walsh Cup senior hurling semi-final in John Locke Park.

The Cats pulled a 0-5 to 1-8 deficit at half-time back to the minimum after Eoin O'Shea pointed in the 48th minute. Wexford's lead was sliced to 1-8 to 1-7.

The goal was scored from a penalty by goalie Eoin Murphy following a foul on Billy Ryan.

However, the Slaneysiders recovered smartly and dusted themselves down. During the following 15 minutes they went on an uninterrupted scoring spree of 1-7 to open out a match winning lead of 2-15 to 1-7.

Aidan Nolan, who led the take over charged by shooting 1-2 immediately following O'Shea's point, didvery well to guide Wexford into safe territory, and really the match was over after that.

The ticket into this weekend's final against Galway belonged to Davy Fitzgerald's men.

The game was a low key affair, but about 5,000 or so fans turned out on what was a bright but cold afternoon to welcome in the new hurling

The context of the match was -Wexford started with six of their



Kilkenny's Paddy Deegan keeps his eye on the sliotar as Wexford's Harry Kehoe sails in to challenge for possession during the Walsh Cup game in Callan PICTURE: WILLIE DEMPSEY

championship side, and six players making their senior debut; Kilkenny, who only returned from their holiday in Florida in recent days, had three of their All-Ireland final team.

SHADOW BOXING

"This is only shadow boxing," was colourful way

manager, Davy Fitzgerald, chose to

describe this clash.

"I wouldn't read one thing into that," Fitzgerald continued. "When we meet in the National League and the championship, you know and I know it's going to be tight and only the belt of a ball will be between us.

"I know they are only back from

holidays, but we had our break in November. So we've had our training in the last two or three weeks when they probably weren't.

"I know what will come. Brian

(Cody) is building a good squad."
"They moved the ball well," was the summary from Kilkenny manager, Brian Cody. "We will work towards doing everything better next time."

With Kilkenny clubs involved in three All-Ireland championship finals and Fitzgibbon Cup games heavy on the agenda too, Kilkenny didn't know how they were fixed for players with the first League game against Dublin only weeks away.

"We are not going to have great preparation from a hurling point of view," Cody said of the upcoming League. "We are playing Dublin in the first game. We will want to go out and perform well. The ambition will be to win.

'We knew this was going to be a tough assignment. It is a Walsh Cup game. It is January. We didn't threaten to win the game at any stage. We will move on now and prepare as best we can for the National League."

#### **SCORERS**

**WEXFORD** - J. O'Connor (0-7, five frees); A. Nolan (1-2); M. Dwyer (1-0); D. Dunne, A. Shore, H. Kehoe (0-2 each); P. Foley, G. Bailey (0-1 each); C. McDonald (0-1, free). **KILKENNY** - E. O'Shea (0-3, two frees); E.

Murphy (1-0, penalty); P. Holden (0-3, frees); J. Maher (0-2); G. Aylward (0-1). **WEXFORD** - J. Lawlor; G. Molloy, J. O'Connor, M.

Furlong; P. Foley, R. Donohoe, G. Bailey; A. Rochford, K. Foley; J. O'Connor, A. Nolan, D. Dunne; H. Kehoe, A. Shore, M. Dwyer. Subs - S. Murphy for Donohoe (inj) 28th min; S. Donohoe for Foley 40th min; P. Morris for K. Foley 49th min; C. McDonald for H. Kehoe 49th min; P. Foley for M. Furlong 60th min; K. O'Grady for M. Dwyer 66th min.

KILKENNY - E. Murphy; C. Delaney, P. Deegan, C. Wallace; D. Blanchfield, C. Fogarty, T. Kenny; P. O'Carroll, J. Maher; A. Nolan, S. Murphy, P. Holden; C. Hennessy, B. Ryan, G. Aylward. Subs J. Burke for J. Maher ht; E. O'Shea for S. Murphy 40th min; S. Donnelly for C. Hennessy 44th min; M. Butler for P. Holden 50th min. REFEREE - S. Stack (Dublin).

#### **YOUR KILKENNY SPORTS FIXTURES**

#### **GAA FIXTURES**

#### **SATURDAY**

#### AIB ALL-IRELAND CLUB JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Croke Park: Conahy Shamrocks v Russell Rovers (Cork) at 4pm. Referee: Sean Stack (Dublin)

#### AIB ALL-IRELAND CLUB INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Croke Park: Tullaroan v Fr O'Neill's of Cork at 6pm. Referee: Thomas Walsh (Waterford) ET if necessary

#### SUNDAY

#### ALL-IRELAND CLUB SENIOR **HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP** FINAL

Croke Park: Shamrocks of Ballyhale v Borris-Ileigh of Tipperary at 2pm. Referee: Colm Lyons (Corcaigh)

#### KILKENNY HONDA CENTRE MINOR C HURLING LEAGUE

TBC: Kilmacow v Blacks and

Whites (7.30pm)

#### **SOCCER FIXTURES**

#### FRIDAY

#### FAI SCHOOLS JOHN MURPHY SENIOR 'B' LEINSTER CUP FINAL (UNDER 19)

Grennan College, Thomastown vs St. Farnan's Post Primary School, Prosperous Newbridge Town 3G,

#### UNDER-13 KILKENNY PEOPLE **LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

Freebooters Athletic v Fort Rangers, Watershed 7.15pm.

#### **UNDER-11 SCHOOLBOYS'** LEAGUE BLACK

Evergreen x1 v Spa United x 1, 6.30pm. Evergreen x1 v Paulstown 06

#### SATURDAY

x1, 6.30pm.

#### O'NEILLS LEINSTER YOUTHS'

Rosslare Rangers v

#### UNDER-19 LEAGUE

Highview Athletic v Deen Celtic, 2pm. Evergreen v Callan United,

#### **UNDER-15 ST CANICE'S CREDIT UNION LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

Thomastown Athletic v Callan United, 10.30am. River Rangers v Bridge United Athletic, 11am. Stoneyford United v

#### Freebooters Athletic, 12.45pm. UNDER-15 ST CANICE'S CREDIT UNION DIVISION 1A

Evergreen City v Freshford

Evergreen Boys v Fort Rangers. Freebooters Boys v Thomastown United Boys, Watershed 1pm. Bridge United Boys v

#### UNDER-14 SCHOOLGIRLS'

Evergreen Athletic v Lions Evergreen City v St Pat's. Stoneyford United v Spa United Piltown v Thomastown

United.

#### Bridge United v Callan United **UNDER-13 KILKENNY PEOPLE LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

Evergreen Athletic v Stoneyford United Athletic. 1030am

Bridge United Athletic v Callan

#### UNDER-13 KILKENNY PEOPLE **LEAGUE DIVISION 1A**

Thomastown Boys v Highview Athletic, 12.45pm. Freebooters City v Evergreen Boys, Watershed 3pm.

#### UNDER-13 KILKENNY PEOPLE **LEAGUE DIVISION 2**

Deen Celtic City v Deen Celtic Boys, 11am. Evergreen City v Thomastown City, 11am. Stoneyford United Boys v

#### Paulstown 06 11am UNDER-11 SCHOOLBOYS'

LEAGUE AMBER Callan United x2 v Freebooters x2, 11.30am. Bridge United x2 v Highview Athletic x2, 11.30am. Lions x2 v Thomastown United x2, 12 noon. Deen Celtic x2 v Freebooters

#### UNDER-11 SCHOOLBOYS' **LEAGUE BLACK**

Stoneyford United x2 v River Rangers x1, 11am. Evergreen x1 v Clover United

x1, 1.30pm. Evergreen x1 v Freshford Town

#### UNDER-10 SCHOOLGIRLS' LEAGUE Bridge United v Lions

Stonevford United No 1 v Freebooters United. Freebooters City v Spa United. Evergreen v Thomastown United. Callan United v Piltown.

#### **UNDER-9 SCHOOLBOYS'** DEVELOPMENT Thomastown United x3 v

Evergreen x4, 10am. Bridge United x4 v Evergreen x4. 2pm. Spa United x2 v Freshford Town x1, 10am. East End United x1 v Paulstown 06 x1, 10am. Deen Celtic x2 v Clover United x2, 10am. Callan United x3 v Highview Athletic x2, 10am. Lions x3 v Stoneyford x3,

#### 10.30am. SUNDAY

#### LEINSTER JUNIOR CUP

Freebooters v Glynn Barntown.

1130am.

Shamrock Rovers (Wexford) v

#### INTOSPORT DIVISION 1

Callan United v Newpark A,

Ormonde Villa v Fort Rangers,

#### EAMONN MAHER COACH HIRE DIVISION 2

Bridge United B v River Rangers, 11am. Thomastown United B v Paulstown 06, 11am. Castlewarren Celtic v Lions,

#### UNDER-17 CON DOWNEY

Evergreen v Lions, 2pm. Highview Athletic v Callan

#### UNDER-12 SCHOOLGIRLS' **LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

Thomastown United No 1 v Evergreen United.

#### MONDAY

#### FAI SCHOOLS SENIOR GIRLS LEINSTER CUP FINAL

Athlone Community College v Presentation SS, Kilkenny, Peamount United FC (12.30pm)







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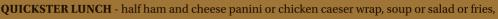
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