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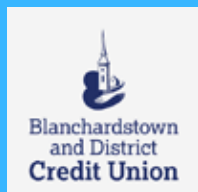
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EDITORIAL

As we reach our fifth Halloween in publication we at Little Village would like to thank our readers for your continued support. Those of you who have been with us from the beginning may notice a familiar story. Back in 2016 work on the restoration of Shackletons' Gardens began in earnest. At that time we published a feature on the intrepid explorer,

Earnest Shackleton. In honour of the official opening of the gardens to the public, we have reproduced that feature here. We received great feedback on the first part of our feature on the late, great Rocker, Phil Lynott. We hope you enjoy the second part herein. As usual we also have the good, the bad and the ugly of local news. If you have a story, don't hesitate to get in touch.



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FREE OUTDOOR PUBLIC WIFI HOTSPOTS LAUNCHED



Free outdoor Public Wi-Fi hotspots were recently launched in Dublin 15 as part of a county wide roll-out project by Fingal Council.

The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh, the Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, Minister Joe O'Brien and the Chairs of the three Area Committees officially launched free outdoor Public Wi-Fi hotspots in towns and villages across Fingal recently. A total of 47 Wi-Fi access points have been installed in 18 locations throughout Fingal. There are seven live access points in Swords, with five in Malahide, Howth and Skerries and four in Rush. Donabate and Blanchardstown Village will have three live access points with two in Lusk, Naul, Blanchardstown Civic Centre and St. Catherine's Park. Garristown, Portrane, Portmarnock, Clonsilla, Castleknock, Mulhuddart and Ongar will have one live access point each. A series of launches took

place across the county to mark the start of the Free Wi-Fi scheme in the county. Cllr Pamela Conroy, Chair of the Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart / Castleknock / Ongar Area Committee, was in Blanchardstown to launch the six schemes in the Dublin 15 area.

The initiative is supported by the WIFI4EU voucher scheme which aims to provide high-quality internet access across the EU to citizens and visitors via free of charge Wi-Fi hotspots in public spaces such as town and village centres, parks and civic spaces. Magnet Networks were awarded the contract to install the access points in Fingal. The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Ó Rodaigh, said: "I am delighted, along with the Minister and Chairs of the three Area Committees, to launch the free outdoor public Wi-Fi in Fingal. It was wonderful to see how many local businesses



supported this initiative to give our towns and villages free public Wi-Fi.” The live access points are mounted on the outside of participating businesses premises and each has a range of 150m outside but will not extend inside the business premises or interfere with the businesses’ own broadband. Minister for Housing, Darragh O’Brien said: “It is great to see this free service go live in Fingal. Public Wi-Fi means no mobile data fees for accessing the internet or using the apps that we all rely on. I want to commend Fingal County Council for their excellent work during a very challenging time, this is a forward looking and genuinely helpful project that many of us in the area will benefit from.” Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly said: “This initiative forms part of the Council’s Digital Strategy which aims to make Fingal the place of choice to live, work, visit and do business in Ireland. Having access to free public Wi-Fi is a huge asset to our residents, visitors and businesses and shows Fingal as the progressive and digitally inclusive area it is.” Fingal County Council’s Digital Strategy Manager, Aishling Hyland, said: “This project is funded through the EU and Department of Rural and Community Development, to promote access to Wi-Fi connectivity in public spaces in municipalities throughout Europe. Fingal County Council also provide budget support for operational costs of the Wi-Fi rollout installation and going forward. We are delighted today to launch the rollout of this free WiFi4EU network to Fingal towns and villages. I would like to commend the local business community for facilitating the rollout of public Wi-Fi access points on their premises, without their support this initiative wouldn’t be possible.”



THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP

Alcoholics Anonymous Corduff D15

Our group meets every Saturday morning at 11am in the Corduff Community Resource Centre, Blackcourt Road, Corduff. D15 the meeting is OPEN, and everyone is welcome to attend and discover what we do. Our only purpose is to show other alcoholics precisely how we have recovered, and the only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking, nor are there any fees to be paid. Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

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BUDGET 2022 A SUBDUED AFFAIR FOR BUSINESSES BUT SOME GOOD NEWS.

Small business owners will feel a few extra euro a week in their pockets next year thanks to Budget 2022 but overall this week's announcements amount to a fairly muted affair for SME's.

INCOME TAX RATES	2021	2022
Standard	20%	20%
Higher	40%	40%

INCOME TAX BANDS	2021	2022
Single/widowed (not a principal child carer)	€ 35,300	€ 36,800
Single/widowed (principal child carer)	€ 39,300	€ 40,800
Married couple (one income)	€ 44,300	€ 45,800
Married couple (two incomes)	€ 70,600	€ 73,600

INCOME TAX CREDITS	2021	2022
Single person	€ 1,650	€ 1,700
Married couple	€ 3,300	€ 3,400
Employee Tax Credit	€ 1,650	€ 1,700
Earned Income Credit	€ 1,650	€ 1,700

UNIVERSAL SOCIAL CHARGE	2021	2022
Income Exemption Threshold	€ 13,000	€ 13,000
€0 to €12,012	0.5%	0.5%
€12,013 to €21,295 (€12,013 - €20,687 up to 31 December 2021)	2%	2%
€21,296 to €70,044 (€20,688 - €70,044 up to 31 December 2021)	4.5%	4.5%
Over €70,044	8%	8%
Over €100,000 (self assessed income only)	11%	11%

PRSI	2021	2022
Class A - most employed people		
Employer €410.01 per week or more (€398.01 or more up to 31 December 2021)	11.05%	11.05%
Employer less than €410 per week (less than €398 up to 31 December 2021)	8.8%	8.8%
Employee €352 per week or more (tapered relief on income up to €424 per week)	4%	4%
Class S1 - self employed and proprietary directors		
Employer	0%	0%
Employee	4%	4%

CORPORATE TAX RATES	2021	2022
Trading income (including certain dividends)	12.5%	12.5%
Other income (excluding capital gains)	25%	25%

CAPITAL GAINS TAX	2021	2022
Capital gains tax (CGT)	33%	33%
CGT Entrepreneur Relief (up to a limit of €1 million)	10%	10%

CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS TAX	2021	2022
Gifts and inheritances	33%	33%
Tax fee thresholds		
Group A (Parent to child)	€ 335,000	€ 335,000
Group B (Other blood relative)	€ 32,500	€ 32,500
Group C (Anybody else)	€ 16,250	€ 16,250

VALUE ADDED TAX	2021	2022
Standard	23%/21%*	23%
Reduced: land and buildings, building services, heating, electricity etc	13.5%	13.5%
Hospitality/Tourism	9%	9%/13.5%**

STAMP DUTY	2021	2022
Certain stocks and shares	1%	1%
Private residential property: Up to €1,000,000	1%	1%
Private residential property: Any excess over €1,000,000	2%	2%
Non-residential property	7.5%	7.5%



Some good news came in the form of the extension of the commercial rates waiver for those in the hospitality, arts and tourism related industries and the relaxation of some of the rules around the EII scheme which is a tax relief for investors designed to attract equity investment for SME's.

As well as that, businesses will be breathing a sigh of relief that the EWSS has been extended into 2022. Although the rates of the subsidy will taper off between now and the proposed end of the scheme in April 2022, the continuation of the scheme will give businesses struggling to get back on their feet a much needed boost.

Speaking about these changes, Don O'Connell of **TaxAssist Accountants** said 'If you have previously looked at either of the EWSS or EII schemes and found them not viable for your situation

it is worth taking the time out again to re-look at their criteria and get some advice'.

There was a warning, however, that increased costs for employers could be on the horizon. Auto Enrolment, a scheme which compels employers to make pension contributions on behalf of their employees, and increased Employer PRSI costs remain on the agenda for future years despite not being mentioned in yesterday's budget.

According to Don O'Connell 'Their absence from Budget 2022 only means that they have been postponed rather than forgotten, we would expect these schemes to form part of future Budgets albeit when they will come in to force is unclear at this moment in time'

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Ongoing Initiatives for Dublin 15

As we approach the winter period and the easing of restrictions from 22nd October, I am sure we are all looking forward to a life of normality. Even during the pandemic Fingal County Council continued to deliver and complete most of the initiatives that were planned for 2021. I wish to provide updates on some of the following initiatives and programmes that were delivered for our local area.

Grants/Funding

There have been a number of grants allocated to all the areas of Dublin 15

Tyrrelstown roundabout zebra crossing upgrade	€130,000
Tyrrelstown speed cushion replacements (modular ramps replaced with situ ramps)	€6,000
Vehicle activated signs on Cappagh road	€6,000
Landscaping project and pollinator planting in Blanchardstown village	€7,000
Landscaping at estate entrances adjacent roundabouts in Tyrrelstown	€5,000
Pathway installation from Bealing to Curragh Hall	€4,000
D15 floral display in Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart and Clonsilla	€20,000
Bug hotels for biodiversity	€6,000
D15 bulb planting	€16,000

The Sports Office increased the promotion of grants available to sports clubs and groups who focus on promoting sports and physical activity. Fingal contacted all sports clubs/groups on their database, put out communication through our Sport Development Officers and formulated a social media plan to reach out to as many sports clubs and groups as possible about the opportunity for funding. Normally, approximately 10 clubs receive Sports Equipment Funding in any given year and already in 2021, 11 clubs have applied for Sports Equipment funding. To date 5 clubs have been successful so far, a figure that is expected to increase in the coming weeks and months.

Mountview Football Club	€2,000
Corduff Football Club	€2,000
Mulhuddart Community Centre	€1,571
Tyrrelstown Community Centre	€1,640
Parslicktown House CLG	€1,640
Corduff Resource Centre	€1,640

Enterprise Centres

The BASE Centre in Mulhuddart has received confirmation of over €80,000 in facilities upgrades from Enterprise Ireland. These works will begin shortly when national restrictions allow and will include new remote working hub options and I.T. infrastructure upgrades among others. BASE: EI Strategy/ delivery of 10,000 workspaces/ regionally opened remote working strategy/ enterprise hubs align strategically/ hybrid working model/

BEAT received €250k of the total budget provided under the Dublin Rural LEADER programme with go towards renovation works – this will allow BEAT to empower remote working hub space and flexible start-up workspace. The renovation works in the Beat Centre are suspended due to the Covid 19 lockdown but will resume as soon as national restrictions allow. Funding for these renovations has been provided by the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme. When completed, the renovations will allow Beat to expand its offering in the areas of remote working hub space and flexible start-up workspace.





Ladyswell National School (Mulhuddart)

I visited the Ladyswell National School in June and then in September with An Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar T.D. for the opening of the new school building.

Principal Niall Murray, home liaison Aiden Fleming and vice Principal Anita Sloan very kindly gave us a tour of the completed Phase 1 of the building. The new build consists of a two-storey detached building with 8 resource rooms, a library, a kitchen, a breakfast room, WC accommodation, stair cores, lift, an ASD unit and a covered walkway linking to the existing building. The playgrounds and several sports facilities were also upgraded to accompany the refurbishment, with the carparks due to be renovated in the coming phase.

Junior Park Run

Plans are in place to set up a Junior parkrun in Millennium Park, Dublin 15, which will kick start soon. The Sports Office has secured funding, got approval from operations, linked in with parkrun Ireland and sourced a number of volunteers to run the weekly event which will be the first Junior parkrun in the Dublin 15 area. However, all the pre-requisites to enable us to move the project forward are in place. There are approximately 13-15 volunteers (all garda vetted). The volunteer group are due to meet with parkrun Ireland to go through the process of running the event in the next two weeks and decide on the overall coordinator for the weekly event and the event will be up and running in October.



Sports Hubs

Corduff Sports Hub Sport Ireland announced an investment package of €5.9million in Dormant Accounts Funding for a wide range of sport and physical activity measures countrywide at an event in Corduff Community Centre in June. Dormant Account Funding will be allocated to establish 10 new Community Sports and Physical Activity Hubs, including a new Hub in Corduff which received €64k. The Sports & Physical Activity Hubs (of which Fingal now have three: Balbriggan, Corduff and Mulhuddart/Tyrrelstown) form a home for local clubs and sports organisations. They provide support and advice on a wide range of sports and physical activities at a local level to make it easier for people in disadvantaged areas to get involved in and engage in a more active and healthier lifestyle. The recent announcement seen Balbriggan and Tyrrelstown/Mulhuddart both receive €22k funding from Sport Ireland through this Dormant Account Fund.



Councillor John Walsh

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Cycle Path Blanchardstown- Phoenix Park:

Funding has been allocated in the Council's capital programme for design and initial construction works up to 2024 on the cycle path from Blanchardstown village to the Phoenix Park.



SAFE TO SCHOOLS SCHEME

The new Safe to Schools programme which is designed to encourage children and their parents to walk or cycle to school and to provide for safe walking routes close to local schools has been extended to Dublin 15. The schools included in this round of the programme include Scoil Choilm, St. Patrick's National School, Diswellstown, Scoil Ghráinne, St. Benedict's NS, Castaheany Educate Together, Ladyswell NS and St Luke's NS Tyrrelstown.

DART+WEST

The Irish Rail consultation on DART+West caused frustration for many residents, due to the start date in the middle of the summer and the format of several webinars which excluded meaningful participation. I have made a submission to the consultation pointing out that 1) electrification of the Maynooth line is a major advance which has the potential to transform public transport for our area and 2) Irish Rail must take on board local community input in a meaningful way so electrification is achieved while preserving the local environment, minimising traffic congestion and protecting the quality of life of communities living along the route. Among the issues to be resolved before a proposal for a Railway Order is made are:

- The Preferred Option for Ashtown proposes a tunnel under the rail line at Mill Lane, which is not safe or environmentally sustainable and is not acceptable to the local community. This option leads to the destruction of Ashtown stables and demolition of Pelletstown House, removing an invaluable social and recreational amenity which is widely used by people of all ages. Irish Rail should develop a different route which abandons the proposed tunnel and preserves Ashtown Stables.
- While the withdrawal of the proposal for a massive overbridge from St. Mochta's Grove/ Stationcourt to Riverwood Court is welcome, the current Preferred Option for permanent closure of Coolmine level crossing without replacement is unworkable, unsafe and contrary to the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-23.
- This option diverts traffic either towards the Porterstown viaduct/Dr Troy bridge or along Delwood Road, Roselawn Road and Clonsilla Road towards Castleknock bridge. Castleknock bridge is completely unsuitable as a main artery for traffic, as the bridge is already dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.
- There are significant safety issues for schools in the Luttrellstown Education Campus with diverting an even higher volume of traffic across the Porterstown viaduct/Dr Troy bridge, which is already the most used crossing point in Dublin 15 with over 1500 vehicles at am peak times.



HERITAGE IN DUBLIN 15

Opening of Shackleton Gardens: The restoration of Shackleton Gardens has been completed and the Gardens were opened to the public on 17 September by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh. Shackleton Gardens will be initially open to the public from 10am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday, and from 9am to 1pm on Fridays.

Guinness Bridge: An allocation of €1.54m has been agreed for conservation works required to the Guinness Bridge in the 2022-2024 Capital Programme of Works. These conservation works to the bridge are due to be completed in 2022.

STRATEGIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

I have consistently campaigned for repeal of the Strategic Housing legislation which removed any decision-making role from Fingal Council over large-scale housing development. Strategic housing has been a dismal failure, failing to provide affordable housing, while over 85% of judicial reviews of SHD decisions have been upheld by the courts. The Council on 14 September unanimously agreed a motion which I proposed calling on the Minister for Housing to terminate the strategic housing legislation and return decision-making powers over planning to Fingal Council. The Minister has now decided to phase out strategic housing, but it is disappointing that the SHD system remains in place until February 2022.

MORE FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS IN DUBLIN 15

The Council meeting on 11 October agreed a substantial increase in discretionary funding for Operations, with additional funding of €400,000 for Dublin 15.

Area	Existing Baseline Allocation	New Allocation from 2022	Total Work Programme Budget for 2022
Castleknock, Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart & Ongar	€716,666	€400,000	€1,116,666

This reflects increased investment in services by the Council due to the proceeds of local property tax and an attempt to ensure a fair and reasonable distribution of discretionary funding to more rapidly developing areas such as Dublin 15.

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FINGAL'S KEEN TO BE GREEN FACILITIES PROJECT LAUNCHED

The launch of Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project took place at the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport recently.

Many representatives from the participating community facilities were present as part of the Fingal Community Facilities Network. Fingal's 'Keen To Be Green' Project is a collaboration between Fingal County Council's Community Development Office and Environment Department and the Fingal Community Facilities Network.

By signing up to Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Charter, the community facilities in Fingal are demonstrating their commitment to sustainable climate action. The project aims to bring about vital change in the community and create greater awareness around action in local communities across Fingal. Also speaking at the launch was Principal Community Development Officer Linda Ennis who added:

"The Community Development Office is committed to supporting the network to build on this project in to the future.

Fingal County Council is very fortunate to have a wide range of community facilities across the county. Our facilities vary from large multipurpose shared facilities, centres with gyms, meeting rooms, dance studios, childcare facilities and outdoor spaces. The community development office works closely with 33 community centres and with many volunteers and communities across Fingal. Community facilities provide so many opportunities to people across Fingal to become part of their community. "

The event also featured presentations from Fingal County Council's Environmental Awareness Officer Sinéad Fox and Network member Heidi Bedell before each centre representative was presented with their Keen To Be Green Facilities Charter for display on their premises.

The 'Keen To Be Green' Project is part of Fingal County Council's continuing commitment to its five-year Climate Change Action Plan making Fingal more resilient to Climate Change. Fingal's Keen To Be Green facilities project has five stages that each facility will commit to: Waste Management, Water Conservation, Transport and Biodiversity.

For more information on Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project contact your local Fingal Community Centre. The Official Keen To Be Green Project video can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUJLQIPNvwY



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SHACKLETON GARDEN IS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY MAYOR OF FINGAL

The development of The Shackleton Garden in Clonsilla has taken a major step forward with the official opening by the Mayor of Fingal taking place earlier today, 17 September.

Since acquiring The Shackleton Garden in 2017, Fingal County Council has been working on its restoration with a view to opening the Garden up to the public as an important local amenity, visitor attraction and tourism asset in the Dublin 15 area. The restoration works have involved the rebuilding of large sections of the garden walls, upgrading of paths and the restoration of garden buildings. The works are part of a €400,000 investment from Fingal County Council and Fáilte Ireland.

Today, 17 September, the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, officially opened The Shackleton Garden in the presence of the Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar, TD, Fingal County Councillors, Oireachtas members, Volunteers and members of the Shackleton Family.

The Garden will open to the public from next Monday, 20 September. It will be initially open to the public from 10am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday, and from 9am to 1pm on Fridays.

Speaking at the launch today, The Mayor of Fingal, Seána Ó Rodaigh, said: "Fingal County Council, the Shackleton Garden volunteers and our contractors have worked tirelessly over the past few years in order to restore these beautiful gardens. It is an absolute delight to be here today and to see the massive amount of work that has gone into this project. I am so glad to be able to officially open The Shackleton Garden today and I look forward to seeing Fingal residents and visitors enjoying this wonderful addition to the Dublin 15 area when it is opened to the public."

Orla Carroll, Director of Product Development of Fáilte



Ireland, said: "Developing must-visit attractions for domestic and international visitors is a key part of our recovery post COVID. Fáilte Ireland is committed to developing world-class attractions around Ireland and we are excited to see The Shackleton Garden open its doors to visitors. The walled gardens and glasshouses have been beautifully restored and new signage and interpretation has been installed to tell the story of this fantastic collection of plants and enhance the visitor experience."

The Shackleton Garden is located within easy walking distance of a large urban population in Dublin 15 and is immediately adjacent to the commuter rail station at Clonsilla. The ease of access by rail, bus, foot and road will make the Garden a suitable attraction for locals and tourists alike.

The Gardens, which are inside a 1.5-acre walled garden, are home to a wide range of rare and exotic plants including an important collection of herbaceous perennials, grown in large flower borders.

During the 1980s, the gardens were included in The Good Gardens Guide and were awarded two stars. This is the highest accolade awarded by the Guide and reserved for the very best gardens in the British Isles.

The site was first known as Beechpark when it was bought by Captain Richard Wilson Hartley in 1857 before being sold to John W Shackleton in 1919. Following the death of John and his wife Rhoda, Shackleton Gardens was occupied by their youngest son David, his wife, children and David's sister Katherine.

David's son Jonathan continued to live in the Shackleton Gardens in Beechpark with his wife Daphne and their three



children until they sold the property to Neil McDermot in 1995.

While Shackletons' Gardens may be famous for its rare flowers and herbaceous borders, it is not the only interesting part of the Shackleton family history.

The most famous member of this illustrious Anglo-Irish family is the intrepid explorer, Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton (15 February 1874 – 5 January 1922).

Shackleton who was born in Kilkea, Athy, County Kildare before moving with his family to England, led three British expeditions to the Antarctic. He was also one of the leading lights in what was to become the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration, a period which saw numerous expeditions to explore the harsh regions of the poles.

His first foray into polar exploration was as third officer on



Captain Robert Falcon Scott's Discovery Expedition 1901–1904, from which he was sent home early on health grounds, after he and his companions Scott and Edward Adrian Wilson set a new southern record by marching to latitude 82°S.

On his second expedition from 1907–1909 he and three companions established yet another new record: Farthest South latitude at 88°S, which was just 180km short of the South Pole. This was the largest advance to the pole in exploration history. During the expedition, members of his team also climbed Mount Erebus, the most active Antarctic volcano. For these achievements, Shackleton was knighted by King Edward VII on his return home.

Unfortunately for Shackleton, the race to the South Pole was won by Roald Amundsen in December 1911, so Shackleton turned his attention to the crossing of Antarctica from sea to sea, via the pole. This expedition which took place between 1914 and 1917, became known as the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. On December 5 1914, Shackleton's ship, Endurance departed from South Georgia for the Weddell Sea, heading for Vahsel Bay. As the ship moved southward navigating in ice, first year ice was encountered, which slowed progress. Deep in the Weddell Sea, conditions gradually grew worse until, on January 19, 1915, Endurance became frozen fast in an ice floe. On February 24, realising that she would be trapped until the following spring, Shackleton ordered the

abandonment of ship's routine and her conversion to a winter station. She drifted slowly northward with the ice through the following months. When spring arrived in September, the breaking of the ice and its later movements put extreme pressures on the ship's hull.

Up until then, Shackleton had hoped that the ship, when released from the ice, could work her way back towards Vahsel Bay. But on October 24 water began pouring in. After a few days, with the position at 69° 5' S, 51° 30' W, Shackleton gave the order to abandon ship, and men, provisions and equipment were transferred to camps on the ice. The wrecked ship finally slipped beneath the surface in November 1915.

Shackleton and his crew camped on a large, flat floe for almost two months, hoping that it would drift towards Paulet Island, approximately 250 miles away, where it was known that stores were left. Shackleton decided to set up another more permanent camp (Patience Camp) on another floe, after a number of failed attempts to march across the ice to this island, and trust to the drift of the ice to take them towards a safe landing. , their ice camp was within 60 miles (97 km) of Paulet Island by March 17 but, separated by impassable ice, they were unable to reach it. On April 9, their ice floe broke into two, and Shackleton ordered the crew into the lifeboats, to head for the nearest land. After five difficult days at sea, the men landed their three lifeboats at Elephant Island, 346 miles (557 km) from where the Endurance sank. This was the first time they had stood on solid ground for 497 days. Shackleton's concern for his men was such that he gave his mittens to photographer Frank Hurley, who had lost his during the boat journey. Shackleton suffered frostbitten fingers as a result.

Elephant Island was an isolated place, far from any shipping routes; so the likelihood of being rescued by a passing vessel was very small. Shackleton decided to risk an open-boat journey to the 720-nautical-mile-distant South Georgia whaling stations, where there was a better chance of deliverance. The strongest of the tiny 20-foot (6.1 m) lifeboats, christened James Caird after the expedition's chief sponsor, was chosen for the trip. Shackleton chose five men for the journey: Frank Worsley, Endurance's captain, fellow Irishman Tom Crean, sailors John Vincent and Timothy McCarthy, and finally the ships carpenter Harry McNish who had made



adjustments to the boat for the journey.

Shackleton refused to pack supplies for more than four weeks as he believed that if they did not reach South Georgia within that time, the boat and its crew would be lost. The James Caird was launched on April 24 1916; during the next fifteen days, it sailed through the waters of the southern ocean, in perpetual danger of capsizing on the rough seas. They reached the cliffs of South Georgia on May 8 but hurricane-force winds prevented them from landing. The party was forced to ride out the storm offshore. The same hurricane had sunk a 500-ton steamer bound for South Georgia from Buenos Aires. They were finally able to land on the unoccupied southern shore the following day. Rather than risk trying to reach the inhabited northern coast by sea, Shackleton decided to attempt a land crossing of the island. It is believed that no one had attempted this particular route before. For their journey, the survivors were only equipped with boots they had pushed screws into to act as climbing boots, a carpenter's adze, and 50 feet of rope. Leaving McNish, Vincent and McCarthy at the landing point on South Georgia, Shackleton travelled 32 miles (51 km) with Worsley and Crean over extremely dangerous mountainous terrain for 36 hours to reach the whaling station at Stromness on May 20. This particular portion of the expedition is often hailed as Shackleton's greatest exploit.

The next successful crossing of South Georgia by the British explorer Duncan Carse was not undertaken until 1955. He travelled much of the same route as Shackleton's party. And later wrote: "I do not know how they did it, except that they had to — three men of the heroic age of Antarctic exploration

with 50 feet of rope between them — and a carpenter's adze".

Outside of his exploratory excursions, Shackleton's life was rather unsuccessful. Seeking to establish great wealth, he launched business ventures which failed miserably and he was heavily in debt when he died. He was initially lauded with great fanfare upon his death but gradually faded into obscurity while his rival and former captain Robert Falcon Scott won great notoriety. However, Shackleton was rediscovered later in the 20th century and held up as a role model and beacon of leadership. In his 1956 address to the British Association, one of Shackleton's contemporaries, Sir Raymond Priestley said "Scott for scientific method, Amundsen for speed and efficiency but when disaster strikes and all hope is gone, get down on your knees and pray for Shackleton".



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The Great Scald Wood

By Sam Kelly

WHAT WAS SCALDWOOD?

Most of present day Blanchardstown was once a dense forest known as The Great Scaldwood, which was filled with animals and iron age forts. It stretched from the River Tolka all the way to beyond Coolmine!

THE FOREST

As mentioned before, The Great Scaldwood stretched from the River Tolka all the way to Coolmine, but now there is a shopping centre where it once stood.

The trees that filled The Great Scaldwood were most likely to be a mix of both birch and oak because of Ireland's climate, but the trees that were most likely cut down would have been birch, because their thin trunks would be easy to cut down and flexible for making weapons, while the oak trees would have been cut down for housing and furniture.

THE FIRST INHABITANTS

The Parish Register dates to the 1750s and there was a list of the people that attended religious service at that time in that area, which gives us an idea of who was around at the time, but not of who was there first.



Some of the names listed on the register were; O'Brien, Mulligan, Corrigan, Sherlock, Powderly, Mahon, Horgan, Bronan, Dixon, Staunten, Halfpenny and Carpenter.

THE HUNTERS

Men of that time were mostly farmers or hunters. They hunted with swords and spears, but never with bows and arrows, they used

slings and slingshots instead.

They usually hunted deer and boar as they were quite capable of feeding themselves.

They also laid traps for fish to swim into and get caught, so the hunters ended up chopping a lot of The Great Scaldwood down so that they had the proper weapons and tools to survive.

There were actually brown bears in Ireland at that time, but were made extinct shortly after.

DEFORESTATION

It is unclear when deforestation started, but it is safe to assume it started around 1000 B.C so farmers could have land for crops and livestock.

Personally, I would think that the proper deforestation started in the late 1500s as this was the time Ireland was planted by the English, so there would have been a greater need for housing.

BLANCHARDSTOWN

The roots of Blanchardstown Village date back to the 1250s 1260s, when the Blanchard family were granted an estate in the area of The Great Scaldwood. They got the name "Blanchard" from the French word "blanch" meaning white, which could refer to white hair.

Up until the 1960s, Blanchardstown was a small quiet town surrounded by farmland. At the time, Castleknock and Blanchardstown had around the same population and were growing at the same rate, but after the 1960s, Blanchardstown shopping centre, other retailers and houses were built, so Blanchardstown's population and society started to grow more rapidly and is now one of the fastest growing areas in Fingal.

If you would like more information on this topic, make sure to check out some of the books written by Jim Lacey, who has written loads of books covering the history of The Scaldwood.



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Trees Planted for Covid Victims

International Day for Older Persons, which took place on Friday, 01 October was marked by a special commemoration for the lives of those lost to Covid-19, when Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, along with AnnMarie Farrelly Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, planted a memorial tree in Townpark Swords.

This tree planting is one of several taking place across the country to mark International Day for Older Persons.

The tree plantings are part of a national campaign led by John Keogh, who tragically lost his sister Amanda to Covid-19 in 2020, for a national memorial forest. The campaign aims to have many more trees planted to commemorate all those who have died as well as those who made enormous sacrifices to provide front line services throughout the pandemic.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh spoke about the impact Covid-19 has had on older people in particular. 'When our older people cocooned, they sacrificed their social wellbeing to stay safe at home and they lost the important opportunity to grieve together and comfort one another when friends and relatives passed away. Today is an important moment to pause, acknowledge that sacrifice and make time for remembrance.'

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly, spoke too about the importance of commemoration. 'Our communities have been deeply affected by Covid-19 but they have also rallied behind their friends, family and neighbours in their time of need. Today on International Day for Older Persons we commemorate not only those whose lives were tragically cut short, but we also remember the care and kindness that has carried us through such hard times.'

The planting of this commemorative tree took place adjacent to the rock garden within the Townpark and this setting was chosen for its tranquil location within Swords, the county town of Fingal. It offers a place for quiet contemplation to visitors who may also wish to remember their own loved ones and all those who have passed away throughout the pandemic.

You can find out more about the campaign for a National Memorial Forest at www.nationalmemorialforest.org



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O'GORMAN ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR DUBLIN 15 AND FINGAL PROJECTS UNDER THE COMMUNITIES INTEGRATION FUND 2021

€18,000 will be made available to four local community-based projects in Dublin 15 and Fingal. Grants will be allocated to successful organisations to support community integration initiatives.

Minister for Equality and Integration and Dublin West TD, Roderic O'Gorman has announced four projects in Dublin 15 and Fingal are set to receive funding under the Communities Integration Fund 2021. The four projects are being funded, among a total of 108 projects nationwide, to support local community-based organisations to play a greater role in welcoming and integrating migrants and refugees. Fingal Ethnic Network, Mountview Youth and Community Centre, Fingal Integration Forum, and St. Luke's Community & Family Group are recipients of the fund, and will lead on a range of activities within the community to promote inclusion and diversity. These include raising intercultural awareness, English language supports, family fun days and research to support integration. Minister O'Gorman said: "I am delighted to award Community Integration Funding to these local organisations, who are doing invaluable work, supporting our local community to reconnect and celebrate the rich cultural diversity that exists in Dublin 15 and the

wider Fingal area. We are lucky to have one of the most diverse populations in the country, and these organisations are championing initiatives that embrace that diversity, and that foster an inclusive environment for everyone who lives here. Settling into a new environment can be a daunting experience for migrants. The COVID-19 pandemic in particular has presented many challenges, among them an increased risk of social isolation. Local community-based initiatives, such as those awarded funding today, can play a vital role in supporting migrants, providing them with the opportunity to connect with their local community and to realise their full potential. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the tireless commitment and dedication Fingal Ethnic Network, Mountview Youth and Community Centre, Fingal Integration Forum, St. Luke's Community & Family Group, and indeed the many other community-based organisations in Dublin 15 and Fingal, have shown in supporting an inclusive community and a sense of belonging throughout the pandemic."

Expressions of interest sought from Community Groups, Agencies or Organisations who want to participate in Fingal Social Inclusion Week 2021

Fingal Inclusion Week 2021, which is an initiative led by Fingal County Council's Community Development Office, Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN), is taking place from Monday 15th November to Sunday 21st November 2021.

Fingal's Community Development Team, Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Public Participation Network (Fingal PPN) are currently seeking expression of interest from organisations who would like to participate in Fingal Social Inclusion Week by hosting an event to help promote an understanding of inclusion in Fingal and to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens which lead to social exclusion.

The week also aims to highlight the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal.

Fingal Social Inclusion Week aims to:

Highlight the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal.

Raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens of Fingal that lead to social exclusion.

Promote an understanding of inclusion in Fingal and celebrate diversity across the county.

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WEATHER GAUGES FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Sixteen Primary Schools across Fingal County Council's seven Local Electoral Areas will receive an automatic weather stations as part of The Weather Stations for Schools project.



Primaries Schools in Fingal had the opportunity to apply for an automatic weather station which produce real time information about rainfall, temperature, wind speed and wind direction. There were 42 applications from which 16 were chosen.

IN DUBLIN 15, THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS WERE CHOSEN:

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart
Local Electoral Area
St Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown

Castleknock Local Electoral Area
Scoil Bhride Cailini /St Brigid's Boys
St Patrick's Diswellstown, Carpenterstown, Castleknock
Scoil Oilibheir, Coolmine

Ongar Local Electoral Area
Castaheany Educate Together National School
Hansfield Educate Together National School

Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Daniel Whooley, launched the second part of The Weather Stations for Schools project recently at the Rush and Lusk Educate Together National School when he presented Third Class with the first of the automatic weather stations that are being rolled out to primary schools across Fingal.

Cllr Whooley said: "It was fantastic to officially launch the second phase of the Weather Stations for Schools project and present the class with the automatic weather station today. It's a great initiative that will benefit Met Éireann and the primary school students alike. The children will further their knowledge regarding key challenges like Climate Change and flooding while at the same time helping Met Éireann monitor rainfall and climate and produce accurate weather forecasts."

In addition to the 16 weather stations being provided Fingal

County Council under the Chief Executive's Innovation Fund, three more organisations have agreed to sponsor the rollout of weather stations in particular parts of the county.

Fingal County Council Executive Engineer, Kevin Vallely, who is heading this project said: "It was great to see so many schools show an interest in the Weather Stations for Schools project. These automatic weather stations will be able to record wind speed, temperature, rainfall and wind direction. This information will be extremely useful to the OPW, Met Éireann and Fingal's flood sections."

This first phase of The Weather Stations for Schools project was the rain gauge launch in June 2021. The then Deputy Mayor, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, launched the initiative in Rush and Lusk Educate Together National School when he presented Third Class with the first rain gauge. The Council is currently distributing rain gauges to 100 primary schools across the county.

Sarah Gallagher, Head of Observations at Met Éireann, said: "Met Éireann is very supportive of the Weather Stations for Schools project. Schools can easily enter rainfall measurement and other weather information collected from their weather stations onto Met Éireann's Weather Observations Website, WOW-IE. This is a global network of weather observations where the public can view and share their measurements. Not only are weather observations critical in helping meteorologists produce accurate weather forecasts, they provide an historic record of weather conditions that Met Éireann climate scientists use to monitor changes in the climate of Ireland."

Mr Nicholson, Head of the Hydrology Section at the OPW, said: "The provision of these rain gauges to 16 schools in the Fingal area will give students a greater appreciation of how weather variables are measured and made publicly available online. The weather stations provided by this initiative will be a useful educational tool that will broaden the student's understanding of how rainfall measurements can be used for various purposes such as weather and flood forecasting, flood mapping, design of flood relief measures, hydrological modelling and drought monitoring."

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DUBLIN'S OWN JIMI HENDRIX

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF PHIL LYNOTT

PART 2

In 1978, Lynott began to work on projects outside of Thin Lizzy. He was featured in Jeff Wayne's Musical Version of The War of the Worlds, singing and speaking the role of Parson Nathaniel on "The Spirit of Man". He performed sessions for a number of artists, including singing backing vocals with Bob Geldof on Blast Furnace and the Heatwaves' "Blue Wave" EP.

Lynott took a keen interest in the emergence of punk rock in the late 1970s, and subsequently became friends with various members of the Sex Pistols, The Damned and Geldof's band The Boomtown Rats. This led to him forming an ad-hoc band known as "The Greedies" (originally "The Greedy Bastards", but edited for public politeness). The band started playing shows in London during Lizzy's downtime in 1978, playing a mixture of popular Lizzy tracks and Pistols songs recorded after John Lydon's departure. In 1979, The Greedies recorded a Christmas single, "A Merry Jingle", featuring other members of Thin Lizzy as well as the Pistols' Steve Jones and Paul Cook. The previous year, he had performed alongside Jones and Cook on Johnny Thunders' debut solo album *So Alone*. Lynott became friends with Midge Ure of the Rich Kids, who deputised for Thin Lizzy during 1979 shortly after joining Ultravox. Lynott persuaded Thin Lizzy's management to sign Ultravox

In 1980, though Thin Lizzy were still enjoying considerable success, Lynott launched a solo career with the album, *Solo in Soho*: this was a Top 30 UK album and yielded two hit singles that year, "Dear Miss Lonelyhearts" and "King's Call". The latter was a tribute to Elvis Presley,

and featured Mark Knopfler on guitar. His second solo venture, *The Philip Lynott Album* (1982) was a chart flop, despite the presence of the single "Old Town". The song "Yellow Pearl" (1982), was a No. 14 hit in the UK and became the theme tune to *Top of the Pops*.

In 1983, following the disbanding of Thin Lizzy, Lynott recorded a rock'n'roll medley single, "We Are the Boys (Who Make All the Noise)" with Roy Wood, Chas Hodges and John Coghlan. Lynott regularly collaborated with former bandmate Moore on tracks including the singles "Parisienne Walkways" (a No. 8 UK hit in 1979) and "Out in the Fields" (a No. 5 UK hit in 1985, his highest-charting single). In 1984, he formed a new band, Grand Slam, with Doish Nagle, Laurence Archer, Robbie Brennan and Mark Stanway. The band toured The Marquee and other clubs, but suffered from being labelled a poor version of Thin Lizzy owing to the inclusion of two lead guitar players, and split up at the end of the year due to a lack of money and Lynott's increasing addiction to heroin.

During 1983–1985, Lynott co-wrote songs with British R&B artist Junior Giscombe, although nothing was officially released and most remain as demos. However, one song, "The Lady Loves to Dance", was mastered





with producer Tony Visconti and nearly released before being pulled by the record company, Phonogram. Lynott was particularly upset about not being asked to participate in Live Aid, which had been organised by his two friends, Geldof and Ure, the latter of whom had briefly stood in as a guitarist for Thin Lizzy. Geldof later said this was because the Band Aid Trust could only accommodate commercially successful artists selling millions of albums, which neither Lynott nor Thin Lizzy had done. In 1984, Lynott appeared as team captain (against Alvin Stardust) on the 1980s BBC quiz show *Pop Quiz*, hosted by Mike Read.

His last single, "Nineteen", co-written by Laurence Archer and Mark Stanway and produced by Paul Hardcastle, was released a few weeks before his death. It bore no relation to the producer's chart-topping single of the same title some months earlier. "This was a guy whose records I used to play when I was at school," said Hardcastle. "He was a hero of mine – I couldn't work out why he wanted to work with me. He said to me, 'You're at the top of your game technically right now, so can you help me?'" The producer played the bassline on Lynott's Fender. "He walked in on me playing it and I thought, 'Shit!' said Hardcastle. "But he said, 'That's fokken great – we're keeping that on there.'"

Throughout December 1985, Lynott promoted "Nineteen", performing live on various television shows. The same month, he gave his final interviews in which he promulgated his possible plans for the near future; these included more work with Moore and even the possibility of reforming Thin Lizzy, something which he had privately discussed with Gorham previously. He recorded some material with Archer, Lewis, and members of the News in

1985, which was not released.

Poetry books

Lynott's first book of poetry, "Songs for While I'm Away", was published in 1974. It contained 21 poems which were all lyrics from Thin Lizzy songs, except one titled "A Holy Encounter". Only 1,000 copies of the book were printed. [57] In 1977, a second volume was released, titled "Philip". [58] In 1997, both books were brought together in a single volume, again titled "Songs for While I'm Away". This compendium edition featured illustrations by Tim Booth and Jim Fitzpatrick, and the original introductions by Peter Fallon and John Peel.

Personal life

Born in England and raised in Ireland, Lynott always considered himself to be Irish. His friend and Thin Lizzy bandmate Scott Gorham said in 2013: "Phil was so proud of being Irish. No matter where he went in the world, if we were talking to a journalist and they got something wrong about Ireland, he'd give the guy a history lesson. It meant a lot to him." [59] In the early 1980s, he purchased several properties in Howth, County Dublin, one of which, White Horses, was a 50th birthday present for his mother.

On 14 February 1980, Lynott married Caroline Crowther, a daughter of British comedian Leslie Crowther. He met her when she was working for Tony Brainsby in the late 1970s. They had two children: Sarah (born 19 December 1978), for whom the eponymous 1979 song was written, and Cathleen (born 29 July 1980), for whom the eponymous 1982 Lynott solo song was written. [2] The marriage fell apart during 1984 after Lynott's drug use escalated. [63] Lynott also had a son, born in 1968, who

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had been put up for adoption. In 2003, Macdaragh Lambe learned that Lynott was his biological father, and this was confirmed by Philomena Lynott in a newspaper interview in July 2010.[64]

Lynott was a passionate association football fan, and a keen Manchester United supporter. He was good friends with United and Northern Ireland star George Best, and the pair regularly socialised at the Clifton Grange Hotel. Lynott later became a shareholder of the club.

Lynott's last years were heavily affected by drug and alcohol dependency, leading to his collapse on 25 December 1985 at his home in Kew. He was discovered by his mother, who was not aware of his dependence on heroin. She contacted his wife, Caroline, who knew about it and immediately identified the problem as serious. [66] After Caroline drove him to a drug clinic at Clouds House in East Knoyle, near Shaftesbury, he was taken to Salisbury Infirmary where he was diagnosed as suffering from septicaemia.[2][55] Although he regained consciousness enough to speak to his mother, his condition worsened by the start of the new year and he was put on a ventilator.[67] He died of pneumonia and heart failure due to septicaemia on 4 January 1986, at the age of 36.[2]

Lynott's funeral was held at St Elizabeth's Church, Richmond on 9 January, with most of Thin Lizzy's ex-members in attendance, followed by a second service at Howth Parish Church on 11 January. He was buried in St Fintan's Cemetery, Sutton, Dublin

He remains a popular figure in the rock world, and in 2005, a statue in his memory was erected in Dublin.

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FINE GAE 



Construction has begun on the new school building for the Edmund Rice Secondary School in Castleknock.

Located on the grounds of the Phoenix Park Racecourse, close to St Brigid's GAA club, the new school will be a state of the art, 1000 pupil building. The new 1000 pupil state of the art building will be open in full for September 2022

Photo: With An Tanaiste Leo Varadkar, and Senator Emer Currie at the recent sod turning of the new Edmund Rice School building.



The Post-Consultation Report on the **Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Study** was launched on July 27th. There were over 2,200 submissions received. The local Fine Gael representatives made a submission on the study and the next steps as set out in the report include:



It is recommended that projects associated with walking and cycling improvements commence in Quarter 4, 2021.



A 30km/h speed limit will be introduced within the Phoenix Park.



Concerns around the lack of parking were raised and a Parking Strategy will be commissioned for the Phoenix Park and surrounding areas in Q4, 2021.



Develop a Parking Strategy and Review of Bye-laws - Both will commence in Q4 2021.



Ashtown Gate will remain two way for the medium term until further studies are carried out.



Knockmaroon Gate/Road - further data collection and traffic modelling is to be undertaken for this location.



Cabra Gate will convert to a bus-only gate as part of the plan to introduce a pilot bus service. This pilot bus service will commence in Q1 2022, subject to funding.



The proposed Cul de Sac for the Upper Glen Road will proceed on a pilot basis subject to review.



Cul de Sac on the North Road will not be proceeding. The North Road proposal will now be piloted as a one-way route from Cabra Gate to Garda HQ. A level of car parking will be maintained on the North Road.



There is no proposal to close or restrict access through the Castleknock Gate.

Royal Canal Greenway Update

The expansion of the Royal Canal Greenway (see below) from **Castleknock to Leixlip** is a very welcome development for our community. Some changes were made to the plan following the first round of public consultations. These include minor changes to the elevation of the greenway and to the access points.

Submissions for the latest phases of the public consultation closed on July 7th.

A Fingal Co Council project team are currently assessing these submissions from the public and will report back to Councillors in October with an updated plan. At this point a screening process will take place, to determine whether the project can proceed to An Bord Pleanála or must be subject to a Part 8 planning application.



School Streets

- Bringing School Streets & Safe Routes to School to Dublin 15.

- School Streets is when the street outside schools are pedestrianised during rush hours to facilitate safer and more efficient drop offs and pick ups.

- School Streets has been piloted in a number of schools in north Fingal. I am working to bring the same programme to schools in D15

- The Safe Routes to School Programme is designed to encourage as many pupils and students as possible to walk and cycle to school.

It does this by accelerating the delivery of walking/scooting and cycling infrastructure on key access routes to schools.

It is currently in place in a small number of D15 schools.

I am working at bringing this programme into more of our local schools.



Speed Limits

From Sept 1st, there will be significant changes to the speed limits in Fingal. The biggest change is that all residential estates will be reduced to 30 kph. For more details on this and other changes see www.tedleddy.ie

The Kellystown Local Area Plan

The Kellystown Local Area Plan was formally adopted by the members of Fingal County Council on 11th January 2021. Kellystown is a land bank located between Clonsilla and Porterstown that could accommodate up to 1500 new residential units on a 32 hectare site. For more information see www.tedleddy.ie



Vision Statement

The vision for Kellystown is to promote the development of a distinctive, sustainable, high quality new residential quarter, connected to the neighbouring suburbs of Clonsilla and Carpenterstown.

Kellystown will provide a sustainable residential community, comprising a choice of high quality new homes, with a mix of dwelling types, size and tenure based around a new civic square that incorporates local services with new schools, public open space and access to high capacity public transport links.

Your local Fine Gael team: An Tanaiste Leo Varadkar, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Punam Rane, Senator Emer Currie.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE DAY OPEN FOR FINGAL'S ENTREPRENEURS



Female entrepreneurs and budding businesswomen from across Fingal are being encouraged to look to the future and register for this year's National Women's Enterprise Day after the lineup for the event was announced. The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) initiative, now in its 15th year, will be hosted by founder and broadcaster Aine Kerr.

The free event, entitled "Build The Future", will take place online on the 7th of October and will feature some of Ireland's best-known female entrepreneurs, including Aimee Connolly of Sculpted by Aimee, Rachel Doyle of The Arboretum and Sharon Keegan of Peachy Lean, who was recently supported on Dragon's Den UK.

Traditionally, National Women's Enterprise Day has taken place locally with LEO Fingal putting on events for female businesswomen across the county. However, the event went online in 2020 due to restrictions and will take place online again this year.

The day's programme will cover a whole host of areas on how to build the future of a business, covering topics like how to get started, internationalization, finding new markets, trading effectively online, sustainability and innovation. This will be coupled with breakout rooms for networking and a host of one-to-one advice clinics for any business issues.

Fingal's Derya Sousa of Kianda Technologies will participate in an intriguing spot light session as part of the event. Sheelagh Daly, Entrepreneurship Manager at Enterprise Ireland, will speak to Derya about how she managed to successfully enter into international markets and detail the supports available which helped her to do so.

Fingal Local Enterprise Office has confirmed that Ciara Garvan will feature as the leading light for Fingal. Ciara is a self-made business woman who established Work Juggle, a recruitment company which enables skilled professionals to discover suitable part-time, flexible, remote, and short-contract positions.

New figures released by the Local Enterprise Offices, who are funded by the Government of Ireland and supported by Enterprise Ireland and the Local Authorities, have demonstrated that the number of women engaging in entrepreneurship and business supports continues to rise.

In 2020 over 47,000 women engaged in training and upskilling with their Local Enterprise Office. This was a huge jump on 2019 as 23,466 female entrepreneurs took part in training that year. In 2020, 50% more females engaged in training and upskilling with their Local Enterprise Office than their male counterparts (30,000).

The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh has stressed the importance of Fingal's Enterprising Women's Network stating: "The Council is very keen to ensure that women pursue their interest in both Enterprise and entrepreneurship and are given every encouragement and opportunity to explore this. I would thoroughly encourage budding businesswomen across Fingal to register for this year's National Women's Enterprise Day."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly said: "The National Women's Enterprise Day has always been a day of celebration of the very best in female entrepreneurship and highlights the strength of that community. This year is no different, but we are very much looking forward to helping female entrepreneurs in Fingal sustain and develop their businesses and ideas going into the future."

Isin Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise of Fingal Local Enterprise Office said: "The Fingal Enterprising Women Network has been extremely effective in helping to encourage and support Fingal's female entrepreneurs. The last 18 months have created huge problems for businesses across Fingal. However there had also been great opportunities and businesses have to be aware of them and grasp them."

NWED is going to look at the areas where you can build your business for the future and what supports are there to help you do that. Everyone who registers and attends on the day will not only spend it with a fantastic community of female entrepreneurs and experts from around the country, but they will learn how to build their business or business idea for the future."

Other participants on the day include Gerry Duffy who will be conducting an energizing session, Jenny Melia and Sheelagh Daly from Enterprise Ireland on Internationalisation and New Markets, Entrepreneurs Academy's Noel Davidson on creating connections, Designer Aoife McNamara on starting a business and a host of others covering all sorts of topics from finance to trading online.

Those looking to attend National Women's Enterprise Day can find more information and register for free here and join the conversation online using the hashtag #NWED.

TWG WELLNESS

Vickey Nolan Founder of TWG Wellness, Graduated from DKIT in Health Promotion and Physical activity. Vickey, works in the health and fitness industry teaching a wide range of classes including F45 and Yoga and makes scented wellness candles and fitness clothing.

Post Pandemic Wellness Plan

After a tough year, finally there is light at the end of the tunnel with things starting to return to normal. It is now time to look at creating a wellness plan to help manage our mental health and improve our physical health. Returning to normal may even be a source of stress and anxiety and formulating a solid wellness plan can help you steer you through this new phase.

Here are my top tips to formulating a strong wellness plan post pandemic:

Fitness

With gyms and classes beginning to reopen, it is important to listen to your body and your needs. During the pandemic our fitness and health may have taken a back seat. We may have excess weight, lower fitness levels and feel overwhelmed at the prospect of starting again. Take small steps, start slow and do something you enjoy. If the pandemic has taught us anything is that life is too short to do things that we really don't love. Try something active today that brings you joy. Treat yourself to a hot Epson salt bath if your sore and supplement your diet with an immune boosting multivitamin and eat a good variety of vegetables and healthy protein sources.

Anxiety Journal

Most of us have heard of keeping a food diary or the therapeutic benefits of writing in a journal for our mental health. Keeping an anxiety journal is no different. An anxiety journal can be helpful to pinpoint situations, emotions, and triggers as we resume life in society once again. Keep a journal close with you or even a section in your notes in your phone and jot down any times you are feeling stressed or other signs of anxiety such as heart palpitations, sweating, dizziness or inability to concentrate. Write down these feelings and what you are doing at the time and where you are. Over time you will see patterns, and this will be helpful as you can identify what is triggering you and help you to prepare for them.

Meditation

Taking time away from a busy schedule that is solely

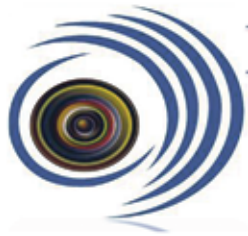


dedicated to you is invaluable. Everyday we can have so much as 60,000 thoughts and research suggests 80-90% of them can be negative. Negative thought loops are thoughts that keep circling around in your head, thoughts that put you down, you aren't good enough, you won't amount to anything, there are more suited people than you etc. The negative thoughts are what stop you moving forward and achieving the life you deserve. Meditation allows you to start taking control over thoughts, teach you to recognise when you are having negative thoughts and helping you to challenge them. Meditation does not need to be complicated simply take a few minutes in a quiet space, sitting or lying, close your eyes and concentrate on your breath. I love to light a TWG candle and follow the breathwork as a guide starting with 3 minutes.

The power of saying NO

As everything reopens, we don't want to miss out and are saying yes to everything but don't underestimate the power of saying no. Setting boundaries and respecting your needs and wants and allowing you to have quite time and space when you need it can be empowering.

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RE-CONNECTION BRINGS JOY TO FINGAL'S OLDER PEOPLE

Taking place from Monday, 27 September to Friday, 1 October, Positive Ageing Week 2021 (PAW) celebrates ageing and the contribution and agency of older people. The theme of PAW 2021 is Reconnecting Communities by Reframing Ageing.

HAP is a financial support to assist those renting privately and who are eligible for social housing support.

This year's theme is particularly poignant in light of the pandemic. Following 18 months of isolation and loneliness for many older people, whose social lives were

deeply affected throughout the pandemic, the chance to meet once again and celebrate together is a very special one.

Caroline Power of Fingal County Council's Housing, Community and Sports Department is the organiser of a series of 'Re-connecting Communities Outdoors' events taking place during Positive Ageing Week. 'We're delighted to be gathering with the older members of our local communities again' says Caroline.

Older people are invited to a series of 're-connecting' events taking place in Swords Castle (28 September at 11am and 2pm), Hartstown Park (29 September at 11am and 2pm) and at the Institute of Music and Song Balbriggan (30 September at 10am and 1 October at 10am). Events at each location will take place in the great outdoors and patrons are encouraged to bring a blanket and cushion for their comfort and to dress for potential inclement weather. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided and those attending will have the chance to catch up with friends and neighbours in a relaxed environment.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh is looking forward to the event series. 'It's a very welcome development to see the return of safe in person events. We cannot underestimate how important human connection is to quality of life. I hope to see lots of older people registering for these events and thoroughly enjoying the experience.'

Those who wish to attend should register in advance using the following contacts:

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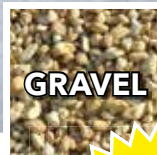
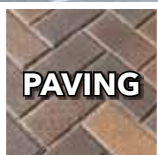
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A tale of two investors

I had two meetings over the course of the last fortnight with two clients both of which had very different outcomes from their investments. The major differences in the performance of their investments were caused by two factors – time & fear of losing money.

Let's have a look at Investor A who has been my client since I started Tara Financial Partners just over 7 years ago. This man is in his early 80's and one of his investments was made in 1981 long before I ever met him. He invested IR£10,000 in an investment bond 40 years ago and just left it alone since, never touched it. Today, it's worth just a little over ten times the amount he invested – over €127,400. Even better news though – he invested IR£10,000 in another one in joint names with his wife also so, he has two of them that he hasn't touched.

Now I'm guessing not a huge amount of people in Ireland had a spare IR£20,000 to invest with a 40-year investment horizon in the early Nineties but the lesson here is to invest your money that you do not need for the long-term and walk away. It's the tinkering with it that stops the compounding and paying tax on any gains every time you sell and jump into a new investment. There's no doubt that his investment had periods of volatility and underperformance too, but the key is to ignore all that and just keep it invested. Compounding takes care of the rest for you; it couldn't be simpler.

Let's look at Investor B who an existing client asked me to have a chat with to see if I could put some shape on his financial future. He had a few properties with some debt on them that there wasn't much I could advise him to do other than consider selling them now that prices have risen

significantly in the last 18 months. However, he did manage to make decent pension contributions through the years and had €195,000 in his personal pension. The only problem was that he had no financial advisor in his corner through the years other than one guy who he said 'sold' him the pension 10 years ago. That's the problem with our industry still where some financial advisors are quite happy to 'sell' a financial product, make their commission and then disappear. Clients need to review their financial policies & plans every year and require guidance from us if anything has changed for them.

Anyway, because he didn't have a financial advisor to consult with in March 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic sent markets crashing for a few weeks, he switched from his growth/high-risk fund choice in his pension to a very low risk fund. Of course, we now know that Central Banks & governments around the world pumped money into the system to shore up confidence in markets and all the higher risk funds (fully exposed to equities) went the whole way back up again, and even higher. So, his pension went from roughly €220,000 to €195,000 in 2020 (a loss of c. 11%), when if he did nothing at all, his pension would have been worth around €290,000 (an increase of c. 32%) by now. That's a difference of over 43% by meddling with it because he got nervous and did not have a professional in his corner to guide him. The moral of the story here is to just invest (regularly if you can) and then simply leave it alone. Time will take care of the rest.



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Lisa Coghlan BBS (Business & Management), QFA



Lisa is one of our advisors who has built up a comprehensive knowledge in the financial services industry through a variety of customer focused roles including business banking, conduct risk and mortgages working for AIB and the Central Bank of Ireland. Lisa is passionate about empowering and supporting clients to make clear & educated financial decisions for their immediate and future goals. Outside of work, Lisa enjoys staying active and spends her evenings in the gym, hiking or walking with friends. When she's not doing those things you can usually find her eating or travelling!

Fingal County Council announce new online HAP application process

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) section within the Housing Department of Fingal County Council is to launch a new Online Application Portal for citizens who wish to apply for Mainstream HAP.

HAP is a financial support to assist those renting privately and who are eligible for social housing support.

The online portal will go live on Monday, 4 October. This will mean that any citizen wishing to apply for HAP will have to do so online as paper forms are being phased out over the next few weeks.

The Housing Department recently introduced online application processes for an Affordable Housing Scheme and a Choice Based Letting Scheme these have proven to be highly efficient system and were widely used by applicants.

The Mayor of Fingal, Seána Ó Rodaigh said: "We are pleased to announce the new HAP online application process to the public.

We have successfully introduced online processes for other housing schemes, and they have become very popular among applicants. This is a great step forward for Fingal County Council as it will speed up the HAP process and eliminates the need for paper forms, which is better for the environment."

An online application ensures that all the required information is submitted at the time of application including all necessary documents. This results in applications and documents being dealt with in a timely and efficient manner.

With the introduction of the HAP online portal, the Council will no longer be accepting paper applications. However, during a transition period up to 22 October 2021, paper forms that have been previously issued will be accepted. Anyone wanting to apply for HAP who does not have access to online facilities can avail of free internet access at any of the 10 Fingal County Council libraries located across the county.

Liam Burke, Fingal County Council's Acting Director of Housing and Community Development, said: "We are excited to launch the new online application process for HAP. This will only be necessary for new applicants. Those who have already applied need not apply again. We believe the new online portal will make the application process more efficient and easier for everyone."

The new HAP system will be self-explanatory and user friendly. As well as this, the HAP team will be available to talk applicants through the online form, and assist in its completion, if required.

Homeless Hap will continue to be administered in paper format by the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE).

COMPOSTING FOR SCHOOLS PROJECT TO KICK OFF THIS MONTH

€18,000 will be made available to four local community-based projects in Dublin 15 and Fingal. Grants will be allocated to successful organisations to support community integration initiatives.

The aim of the programme is to help schools set up, start or improve composting to reduce waste, save money and combat climate change and assist them in attaining Green School Flags and Sustainable Development Goals. The pilot programme will also make it easy for teachers to access a variety of fun, participatory and interactive activities for school children to learn about composting and gardening. These activities will support children's understanding of the underlying principles of ecology, biology and biodiversity that underpin all life on our planet.

Dr. Sandra Austin, Senior Lecturer and Head of Department for Global Diversity, Sustainability and Intercultural Education Lead in Sustainability at the Marino Institute of Education who is on the steering group for this project said "This innovative programme gives teachers and schools the confidence, knowledge and skills to embed education for sustainability into their teaching and learning. Practical support, online training and access to high-quality educational resources with curriculum connections clearly outlined, make it easy to connect classroom learning across a range of subjects with the practical and effective actions being undertaken by the school to reduce waste and promote the recycling of natural resources".

Teachers and other school staff are invited to participate in an online training programme (4 x 1.25 hour workshops) to learn about

composting and how it supports essential water, nutrient and carbon cycles that allows us to grow the food we need to thrive. The training will also introduce teachers to a variety of learning activities they can use in the classroom to simulate learning by students at all age levels. After the training, a specialist from Composting Ireland will conduct a site visit to each participating school to help it set up systems for separating food waste for brown bin collection, establish composting systems for garden and landscape materials and/or install wormeries to compost food waste from staff and student lunches. All of these will prevent waste and decrease greenhouse gas emissions as well as provide the tools for students to learn about soil ecology and the biology of composting organisms.

Hugh Coughlan Coordinator of the Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan Office is delighted to help fund the Composting for Schools Project. "This is a vitally important initiative that aims to increase knowledge and skills about food waste and composting among students of all ages and the wider school community. The project includes lots of resources and materials to teach the basics of composting waste food produced in the school environment, whether this is lunch left-overs or waste generated during home economics classes. The learning is aimed at students of all ages as well as at the wider school community. By setting up compost systems and wormeries in school environments this will help change practices around food waste with lasting results. This project is high replicable and what is achieved in schools in the Dublin region can be duplicated right across the Eastern-Midlands Region and indeed, throughout the whole country".

Each participating school will receive a €250 voucher from their local authority to spend on in-school collection caddies, instructional signs, a variety of composting systems and composting tools including secateurs, pitch forks, watering cans and thermometers.

To sign up for the programme, teachers, caretakers and school office staff can visit the Composting Ireland website to view a short two-minute introductory video, read about how the programme works, fill out a short survey about their school and choose a set of training dates to get started.

Places are limited and are given on a first come first served basis. So please do not hesitate to jump on this unique opportunity by visiting:

www.compostingireland.ie/schools/



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Fingal County Council and FAI launch sixth TY Football and Fitness Course



Seán Mackey, Seán McCarthy and John O'Shea



John O'Shea, Annmarie Farrelly and Cllr Daniel Whooley

Former Republic of Ireland international John O'Shea was the special guest at the launch of the sixth year of the Football and Fitness Transition Year Course which is run by Fingal County Council and the Football Association of Ireland.

The course, which attracts participants from across Fingal, gives TY students an opportunity to sample full-time football training while also fulfilling their educational requirements and obtaining qualifications in coaching and fitness training.

The 2020-21 course was officially launched by Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Daniel Whooley, FAI President Gerry McAnaney and Fingal County Council's Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly at a special ceremony in Corduff Sports Centre where the course is based.

John O'Shea, who won 118 international caps, and is one of Ireland's most successful footballers ever, took part in a Q&A session during which he imparted plenty of sound advice to the young students who travel every day to Corduff from across the county.

Ireland Under-21 assistant coach and former international player O'Shea said: "It was a pleasure to meet all the students and coaches at Corduff and to help them celebrate the launch of the sixth year of the Football and Fitness Transition Year course run by the FAI and Fingal County Council. As I explained to the students, I would have loved to have such

an opportunity available to me when I was their age. This is a great programme which offers them a pathway into football and the fitness industry whilst continuing their studies at the same time. There are so many career opportunities now available in sport and I wish them all the very best of luck for the year ahead."

Over the course of the 2021-22 school year, the 25 Transition Year students participating in the programme will mix academic subjects such as Maths and English with a range of football coaching courses and modules in Fitness Instruction, Media Skills and Personal Development as well as football training and strength and conditioning work. In addition, the participants will undertake an ITEC Fitness Instructors Course delivered by Litton Lane Fitness Training. They will also return to their local primary school one day a week to work with teachers in the delivery of physical education and gain valuable work experience.

The Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Daniel Whooley, said: "Fingal County Council was the first local authority to partner up with the FAI back in 2005 and introduce co-funded Football Development Officers and this course, which started in 2016,



John O'Shea and the class of 2021

is an excellent example of the many benefits that have resulted from our long-running partnership. Fingal County Council, through our Sports Office, is using sport to tackle social issues, build communities and create a healthier Fingal and I applaud Niall McGuirk and his team for the excellent work they are doing."

The President of the Football Association of Ireland, Gerry McAnaney said: "The transition year programme at Corduff offers an excellent opportunity for those players on the course to further their football career in tandem with their education. It is an exemplary programme that we would love to expand on across the country. Our thanks to Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly and Fingal County Council for their ongoing support for this wonderful programme and my thanks to our FAI staff for their commitment to the development of these young players."

Course Co-ordinator Denis Hyland, who is a co-funded FAI Development Officer with Fingal County Council, said: "This course allows the players to live in a proper football environment for a year while also meeting their educational needs. They are at an age when some young players head abroad to join professional clubs and this programme allows them to reap the same footballing benefits and a lot more while remaining at home with their families and putting something back into their local communities."

"Since we started in 2016 the course has gone from strength to strength creating pathways for players into full-time scholarships, first team contracts in the League of Ireland, professional contracts abroad and underage International football. In the last week we've had seven past students selected for Under-17s, three for the Under-

19s and five for the Under-21s squads. The last month was a real milestone with Andrew Omobamidele from our 2018 course playing for the senior international team. This is fantastic and I believe the relationship between the underage clubs and ourselves has been a massive success in assisting to develop these players. These graduates are now role models for the course, and they've set the barometer and shown our current students that with hard work they can follow in their footsteps."

Fingal County Council Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly welcomed the students by saying: "We currently have six Football Development Officers across the county and the work being done by Paul Keogh, Sharon Boyle, Sean Moore, Jamie Wilson, Paul Breen and Denis Hyland is really making a positive difference within our communities, whether it is through the rollout of school programmes, the development of women's football, the running of Late Night Leagues or the implementation of the FAI Club Mark Programme. We have seen over the past five years the positive impact a course like this can have in the development of young footballers but, while the football achievements of those who have graduated from this course are impressive, it is also satisfying to learn that others have taken another path and set up their own businesses." The programme is jointly delivered by Fingal County Council's Sports Office and the Football Association of Ireland with assistance from Empower Blanchardstown, Sport Ireland and previous courses have been extremely well-attended with an impressive average attendance rate of 95% throughout the school year being recorded.

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Register by 25 November



Check the **Draft Register of Electors** by 25 November 2021

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