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HORSE CHAMP GINO BACKS 1000 HOUSE PLAN

QUICK THINKING by Clondalkin councillor Gino Kenny (PBPA/AAA) has secured a half-million habitat for horses in the Liffey Valley area. Now, he's after houses for humans — nearly a thousand of them, and all on free, Council-owned land.

As housing and electoral pressures mount on Labour Environment Minister Alan Kelly, Gino's plan may join those of fellow People Before Profit Dáil first-timers to push a "bring back building" agenda in local and national government.

He's already sharpened his skills with a push for social projects in West Dublin, the equestrian centre in Ballyowen Park (off Fonthill Road, near the Shopping Centre) being just the latest of many.

"I noticed that Minister [for Agriculture] Simon Coveney had put up over a million for an 'urban horse' project. I knew that, if I applied quickly, we'd be amongst the first to be considered."

In fact there are, as yet, no other fully-fledged applications besides Cllr Kenny's.

Kenny and South Dublin County Council (SDCC) have already costed the job — at about €500,000 — and sent their figures and "part 8" (i.e., public consultation) paperwork to the Department of Agriculture.

That done, Cllr Kenny is



Local Ballyfermot and surrounds businesses came together again this year to run a Valentine's competition over the last few weeks. The huge entry this year was competing for two prizes, each an array of prizes sponsored by the business community. The Prizes were won by Ann Gill and Shauna Malone, both from Ballyfermot and they were presented with prizes by Head Receptionist at the Green Isle Hotel Caitriona Kearns.

"99% certain" the funds will come through:

"The Department will fund it to the tune of about €470,000, and the remaining €50,000 will come from the SDCC."

The centre will cater for young horsemen and women who cannot afford proper stabling or training. Previously, unhoused horses have been confiscated and even slaughtered by Council officials, with a particularly horrific mass-execution

reported just two years ago by Local News West.

However, the People Before Profit candidate, currently taking a run at the Dáil (standing in Dublin Mid West), has now turned his sights to human habitats:

"Like Dublin City Council, we [SDCC] have publicly-owned land that we're not using."

SDCC's land bank, Cllr Kenny admits, is smaller — both in acres and in proportion to private

holdings — than Dublin City's. Nonetheless, there's a 55-acre (22 hectare) plot near the Nangor Road that has caught his eye:

"Already we do quite a lot of what they call 'infill housing', and that's fine, but it's limited."

With infill schemes, the SDCC takes tiny parcels of green space between existing shops or parks and builds small, 5- to 25-unit developments.

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"And the trouble is, you end up with no local green spaces!"

With Cllr Kenny's Nangor Road plan, the Council would build upwards of 800 or 900 houses, possibly more.

"I moved into Neilstown in 1979. They were great houses, and they're proof that Local Authorities can build if they feel like



GINO: back to building

it." This time around, however, he'll be pushing to add shops, schools

and playgrounds.

Furthermore, he wants the Council to be in charge, and not to farm the job out to PPPs or private contractors. Like the De Valera-era houses of the 1950s, he says, Neilstown houses are sound and solid.

"But unlike Dev, they insulated them, so our 1970s houses are a lot warmer!"

In fact, Cllr Kenny would go

further than the Nangor Road scheme: "We could add to the land bank if we would only nationalise the land that's in the hands of receivers. I'd certainly be all in favour of it. Of course, the government will never do it."

He may be wrong.

Already, his fellow first-time Dáil Éireann candidate

Cllr Brid Smith (PBPA/AAA, Crumlin-Kimmage) plans, if she wins, to push for a legal "housing emergency" that would free up EU aid. (See the current edition of Local News South.)

A massive, new-TD push for NAMA-owned and receiver lands may be just what the 32nd Dáil needs to feed Dublin's voracious

demand for affordable homes. Cllr Kenny, if he becomes a Deputy, may not have to fight on his own.

Clondalkin woman awarded Business Support prize

A new ISS internal business support category award went to Jennifer Mooney from the company's sales & marketing department at the 2016 GEM Awards, (Going the Extra Mile), where one hundred workers were recently honoured for their dedication by ISS, a major provider of outsourced business services which employs over 3,500 people. GEM Awards recognise the valuable

contribution of employees involved in business supports such as cleaning, catering, security, M&E, pest control and property services.

The Irish GEM Awards were presented by Alan Brogan, the popular Dublin GAA Star, who said he was delighted to acknowledge hard work and dedication in all walks of life.

"There is a great sense of satisfaction in

giving your best, whether that is on the sports field or in the workplace; and it is even better to have progressive employers like ISS Ireland publicly recognise staff that are both committed and talented", the former Dublin footballer said at the gala awards reception.

The ISS Ireland GEM Awards recognise the valuable contribution of company employees involved in



Jennifer Mooney from Clondalkin with Dublin GAA Star, Alan Brogan (right) and Eric Doyle, MD of ISS.

out-sourced operational and support services, such as cleaning, catering, security, maintenance, landscaping, post-room, property management and pest control. The people who work in essential support services, like cleaning, catering, security and maintenance can go unnoticed in the workplace, but, without them, many of our hospitals, universities and businesses simply could not function, ISS managing director Eric Doyle said at the annual awards ceremony. "Irish businesses and organisations rely on efficient delivery of non-core services to allow them focus and

compete effectively in their core area of business or service provision. ISS Ireland employees complement and support the growth and development of many businesses here, by supplying highly trained, efficient and committed personnel who add tremendous value to the workplace, and always go that extra mile", Eric Doyle said, paying tribute to over one hundred 2016 ISS Ireland GEM award-winners. ISS supports leading businesses and healthcare and education facilities countrywide, including, Hewlett-Packard, Amgen, Citigroup, Spencer Dock, UCD, UCC, Waterford Regional Hospital, and Bons Secours Hospitals. Award nominations are made by the client organisations in conjunction with work supervisors, and entail an ongoing performance review. The Integrated Solutions (IFS) Contract of the Year was presented to HP Leixlip and their Regional Operations Manager Michael Doherty, and the Health & Safety award was won by Nora Columbani Health & Safety Champion of HP Galway. A new ISS internal business support category award went to Jennifer Mooney from the company's sales & marketing department.

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Olympic rink added in massive Liffey Valley build

OVER A THOUSAND retail jobs will be created as Liffey Valley expands from its current 50 thousand square meters to nearly 80 thousand. And a new, Olympic-sized skating rink is one of many non-retail projects designed to give the shopping centre a "cultural and community feeling" as it prepares to employ over 3000 people. An additional 450 full-time jobs will be on offer to builders, carpenters and shop-fitters during the construction phase.

Already, a western end expansion is underway, and this is due to be finished by the end of the year. The major expansion work will take an additional twelve to eighteen months.

Developers Hines Ireland are confident that the population growth in the Liffey Valley catchment area assures shop-owners that, even on completion, retail demand will exceed supply:

"Our research shows that if the planned expansions

to all Dublin shopping centres went ahead in the next 5 years, it would add 12% to the retail floor area in the city region. Customer spend and population growth will outstrip this," developer Brian Moran of Hines told Local News.

"We are making this [planning] application now to avoid the kind of lack of supply we are currently seeing in office and residential markets."

Karen O'Sullivan, President of the Ice Skating Association of Ireland, was thrilled at the news of the new rink:

"This is a significant and exciting next step for ice skating in Ireland," said Ms O'Sullivan.

"A new arena will allow us to meet the significant demand for ice skating."

She added that it would allow their athletes to train and compete at home, giving them the best chance to develop "home-grown international champions"

CCTV may nab southside assault man

GARDA sources have told Local News that shop CCTV cameras may help them nab the perpetrator of multiple assaults on women in Shankill, near Bray.

However, they continue to appeal for witnesses to the attacks, all of which occurred between the hours of 7pm and 10pm. The incidents started before Christmas, and have continued regularly since then. The perpetrator is a lone male, and all his targets were lone females.

"Shankill is a small village, and we are operating on the basis that the man approached the scene on foot, and passed by a number of shops and garages, all of which had CCTV."

Anyone who witnessed anything unusual in the area is asked to contact Shankill Gardaí on 01-666 5900 or the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111.

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People's decision-making rights with HIQA

THE HEALTH Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) has published guidance for adult health and social care professionals to support the rights of people who use health and social services, in particular vulnerable people in their care, to make informed

decisions and to live more independent lives.

Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan, HIQA's Director of Safety and Quality Improvement, said: "The purpose of this autonomy guidance is to help services demonstrate how they show respect for

human dignity, how they provide person-centred care, and how they ensure an informed consent process that values personal choice and decision-making. By ensuring that people's autonomy is respected, service providers will improve the quality of

care, safety and quality of life of people who use their services.

"Autonomy is about respecting people — such as nursing home residents — and their dignity, privacy and choices. The guidance stresses that people have a right to make informed decisions that match their personal values and beliefs. This includes, for example, services finding out what can be done to help people live more independently.

"With the assistance of an expert group, HIQA developed this guidance to support health and social care professionals to promote the autonomy of people they care for. Using a number of relevant examples, this guidance document includes a process to help services promote autonomy in practical ways."

The guidance also addresses the question of balancing professional concerns about the

potential risks arising from people's decisions about their care and treatment. Critical principles to promoting autonomy in health and social care settings include avoiding pre-judging, and communicating clearly and appropriately to establish, explore and promote their preferences.

Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan continued: "It is important to note that not every choice can be fully facilitated. For example if people's choices are unlawful, or those choices upset the lives of others (such as loud music in a shared bedroom) or the cost impacts on other people, then this choice may not be practicable. However, not having enough resources is not an acceptable excuse for providing poor care to people."

A 'promoting autonomy' leaflet is also available for people or families using health and social care services. This will be sent to

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Neagh Road park railings

A NUMBER of residents on Neagh Road had expressed concern with the removal of the railings around Neagh Park.

Cllr Chris Andrews raised this issue with Dublin City Council and the response was; The removal of the railing around Neagh Road Park was part of an overall master plan drawn up in 2009 by Parks and Landscape Services. This plan was designed in collaboration with residents at that time. At present there is no funding allocated to this project, so there is no immediate plan to remove the railings. If funding is sourced at a later date then further consultation with residents about the realisation of this plan can be undertaken.

Chris Andrews commented; 'I am glad to say that consultation will take place with residents about any plans to re-

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South Central community remembers

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building and Watkins Brewery, at Marrowbone Lane, which were held by the small number of troops for almost a week against a fierce onslaught by the British. The Dolphin's Barn area was countryside at the time except for Reuben Street and some roads which had been built in recent years including Emerald Square where the troops met before going behind to the back of the pipes and through the fields down to Pigtown (Basin Lane) and onto South Dublin Union building.

One building, Portmahon House,



Pictured after the launch of the programme of events were: Carmel McCartney, DCC South Central, Aongus O'Snodaigh TD, Cathy Scuffil, Historian, Mayor Criona ni Dhalaiigh Cllr Vincent Jackson

on what is now New Ireland Road, a fine building, owned by Alderman Flanagan

was struck numerous times by bullets. It was the only building, a large farmhouse surrounded by what was known locally as Flanagan's Fields, and is still there today surrounded by more modern homes.

The buildings occupied were were strategic and also importantly a source of food in-house. In-

deed some people have often asked why Guinness was not occupied but Joseph Clrake explained at the time that it was too large and there was no ready supply of food at which some wag was heard to say "sure the best food in Ireland is there"- Dublin wit alive and well.

There was also a

talk and question and answer session by DCC's Martin McDonagh on the restoration project in Richmond Barracks.

Do not let the year slip in and miss some of these events. We hope to list some of these events in the next edition and feature some of these events in future issues.

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HE BURNSYOU: party leaders satirised

A DUBLIN householder has found a way to keep party leaders at arm's length during the election campaign.

He — or she, we don't know the artist's identity — has depicted each of the main party leaders as a version of the villainous Mr Burns from the long-running cartoon serial, The Simpsons.

As Fianna Fáil leader, Mr Burns appears as a port-swilling grandee. As the boss of Renua, he's a mask-wearing thief. "We work damned hard to pay for your fat-cattery," the infuriated artist thunders beneath the cartoon. Independent runners are welcome, apparently, on the Dubliner's doorstep. He just doesn't want

to hear any "establishment lies" between now and

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THE LEGENDARY star of Mame, The Manchurian Candidate and Murder, She Wrote is appearing this Sunday (February 21st) at 3:00pm in Dublin's the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre. Tickets are available from the theatre and through website diff.ie.

Ms Lansbury is to be presented with the annual Volta Award for her outstanding lifetime of achievement in motion pictures as part of this year's Audi Dublin International Film Festival, ADIFF.

The Festival will include an Irish premiere of Paddy Breathnach's much-acclaimed drama Viva, and a special screening of Neil Jordan's Michael Collins.

Some of the 4000 extras who appeared in the Neil Jordan drama, shot in Dublin in 1995, will be reunited on Saturday February 20. The event that will include Jordan, producer Redmond Morris and legendary cinematographer Chris Menges. Extra who would like to participate should immediately send an email to industry@diff.ie

• The Audi Dublin International Film Festival, ADIFF, begins this Thursday, February 18 and concludes on Sunday, February 28.



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CLLR McHUGH: delighted

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Cllr Ray McHugh (SF, Crumlin-Kimmage) says that he's delighted with the news:

"The €914,000 will be divided equally between the Crumlin-Kimmage LEA [local electoral area] and Ballyfermot-Drinagh."

However he cautions that the full allocation is pending a vote which, tantalisingly, was scheduled for just before Local

News goes to press. However, most Councillors expect the funding vote to be passed.

The money comes from a "discretionary fund" set aside by City managers from business rates. For some projects, a further "€1-for-€1" matching amount will be added from other sources.

While the more headline-grabbing beneficiaries include swimming pool hours and playgrounds, Cllr McHugh believes that a low-profile fix-up of Captain's Avenue and nearby

Cashel Avenue (near Sundrive Road) will, in the long run, provide the best local boost:

"There's been a terrible problem

with anti-social behaviour in the area," Cllr McHugh told Local News.

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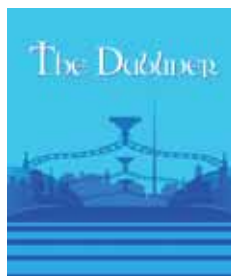
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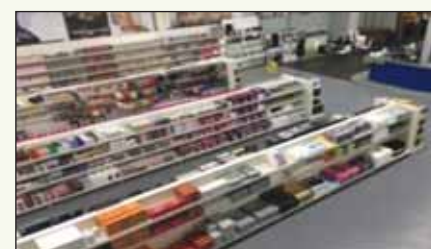
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SnaGÁCT will be launched officially by Mayor Sarah Holland on the 22nd February in Ballyroan Library at 11.00am with pupils from Ballyroan Boys School. The programme will run from 1st – 17th March. This year's wonderful calendar of events includes a special concert by Kila in honour of our centenary year, classes for all levels, workshops, traditional music sessions, and many other entertaining



events, most of which are free of charge.

2016 is a special year and to mark this there will be an additional category of events called An Teanga Bheo – The Living Language, which will commemorate the role of the Irish language and culture in the historical events of 1916.

Mayor Sarah Holland will launch this programme, and she said "My language, culture and heritage are very important to myself and my family, especially so in this centenary year as we look back with pride on the birth of our nation and the re-birth of Gaeilge enjoyed during this

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13% increase in housing adaptation grants to Kildare County Council

DEPUTY Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement of an Increase of 13% in the level of Grants to Kildare Co. Council for Housing Grants for people with a disability, people with mobility issues and housing aid for the Elderly. Deputy Stagg stated that the sum allocated to Kildare Co. Council was €2,756,011 which included a block grant from the Department of Environment of €2,204,809 and €551,202 from the Council's own resources. I am pleased that we have secured this 13% increase stated Deputy Stagg which will allow more elderly people and people with a

disability to stay in their own Community. The Grants for people with a disability cover a range of measures such as downstairs extensions for bedroom/toilet facilities, access ramps, stairlifts, walk in showers, grab-rails, and in relation to the elderly cover structural repairs or improvements such as roofs/windows and rewiring. In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the grants were further good news for those requiring improvements to their homes and for small building contractors working locally.

Commencement of Celbridge Community College

DEPUTY Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fact that construction has commenced on February 2nd of the temporary Celbridge Community College at Moortown, Celbridge. This follows on from the fact that no appeal was lodged in relation to the planning permission which issued on December 18th last. Deputy Stagg stated that the permission granted is for a period of 5 years and includes conditions relating to staggering the opening hours with the opening hours of the Salesian College, provision of a Mobility Management Plan, provision of a signalised pedestrian crossing and the provision of a free shuttle bus

service to and from areas of Celbridge. The new temporary school stated Deputy Stagg is being built by Precision Construction to accommodate 350 pupils and it will be under the joint patronage of Educate Together and Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board. It is expected that construction will be completed by April. In relation to the provision of a permanent Celbridge Community College in the Hazel-hatch area discussions are continuing between Kildare Co. Council and the Department of Education to see how the flooding problems at the site can be overcome.



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Campaign for sport facility in inner city

ALMOST 250 people packed into the Conference Centre in Griffith College (SCR) last Thursday evening, 11th February 2016 in support of Kevin's Hurling and Camogie Club in their campaign to address an untenable situation where over 50,000 residents and 10 local schools have no access whatsoever to green space for organised sport.

Kevin's have submitted a proposed amendment to the Draft Development Plan to Dublin City Council on the wider plan to designate part of the Player Wills / St. Teresa's Gardens / Bailey Gibson site as a Green Space, with the aim of developing a multipurpose sporting facility that can be used by Kevin's, local schools, the local community and other local sporting organisations.

Criona Ni Dhálaigh spoke of the more affluent

areas having a louder voice and receiving all the allocation of funds while Dublin 8 has received nothing.

Now is the time to demand that the inequality and discrimination be put right – this is the last chance we have – once the St Teresa's Garden's site is built on the chance for proper sports facilities will be gone forever as buildings once built will not be knocked.

John Costelloe "Promoting the GAA in inner city areas poses huge problems for clubs that is not experienced by any units operating outside the canals due to the lack of space. It would not be unusual for clubs to have access to multiple pitches be they privately owned, leased from Local Authorities or from local schools. The South Inner City youth and "Kevin's" do not have the same opportunities that



In attendance at the event were, pictured left to right: John Costelloe, Secretary of the Dublin GAA County Board, the Lord Mayor of Dublin Criona Ni Dhálaigh and Nickey Brennan, former president of the GAA.

children in other communities throughout Dublin have"

"It is shocking that none of the (11)

schools have access to any green space for leisure activity and that according to Dublin City Council the area is 84% below

the recommended green space for a similar area/population."

"There is now a once in the lifetime

opportunity in this area to address the facilities imbalance. The Player Wills site and the St. Teresa's Garden's sites are the

last available land banks in the south inner city. The Dublin County Board (fully supported by the President and the Director General) fully support Kevin's' application for a full size GAA pitch in this community. It would be an honourable thing to do for the needs of younger people"

The Player Wills site, adjacent to St Teresa's Garden's is now in NAMA – John Costelloe in commenting on his "frustration" with NAMA says that they are "ignoring a central piece of their mandate which is to 'contribute to the social and economic development of the State'. I am not aware of any of our clubs benefiting from this provision to date."

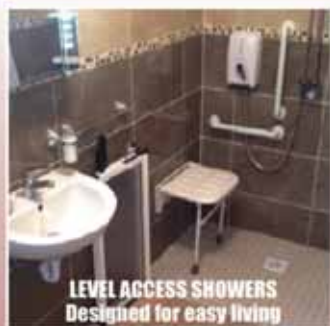
John Lonergan made the very valid point that the environmental deprivation and infrastructure deficit

has contributed to a large number from South West inner city serving time in prisons – it costs €70k-€80k per year to keep one prisoner in Mountjoy – spend that money on facilities to give these people a better start in life with hope for the future.

Nickey Brennan "Stone walls have been put in peoples' way in the past. Now the people need to breach those barriers and claim their due entitlements. Don't settle for anything less than a properly serviced sport & recreation space. The people of the area need to break the route to despair and deprivation and claim their due entitlement. Politicians need to be responsible and use their mandate to ensure justice is done."



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In three issues of Local News before Christmas, we picked a goal you wanted to achieve. You defined your goal in detail and imagined how it will feel to achieve this goal. And the positive effect doing so will have on your life. You found and disproved some old beliefs you held in the past that prevented you from achieving things.

In the last article on that, we looked at ways of acting and thinking in a more positive way. Every minute of every day, this is a choice that's open to us no matter what is going on. In life, the "glass" is very rarely completely full or completely empty, but somewhere in between. Some people focus and concentrate on the empty half and suffer the feelings and experiences of that pessimistic view of life. Others choose to look at the full half, all the positive things in their lives. As a result they feel stronger, more positive and they're happier! Like many clever and powerful things, this fact is right under our noses, so obvious that we often miss it!

Think about it for a moment. If you got up one morning and someone sat you down to point out all the things your life lacked, reminded you of past disappointments, pointed out your limitations and went on and on about how hard things are, would that set you up nicely for a happy and productive day? I don't think so. Yet many of us do this to ourselves all day, every day!

Now for a moment, as the cliché goes, count your blessings. Count the good people you know, even if they are only people you meet socially. Focus on the things that you are good at. Choose to concentrate on what you have, the good things you've done or achieved already in your life, happy memories, ways in which you are lucky, your dreams and ambitions. If you do this properly, having the mental discipline for a few minutes to keep negative thoughts out and prevent them from spoiling things, notice how your whole mood lifts and lightens, how much more positive you feel, how you even breathe deeper and easier.

The more often you do this, the more often you feel this way. The more often you practice it, the easier it becomes, until, like anything else we practice, it becomes automatic. It is so easy to change how you feel if you, literally, put your mind to it. People resort to drugs (prescription and illegal, tobacco and alcohol) to achieve a change in how they feel. This is a free, harmless and natural way of doing the same thing. Could the instructions be any simpler? Is this really something that is beyond you? All you need is the will to set aside some time every day, get a quiet place where you can relax and call up thoughts of the glass half full. Also, list five good things about yourself. Do not quit until you have completed this list. Then with each day you do this, the list will become easier to make and longer! We are still on course for achieving your goal. But like a physical challenge, we are getting ourselves in good shape first, mentally fit, if you like. When you are in better shape everything is easier and that includes getting on with your project.

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Could more be done for dementia supports

FIANNA Fáil General Election candidate for Dublin Central Mary Fitzpatrick says this Government's record on supports for dementia carers is appalling. Fine Gael and Labour committed to a new Dementia Strategy but have failed to implement the necessary supports for carers and families of people with dementia.

"Dementia is a deeply distressing condition not only for those suffering from it, but also for their families and friends. There are hundreds of families across Dublin on whom this cruel condition has had a dreadful impact, with an estimated 50,000 family carers looking after someone with dementia across the country. Home help hours have been slashed under this Government, and many people here in

North Dublin feel as if they have been abandoned by Fine Gael and Labour," added Ms Fitzpatrick. "Most people living with dementia and their families want to have their care at home. Fianna Fáil is committed to ensuring this is possible and will step up the provision of intensive home care packages to achieve this". We will:

- Expand intensive home care packages year on year by €11 million with an extra 190 packages annually benefitting 250 people every year
- Implement and fund the National Dementia Strategy
- Ensure that anyone diagnosed with dementia should be allowed to apply for home helps or home care packages, including inten-

sive packages

- Include dedicated dementia units in residential care homes that are either being built or upgraded over the next five years

- Use the mid term review of the existing dementia strategy to prepare a new plan for the 2020's.

"I would also like to see the provision of a Dementia Adviser Service as well as additional supports for carers. While the services highlighted in our plan will support carers, I want to ensure that there is regular contact with carers to ensure that they receive specific supports. Fianna Fáil wants to see a fairer Ireland, that looks after the most vulnerable and these measure are designed to make that a reality", concluded Ms Fitzpatrick.

€2500 prize as Queen's Leonardo's arrive in Dublin

TEN DRAWINGS from the private collection of Queen Elizabeth will go on show in the National Gallery in May. The drawings, insured for hundreds of millions of pounds, will be shown to the public in the Merrion Square Gallery's Imagination and Technique exhibition, opening on May 4 and closing on July 17, 2016.

And prizes to the value of €2500 will be awarded to primary and secondary school students who enter drawings "based on science, nature and the figure".

Teachers and pupils interested in entering will find details on businesspost.ie/artprize. Drawing should be scanned in high resolution jpeg or pdf format and submitted via email.

The closing date for entries is April 15, 2016 at 5:00pm.

The Leonardo drawings, which include A Study for the Head of St Anne (pictured) were made available following the visit of the British monarch to Ireland in 2011. Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) created just a few paintings in his lifetime (amongst them, of course, the Mona Lisa), but he made thousands of drawings in



PRICELESS: da Vinci's St Anne drawing

notebooks. Often, if he found an interesting face, he would follow the subject round all day to make sketches of him.

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A manifesto for Dublin City Centre By DublinTown

WITH THE end of the recession there is a strong sense of optimism across the city's business community. The speed of the recovery is throwing up challenges and opportunities that need to be managed with a desire that we learn from the past and future proof our decision making.

Dublin businesses want to safeguard the recovery and work with state agencies to ensure that the city reaches its full potential and that Dublin remains the driver of Ireland's economic recovery.

The sense that Dublin is on the cusp of significant change reflects a rapidly changing international context. The digital revolution is challenging the way business is done and demands new ways of operating. The Paris agreement on climate change will determine how we will live in the coming decades requiring significant changes to housing location and density, and transport provision.

Successful cities thrive on effective partnerships between the public, private and voluntary sectors. It is essential that we develop a collective vision for Dublin and work in unison to achieve it.

Success in the 21st century will be determined by the quality of life offered by urban centres. These quality of life issues directly impact on Foreign Direct Investment decisions and are critical to securing Dublin's future. Dublin has to become Europe's most welcoming and technologically advanced city; one where people chose to live, work, shop, socialise and invest.

Dublin's public transport system needs significant investment. It currently compares very unfavourably with our competitors. The National Transport Authority's Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area clearly demonstrates how these shortcomings can be addressed. However, the timescale for delivery is simply too long. Dublin cannot wait until 2035 for infrastructure that was required before 1990.

Providing adequate resources to fund the

proposals contained in this transport plan must be made a priority if Dublin is to reach its potential. The projects contained in the plan must start now and be worked on simultaneously.

We therefore, call for priority to be given to the Metro North and DART Underground projects. The business community do not believe that the Bus Rapid Transit proposals will meet the city's needs.

While supportive of the current transport proposals it is essential that vehicle access be maintained to the city centre's car parks and hotels. Car borne passengers account for 31% of spend in the city. This spend cannot be sacrificed.

While welcoming the proposed investment in cycling infrastructure we call for adequate provision of safe cycle parking. Current unsafe bicycle parking is undermining the city's permeability. Perceptions of safety in the city are improving. However, there is a lot that remains to be done.

Like many other locations Dublin city has seen a decrease in Garda numbers. Nothing dispels anti-social behaviour or instils greater comfort in the public mind than the sight of Gardaí on the street. We require a return to a full complement of Garda numbers in both Store St. and Pearse St. stations. Dublin's daily footfall averages 328,000. This is greater than the entire combined populations of Cork, Limerick and Galway. Dublin city deserves an appropriate complement of Garda resources.

The open street sale of prescription drugs is a major cause of concern for the public. Legislation to prohibit the street sale of powerful and potentially dangerous medicines has been promised since 2012. This situation must be resolved now.

We call for the acceleration in rolling out the programme for the use of GP's and local pharmacies in working with drug users in at community level.

There is a requirement for an adequate re-

sponse to the housing crisis. Dublin City Council must be empowered to supply housing for those who need it including the adequate funding of the housing first policy. Other Local Authorities must also work constructively with their residents to alleviate the demands on the capital. The city's CCTV requires modernisation. This requires urgent attention.

Dublin to go higher

The city's population is growing. Internationally more and more people want to live in city centres within walking distance of their place of work. We need taller buildings with higher densities to provide adequate office and residential space in the city. There are real competitive and quality of life issues at stake. The lack of accommodation is now being reflected in higher commercial and residential rents which could become unsustainable. Dublin's future can no longer be low rise.

Tourism

The development of a tourism brand and specific Dublin tourist proposition is very welcome as is the proposal to develop a public private approach to the promotion of Dublin as tourist destination. The business community look forward to enhanced engagement in delivering the tourist product and marketing messages that will ensure Dublin captures its fair share of the tourist market with repeat visits.

Dublin Experience

Mobile Commerce now means that customers can purchase whatever they want, from anywhere in the world at any time of the day or night on their mobile phones. To compete, Dublin city centre must offer a unique and total experience. To achieve this we must invest in the Dublin street scape, continuing the repaving of the south side of the city and develop a similar programme for the north side with additional seating and facilities. This would include a re-imagining of streets like Moore Street, Parnell Street and Liffey Street (Upper and Lower) which are underperforming

and which have the potential to add considerably to the overall north side experience, generating significant additional employment.

Dublin is not sufficiently family friendly. Families from here and abroad do not visit the city as often as they should. We believe that state owned assets such as Tyrone House, and Mary's Abbey should be made more accessible to the public and that assets such as Stephen's Green and Wolfe Tone Square should be used more regularly and extensively to house family friendly events and activities.

Dublin city is a shared space and as the city gets bigger we will need to establish better ground rules as to how this space can be used to meet our often competing needs. Movement within the city has been made very difficult for example on the days when protests are held. While everyone supports the democratic right of freedom of expression, it is unfair to those who wish to go about their ordinary business on occasions when the city is made difficult to traverse and visit. Similarly, we request that Part 7 of the Charities Act be commenced to assist in regulating on street charity collections.

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This is a shortened version of the manifesto due to space restrictions.

By Richard Guiney

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11% fall in Live Register figures for Maynoothin last year

DEPUTY Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fall in the Live Register Figures published this week which show a 11% fall in the Live Register Figures for Maynooth Labour Exchange and a 13% fall in the Live Register Figures for Newbridge Labour Exchange when compared with January 2015.

Overall stated Deputy Stagg the Live Register for Co. Kildare has fallen from 15,520 in January 2015, to 13,814 in January, 2016, a 11% decrease.

The further fall confirms the downward trend in unemployment stated Deputy Stagg and whilst still too high Labour if re-elected to Government is committed to reaching Full Employment by 2018.

OPEN LETTER TO ELECTION CANDIDATES

As CEO of Start Strong, a coalition group campaigning to improve government policy on childcare and family leave in Ireland, I am calling on all General Election candidates to make a promise to children.

For too long childcare has been underfunded and under-resourced by successive governments. In 2016, this must change. All young children deserve care that is affordable, of high quality and accessible to all.

Children also deserve the opportunity to be cared for at home by their parents for the critical first year of life. Research shows this is best for babies, but Ireland's current parental leave policies only provide for six months' maternity leave – a full year less than the EU average. We call on the next government to strengthen family leave by introducing six months' paid parental leave.

Business body Chambers Ireland and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions support our calls for a quality, affordable and accessible early years sector. Now we need our politicians to act. We call on all candidates in this constituency to sign our Promise to Children on www.earlyyears.ie, to show voters that they truly care about our young children's lives.

Voters are also able to view who has signed the Promise on this website. We encourage all this newspaper's readers to take note of who has signed up to the promise when they cast their ballots on Friday, 26th February.

Ciarrin de Buis
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BALLYFERMOT BUSINESSES SAY THANK YOU WITH VALENTINE'S COMPETITION

Seoda jewellers and Gala Cabs teamed up again to bring you the biggest competition of the year along with many local traders who offered amazing prizes for this years winners. This year, there were two prizes, both of which offered a huge range of gifts, vouchers from local businesses and anyone could enter, and be in with a chance of these great prizes. This is the third year of this competition and it gets bigger and better every year.

Local Ballyfermot and surrounds businesses came together again this year to run a Valentine's competition over the last few weeks. The huge entry this year was competing for two prizes, each an array of prizes sponsored by the business community. The Prizes were won by Ann Gill and Shauna Malone, both from Ballyfermot and they were presented with prizes by Head Receptionist at the Green Isle Hotel Caitriona Kearns.

The prizes included; Travel in style with Gala Cabs to enjoy your Dinner for 2, in the Green Isle Hotel. A beautiful Ladies Watch courtesy of Seoda Jewellers. Moloney's Haven pharmacy have a lovely Hamper of products for him, A bottle of Champagne supplied by Tim Young's Lounge and off licence and a bouquet of flowers from Jackie's Florists. Kiely's Pharmacy put together a Hamper for her. There are hair treatments for him from Lee's Barber Shop and Headmasters for the lady. A nail treatment courtesy of Natalie's Nails. A wonderful prize from One Stop Cafe. A gift voucher from The Borza Takeaway. Enjoy this prize and travel in style with Gala Cabs to enjoy your Dinner for 2, and free entry to the nightclub courtesy of Arc Lounge, Restaurant and Nightclub. A beautiful Ladies Watch courtesy of Seoda Jewellers. Ladies Hair styled courtesy of Vinnie's Hair Salon and hairstyle for him from Lee's Barber Shops. 2 deluxe breakfast rolls from Ger's Deli. Ryan's Centra have a lovely bottle of wine and chocolates.

All these stores thank you for your support during the past year and look forward to serving you throughout this year. Spend some time shopping in Ballyfermot, enjoy the value and craic, and support local businesses. Already plans are being made for next years competition. This free draw has grown enormously each year as have the prizes and sponsors. This year the businesses taking part included; Gala Cabs, Green Isle Hotel, Seoda Jewellers, Tim Young's Lounge, Jackie's Florists, Kiely's Chemist, Headmasters Hair Salon, Lee's Barber Shop, Nathalie's Nails, Borza Take Away, Full Stop Cafe, Moloney's Haven Pharmacy, Arc Lounge & Nightclub, Ryan's Centra, Claddagh Green, Ger's Deli.

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