the two schools. Books are especially welcome, especially those new, nearly new, or those in the Irish language. All donations gratefully received. Contact us at 2884028 for further information.

RATHMINES

Historical Society

The AGM of the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Society will take place at 7.30pm today Thurs Oct 22 in Rathmines Town Hall, and will be followed at 8pm with a presentation by Brendan Langley recalling 'The Vasa Shipwreck 1628: A Swedish Maritime Disaster.'

Members are free – visitors are €5. The Swan Car Park Rate is €3.50 for the first 2 hours; €3.50 per hour thereafter. Please note that the AGM and this lecture have been brought forward from the earlier announced date of Thurs Oct 29.

SUTTON

St. Fintan's Parish

Envelopes are now available at the Church porches for inclusion of names on the Altar List of the Dead. Names may be placed on the sheet provided and the envelopes returned to the Parish Office or the Sacristy. Your deceased loved ones will then be prayed for at all First Friday Masses in the coming year.

CLONDALKIN

Scouts Open Night

St Killian's Scout Group is holding an Open Night at its Scout Den on Watery Lane, Clondalkin, on Friday November 13, from 7pm to 9pm. Those attending will get the chance to see scouting in Clondalkin in action, meet the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts, and talk to the volunteer leaders who run the group.

NORTH WICKLOW

Talk in Wicklow Library

Peadar Curran will open this year's Wicklow Library's series of monthly local history lectures organised by Gerlanda Maniglia at 7pm today Thurs Oct 22 in Wicklow Library with his presentation 'Letters from America.'

In 1906, twenty-year-old Bernard Kelly left his home in Cronebane, Tigroney, Avoca, and set off for Butte, Montana. His story - from his life and work in the Avoca mines, to his journey to America and his experiences in Butte - is told through six letters he wrote home to his sister between 1906 and 1909.\

Through Bernard's own words, Peadar will bring to life the experiences of a young Irish emigrant at the beginning of the twentieth century, offering a fascinating insight into mining, emigration, family life and the enduring connections between Avoca and the Irish diaspora.

Admission is free but booking is required and to reserve a place please call Wicklow Town Library branch at 0404- 67025, or email Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie.

Forgotten Wicklow Town Businesses

John Finlay will present 'Gone but not Forgotten' at 8pm next Tue Oct 27 to the Wicklow Historical Society in the De La Salle Parish Centre, beside St. Patrick's R.C. Church.

DUBLIN CO

Lost Bram Stoker story lost for 130 years

A long-lost ghost story by Dracula author Bram Stoker, hidden in a newspaper archive for more than 130 years, is back in print this Halloween, writes James Dillon. Rotunda hospital pharmacist Brian Cleary discovered the previously undocumented tale after experiencing sudden hearing loss. Stoker's book is now helping fund research into newborn hearing loss.

Every copy sold is helping fund research into preventable hearing loss in vulnerable newborn babies through the Charlotte Stoker Fund. First published in a Christmas supplement of the Dublin Daily Express in December 1890, the story was never referenced in any Stoker bibliography or biography.

It was unearthed in the National Library of Ireland by Brian Cleary, a lifelong Stoker enthusiast, and published by The Rotunda Foundation in 2024. With Halloween approaching, Gibbet Hill is offering readers a rare opportunity to discover a previously unknown ghost story by Stoker.

It was written at the very time he was developing Dracula, while also supporting vital research into newborn hearing loss. Brian Cleary's journey began in 2021, when sudden sensorineural hearing loss changed his life.

The condition affects about 1,000 people in Ireland each year and needs urgent treatment by an ENT specialist to give the best chance of recovery.

After cochlear implant surgery, and while on leave to retrain his hearing, Brian returned to one of his great interests: Bram Stoker and historical literature.

On 12 October 2023, he tracked down the edition in the National Library of Ireland and discovered Gibbet Hill inside. Brian said: "Finding Gibbet Hill in the National Library was an absolutely extraordinary experience. I gasped when I saw it. I wondered, as I read, if I was the only living person who had read it. Since then, it has travelled further than I ever imagined, and I'm so grateful to everyone who has bought a copy." Stoker's ghost story has found new readers, and Charlotte Stoker's legacy is helping babies born today, just like the advocacy work for deaf children that she did herself. If you're looking for something to read this Halloween, I hope you'll choose Gibbet Hill, because every copy makes a real difference."

Gibbet Hill by Bram Stoker, published by The Rotunda Foundation, is available now priced at €18.99 from https://rotundafoundation.ie/gibbet-hill/ and buythebook.ie, and as an ebook from Amazon.co.uk. All proceeds go to the Charlotte Stoker Fund.

DUBLIN CITY

Trinity retains title as 'Europe's Leading Academic Tourist Attraction'

Trinity College Dublin has been named Europe's Leading Academic Tourist Attraction at the prestigious World Travel Awards for the second year in a row. This back-to-back win again cements its position as one of the continent's best visitor destinations and Ireland's top cultural attraction.

Social Enterprises: We Want to Hear From You

The four Dublin local authorities have launched a pre-market consultation to engage with social enterprises, sheltered employment programmes and similar organisations interested in future public procurement opportunities.

The consultation aims to identify social enterprises operating in the market, understand the goods and services they provide, and explore opportunities to enhance social value through public procurement. It will also contribute to the development of a directory of organisations interested in tendering for future opportunities.

The local authorities recognise the significant contribution social enterprises make to society, particularly in creating employment opportunities and supporting disadvantaged communities.

This exercise is not a call for competition and participation will not affect any future procurement processes. Instead, it is intended to gather information that will help inform future procurement strategies and engagement with the sector.

Interested organisations are invited to complete the online response form by 12 noon on Monday, 23 November 2026. Queries must be submitted through eTenders by 5pm on Monday, 16 November 2026.

The initiative is being undertaken by the Dublin Regional Procurement Group (DRPG), comprising Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council.

Students asked to recreate Fatberg in flush campaign

The Think Before You Flush campaign has called on primary school students to get involved in a nationwide 'fatberg' competition to mark its 10th anniversary, writes Jo Kenny. Aimed at students aged eight to 10, students are asked to recreate fatbergs, which are large blockages that form in sewers when inappropriate items are flushed down our toilets. They can block sewage pipes, cause dirty water to overflow and harm rivers, the sea and wildlife. The closing date is October 23.Full details, along with the Schools Information Pack, are available at thinkbeforeyouflush.org.

300 women celebrate 20 years of National Women's Enterprise Day

Over three hundred women in business from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the wider Dublin area, gathered in Stillorgan to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day last week.

Organised by the four Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) in Dublin, and led by LEO Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, the sell-out event at the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan marked 20 years of National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) and was one of sixteen events taking place across the country this week.

Figures released by the four Local Enterprise Offices in Dublin to coincide with NWED show that 13,500 training places and 3,700 mentoring assignments have been taken up by women in business over the last two years, across Dublin. The four LEOs in Dublin also support more than 2,250 female entrepreneurs annually through Women in Business Networks.

As part of the Female Founders' panel at this year's event, Blackrock-based entrepreneur Dervla Arthurs of Snugabugz shared her business journey on stage alongside Sofie Rooney of Chimac, Mags Morgan of MizzRio and Áine Devlin of Exam-Revision. They were joined by multi-award-winning entrepreneur Jennifer Rock of the Skin Nerd and Danica Murphy of Prism with Broadcaster Anna Daly acting as the MC for the morning.

Six Dublin barristers called to Inner Bar

Six Dublin barristers, Paul Brady SC, Rosemary Mallon SC, Ellen Gleeson SC, Conor Feeney SC, Caoimhe Daly SC and Ross

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
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The map is also available on the Fingal County Council website www.fingal.ie/vesting-order

Further information may be obtained from Aisling Doyle, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie

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Open space lands at Rogerstown Court, Rush, Co. Dublin.

Dated this the 22nd day of October 2026.

Natalie Dineen,
Administrative Officer,
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