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From interactive quiz shows to yoga - here are some online events to check out this week  

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We and everyone knows a Cara - anyone can get breast cancer.

Teamwork to kick cancer.

100k in 30 Days Challenge kicks off this Monday in aid of Breast Cancer Research.

We may be in a pandemic but cancer doesn’t take time off.

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Calls to take part in Breast Cancer awareness month.
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Sports stars support 100k in 30 days

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Couple raise over €500k
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Couple on target to raise €1 million for breast cancer

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Annette Hahessy nee Ryan, Clerihan and Dublin

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Local couple’s 100k in 30 days challenge nearing the €1 million

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Agnew had breast cancer sufferers in mind when taking on major challenge

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Louth man runs incredible 100k in a day for Breast Cancer Ireland

Geraldine’s personal goal

€1.1MILLION IN 30 DAYS

#PinkBales initiative receives strong support

Agnew had breast cancer sufferers in mind when taking on major challenge
BCI calling on Irish women to prioritise their breast health

By Aideen Sutton

Breast Cancer Ireland (BCI) is calling on Irish women to prioritise good breast health. The charity is inviting women to download its free Breast Aware educational app, which helps women, through a monthly reminder and a simulated video guide, to perform a self-breast check exam properly and highlight the eight signs and symptoms to look out for.

It is also calling on those tasked with minding our women, namely teachers, community groups and HR teams, to consider booking a visit by the charity’s outreach team for this complimentary service.

Over the past three years, BCI have presented to over 5,000 Transition Year students and their teachers in secondary schools around Ireland.

This year with the backing of leading insurance firm, Cormmarket Group Financial Services, funding for two additional outreach coordinators was facilitated.

The Breast Health Education and Awareness Programme was extended at the start of the academic year with the aim of including visits to every primary school in the country.

A team of six outreach nurses and coordinators are now travelling throughout Ireland, educating teachers and support staff on how to perform a self-breast examination and highlighting for women and for men, the signs and symptoms to recognise.

This complimentary service now covers Leinster, Munster, Connaught. The team will continue to visit businesses and the wider community as part of their overall remit.

After just five months of the extended programme over 500 expressions of interest have been received from school and organisations and presentations have been made to over 1,500 teachers bringing to over 40,000, the number of women that have directly heard BCI’s important good breast health messages since the campaign began.

Most importantly, four early cases of breast cancer, that otherwise would not have been picked up, have been identified and patients are undergoing treatment.

Using a specially adapted medical mannequin showing the eight symptoms of breast cancer, the co-ordinators educate those in attendance, so men and women, on how to recognize the symptoms and on how to perform a self-breast examination.

Cormmarket has been working with Breast Cancer Ireland for the past three years and found through their research that a large percentage of claims related to cancer, in particular to breast cancer, and therefore teamed up with Breast Cancer Ireland and INTO for this latest extension to the outreach project.

Understanding the signs and symptoms leads to earlier detection and ultimately better survival outcome. CEO of Breast Cancer Ireland, Aisling Hurley comments, “On this International Women’s Day we aim to educate women and men to understand the signs and symptoms of breast cancer so that if an abnormality arises, they’ll detect it a lot quicker – ultimately lives will be saved and lives will be lived and our fabulous Irish women will thrive.”

Women are encouraged to identify the eight signs/symptoms that should be of concern such as puckering of the skin of the breast; lump in breast or armpit; change in skin around nipple or nipple discharge; dimpling of the nipple or nipple retraction; unusual increase in the size of one breast; one breast unusually lower than the other – nipples at different levels; enlargement of the glands; unusual swelling in the armpit.

To download the Breast Aware App or to book an appointment by the BCI Outreach Team, please visit www.breastcancerireland.com.
BREAST CANCER IRELAND
researching a cure

1 in 9 women will be affected in their lifetime.
There are currently 3100 new cases diagnosed annually.
Below are 8 warning signs to look for.

1. A puckering of the skin of the breast
2. A lump in the breast or armpit
3. A change in the skin around the nipple or nipple discharge
4. Dimpling of the nipple or nipple retraction
5. An unusual increase in the size of one breast
6. One breast unusually lower that the other
7. Nipples at different levels
8. An enlargement of the glands

An unusual swelling in the armpit

The risk of breast cancer increases with age:
- 30% of women are diagnosed between 20-50 years
- 34% of women diagnosed between 50-69 years
- 36% of women diagnosed 70 years and above

Only 5-10% of breast cancer are hereditary

Survival rates are increasing in Ireland due to increased awareness and breast screening.
85%

Mortality rates have reduced by 2%

One can reduce the risk of developing breast cancer by diet, exercise and control of alcohol consumption.
Georgie Crawford shares pictures from when she was going through cancer treatment

“I don’t think I’ve ever shared this photo before. This is me two years ago on my way to my last chemotherapy session.”

In the picture, Georgie looks as stunning and positive as always and she shared it yesterday as it was supposed to be the 2020 Battle of the Stars event.

This event is in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland and Georgie participated in it herself whilst she was going through treatment;

“Breast Cancer Ireland reached out to me and asked me to dance in their annual Battle of the Stars event that year and the dancing kept me so positive during treatment. It’s one of the best things I ever did. I can still hear the screams of my family as @darraghstokes flew me across the stage.”

The author and podcast host went on to say about her diagnosis; “I never thought this would happen to me or could happen to me. But it did.”

Also adding that she has; “been to the labs, I’ve seen where the money goes and I can tell you that @breastcancerireland chaired by my surgeon Prof. Arnie Hill, are doing everything they can to research a cure for breast cancer and research new drugs.”

She then asked her many followers to instead text CURE to 50300 to give a €4 donation as the “2020 event was due to take place tonight but unfortunately the event has been postponed due to Covid-19.”
Carlow people! RTÉ to screen loads of classic films during the Covid-19 lockdown

RTÉ has announced additional matinee movie slots to the weekend TV schedule starting on Saturday, April 4.

Following an increased demand for nostalgic content, RTÉ will broadcast a range of classic films to offer viewers some sense of escapism each weekend.

From 'Casablanca' to Jane Austen's 'Sense and Sensibility', RTÉ has selected some of the industry's best creations spanning several decades.

Kicking off the new film slot tomorrow on RTÉ One is the World War II classic 'Battle of Britain' starring Michael Caine, followed by an adventurous sixties drama 'Mutiny On The Bounty' on Sunday, April 5.

Viewers are set for an Easter treat with several classic films running on RTÉ One across the weekend.

Starting with a drama-comedy 'War of the Buttons' on Saturday, April 11, the story about two rival boys' gangs in Ireland the Ballys and the Carricks.

Scheduled for Easter Sunday is the Oscar Award-winning war classic 'Casablanca', which explores the romantic journey of Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Followed by 'Easter Parade' starring Judy Garland, one of Hollywood's greatest golden film actors. Easter Monday will show another Oscar Award-winning film 'Calamity Jane' starring Doris Day, the Western musical about Calamity Jane's saloon and her romance with Wild Bill Hickok.

Other fond favourites like the heart-warming classic 'Mrs. Doubtfire' will be shown to bring back sentimental memories of the legendary Robin Williams.

In addition to 'Zookeepers Wife', there will be a selection of romantic comedies to choose from including Jane Austen's 'Sense and Sensibility' starring Kate Winslet, Emma Thompson and Hugh Grant, 'Only You' with Robert Downey, Jr. and Marisa Tomei, as well as the Michael Douglas classic 'Jewel in the Nile'.

Viewers can watch the other remarkable Douglas starring in both award-winning classics 'Spartacus' and 'The Vikings'.

Over the coming weeks, RTÉ will bring a wealth of other classics to Irish screens including Doctor Zhivago, Oliver!, Earthquake, North by Northwest, Grumpier Old Men, 633 Squadron, Force 10 From Navarone, The Man Who Would be King, Towering Inferno and Magnificent Seven starring "The King of Cool" Steve McQueen.
Battle of the Stars event raises €10k for Breast Cancer Ireland

A whole host of Irish stars were set to take to the dancefloor this month, however due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the night of fun and frolics has been pushed back to September.

While the main gala itself couldn’t go ahead, those involved in the charity event championed an online campaign, which helped raise a significant amount of money.

Aisling Hurley, CEO of Breast Cancer Ireland said, “We were obviously disappointed that our annual gala, Battle of the Stars was postponed, but this initiative championed by our amazing community of supporters and survivors, was so heartening.

“It energises us all, even in these challenging days, so that once this crisis passes, our research teams in the labs will be ready to continue their work in transforming the landscape of breast cancer in Ireland”

To donate €4, text CURE to 50300.
‘Lockdown making it easier to stick to healthy regime’, says Newstalk’s Clare

Melanie Finn

NEWSTALK broadcaster Clare McKenna took on the challenge of a six-month health and fitness journey just before the Covid-19 crisis hit the country.

But while the rest of us battle to stave off the “corona stone” as people comfort eat at home and are limited in their exercise regimes, she said the lockdown had actually boosted her new healthy regime.

It’s also alleviated any “mummy guilt” as she enjoys lots of quality time with her two children.

“I signed up to a six-month ‘turn my health around’ challenge and had been working with a team of mentors, nutritionists and workout experts,” she told the Herald.

“It wasn’t just about the weighing scales. For me, it was a whole mind, body and soul thing so I was flying it before, but the juggle was hard at times. I was doing a lot of running around.

“But I found that with the lockdown, I can really focus on things more.

“To me, working out at home is the dream.

“You don’t have to worry about parking and organise childcare for your workouts. Now I can do it all in my house and I am loving the Zoom fitness classes.

“I’m doing my best to stick to what I’ve learned nutritionally. It is hard not to keep picking at things but because I’m not going to the shop every day, I’m able to meal plan. I find I have more time now to focus on it while I’m not doing the school run and a million other things.

“I also agreed to do a photo shoot for a newspaper at the end of the six months so that’s a good motivator.”

GUILT
Presenter Clare, who also works for Virgin Media and has two young children Flynn (8) and Lois (6), has continued fronting her Newstalk Alive And Kicking show every Sunday at 9am.

She said there’s only a skeleton staff in the building and Communicorp was taking every precaution.

Asked about job security, she said she was “trying not to look too far down the line”.

“It’s not something I can control so I’m only concentrating on day to day,” she said.

“I’ve still been tipping away and looking at the silver linings, like being around the kids a lot more. There’s none of that working mom guilt.

“I’m down on the floor making jigsaws with them and I’m really enjoying that aspect of it,” she said.

She was among a number of celebrities due to take to the stage to dance for the annual Breast Cancer Ireland charity fundraiser Battle Of The Stars.

But like so many other charities, organisers were forced to postpone it until September.

The public can still donate by texting cure to 500090 and over €10,000 has been raised.
Clare is on a six-month health journey (above and inset)
RYAN: I HAD FAIR AMOUNT OF FEAR

Actor nervous about DWTS

Sandra MALLON
Showbiz Reporter

FORMER Dancing With The Stars finalist Ryan Andrews has revealed he was terrified he would be hated on the show.

The Dubliner, who missed out on lifting this year’s glitterball trophy to radio presenter Lottie Ryan, said he had a “genuine fear” that people wouldn’t like him on the series.

He told The Star that the “most scariest thing” going into the show was people getting to know the real him — as he was unable to hide behind his Fair City character, Sean Cassidy.

“That was probably the most scariest thing going into the show because I was like ‘Oh my God, what if people hate me’. That was a genuine concern. But then I thought, ‘look I’ve always been myself my entire life so there is no point in changing now’.

Fine

“I thought if they like you, they like you. If they don’t, then that's fine.

“And now what is funny, I’m walking down the street and instead of people saying ‘howiya Sean’ or ‘there’s yer man from the panto’, people are saying ‘well done Ryan’. It is really nice. There are saying nothing but positives.”

The 27-year-old was also suppose to return to filming a big storyline in Fair City as soon as the show was over but the coronavirus outbreak has forced the soap to shut down for a few weeks.

He added: “That was ready to go. I was meant to be back filming in April/May. Fair City has stopped filming until the end of May, which is mad.”

Ryan was speaking at the announcement that €10,000 was raised from online donations in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland — after the charity had to postpone their annual gala, Battle of the Stars, at the weekend.

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SHOW: Ryan Andrews with Kerri Nicole Blanc; (below) Ryan with Mikaela O’Neill
Rugby hero Robbie raffles his jerseys for charity after lockdown clear-out

IRELAND and Leinster rugby player Robbie Henshaw has done a wardrobe detox and is giving away a cherished Ireland jersey and other sporting possessions for a charity close to his heart. 

Arriving home to Athlone, Co Westmeath, to do his Covid-19 lockdown with his parents and family, Robbie discovered some of his sporting jerseys and kit and decided to donate them to a raffle for Breast Cancer Ireland.

The raffle launches today and will help the charity continue its work supporting pioneering research.

The 26-year-old has been an ambassador for the cancer charity and helped launch its Great Pink Run along with his Leinster teammate, Josh van der Flier, in 2018. 

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GEAR

“My mum and my sister were doing a clean out and they found some of my old gear. I wanted to do some sort of giveaway and Aisling Hurley, who is CEO of Breast Cancer Ireland, is a close family friend and ran the idea by me,” Robbie said.

The kit includes Robbie’s signed Lions tour training shirt, a signed Ireland jersey, a signed PRO 14 ball, a set of his rugby boots and an initialised kit bag.

The Ireland jersey was from the game against Wales last February. “I missed the Six Nations the year before, and the year before, when we won the Grand Slam, I got injured with my shoulder in the second game,” he said.

“In the game against Wales we came out the right side with a bonus point. I had a strong first half, had a few, good decent carries and offloads and then 10 minutes into the second half, I had to go off with a head knock.”

During lockdown, Robbie does Zoom training with his Leinster teammates and said: “It was great to see all the lads. He’s also been out running, and swimming in the Shannon.

“I actually got some stuff from my old school, Marist College. It was brilliant how it worked out,” he said.

“I got weights and a rowing machine, enough to be kept going.”

Details of the raffle are on his @robbiehshaw Instagram account bio and the winner will be picked on May 2.

Since posing with his raffle prizes, Robbie has shaved his head in a Leinster team fundraiser. “My sister did it for me with a number two blade. Straight in, no messing,” he said.

Robbie Henshaw will raffle jerseys and kit including an Ireland shirt (inset) to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland
**Get shirty:** Robbie Henshaw’s charity rugby kit raffled off

Bairbre Power  
FASHION EDITOR

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The Ireland jersey is from the game against Wales in February, and is one Robbie might have wanted to keep, not just because it was an important 24-14 victory but because he hasn’t played that many Six Nations matches in recent years because of injuries.

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During lockdown, Robbie has been training via Zoom with Leinster team-mates and says: “It was great to see all the lads.”

He was also fortunate to locate some workout equipment locally, “I actually got some stuff from my old school, Marist College. I got weights and a rowing machine, enough to keep going.”

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Shirt order: Robbie Henshaw shows off his signed Ireland shirt and Lions training top, which will be among the raffle prizes.
Only reason I'm coping with the pandemic well is everyone has same anxiety as me now...

by SIOBHAN O’CONNOR

TV star Elaine Crowley says her crippling anxiety helps her cope with the pandemic - as she's used to waking up in the night thinking the world is going to end.

The Virgin Media One presenter is open and honest and her no-holdsbarred personality is infectious. Cork native Elaine told the Irish Sunday Mirror: "My insomnia is not so bad now, I still keep taking all the supplements, my magnesium and vitamins and I’m eating right and getting regular sleep, it actually does work.

"I do get bouts of it sometimes when I'm very worried or anxious, it will happen that I won't be able to sleep.

"But it's nowhere near as bad as it was, I was waking up three or four times a night, not getting to sleep until three o'clock in the morning and getting back up again at 6am.

"I'm used to getting up in the middle of the night thinking the world is going to end, I have awful climate fear.

"Then the pandemic came around and I thought, 'This is something I didn't worry about but it's similar'.

"When you are a worrier you have to learn to talk yourself around. I was up worrying about everything. I think that's why I'm coping with the pandemic so well because everyone in the country is now experiencing the same level of anxiety as I do all the time.

"I'm now spending my days on counselling sessions giving my friends coping mechanisms to get through anxiety because they've never been worried before.

"I feel sorry for them, I think people with mental health issues might cope a bit better with this because we're used to feeling this way."

The telly favourite opened up on her 79-year-old mum Mary’s battle with lung cancer, admitting Covid-19 is particularly worrying.

She said: "My mam is all right, she's taking to this better than I thought she would, she loves reading and doing crosswords.

"My family are delivering her groceries and they sit out on the patio and wave.

"She's in great form, but I can't visit and I miss her dreadfully as I haven't seen her in a couple of months, but I FaceTime her most nights or message her on Facebook.

"She has her radiotherapy but she had her scan results and the tumours are still there.

"They haven't gotten significantly bigger so we'll rescans her in a couple of months and see if she's able for chemo or something like that.

"But at the moment the priority is keeping her away from Covid-19 because if she gets that she's fecked altogether.

"Lung cancer is the least of her worries at the moment with this virus going around."

Elaine was set to host Battle Of The Stars in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland but the event had to be postponed.

She said: "Everyone is worried about money in these scary times but everyone is worried about their health and the health of their loved ones.

"It was great that we raised €10,000 even though the event didn't go ahead, but we will have it again in September and it will be brilliant and we'll raise loads of money again."

Chat show host Elaine has been working almost two decades at Virgin Media One, formerly TV3, starting out as a newscaster at the age of 22.

Now with her own show she says it's not quite living the dream but she loves presenting The Elaine Show.

She added: "The show is going great, I'm 42 now, I read my first news bulletin almost 20 years ago.

"The dream gig is probably being really rich living on a Caribbean island drinking out of coconuts, getting massaged.

"TV is not remotely glam, we've no hair and make-up [team] at the moment so it's taking me bloody ages to get ready every day."
"I love going make-up free and wearing an oversized T-shirt and just chilling."

Elaine has never shied away from talking about her depression.

She said: "I'm good enough this week, but I had a bit of a wobbler last week.

"Like everyone else missing my mother and my family, touch wood, it's all OK at the moment."

The beauty is with her boyfriend Keith Conlan "a few years now" and she quipped she hasn't killed him yet living in isolation.

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Matt is into his own hands to try to keep people indoors Florida lawyer Daniel of her older plans to travel around the State beaches from made the first to warn people about the dangers of not social distancing and oh by the way his wont be dressed up as the grim Reaper as he does so taking to Twitter he said that

he would be visiting beaches around the State that are opening prematurely now Meanwhile back at some people are missing the everyday Hustle and bustle of life and Noleen and flatmates miss their daily commute so much they decided to recreate it in their own bathroom the even attacks different sounds that come along with

the ride on the Luas such as the beef even chatting kids crying and is a big finger missing things got a little list they're clearly going stir crazy their God love them now as I said speaking of missing things there's been a surge in sales of pregnancy tests since movement restrictions for Corbett 19 were brought any deal

revealed there has been a 25 % increase in their one 50 item the company also listed which counties have been buying the most hits with Dublin coming out on top followed by Kerry Cork cabin and Carlow now led's vessel which would have eased but we're also far-right your Dublin you look you in

Coppers I tell you there are the other selves obviously many social and with all this going and Yeah it's gone mad this is just absolutely crazy I am in particular was struggling at the start and gone from the business passed the stars look to complete 0 also saw struggle of the And yet it seems things are gonna

star on her again and now get a little bit back to normal I think Yeah what should you have been doing now saw actually missed the match through them I on fair City storyline of and Aussie dance with the Stars finished we barely saw about we fished for oil didn't go ahead

and then I heard about 6 or 7 weeks for storylines which was prevalent for and everything just went to auction Yeah like pull away but look were all that is how you deal with it now was a bit of a disappointment finishing up Dancing with the Stars early and we all had probably want that big finale after working so hard because you're a two months Yes we started back in November nearly I and Yeah who was this week we didn't realise how severe the situation was so everyone's like your way to the final has gone ahead and we're gonna do for us lie on 74 agreement hatched crown whereas I think we'll just do it so we were equally if it will look back we're gone locally we actually got to do that and it's the final then but Yeah I was a bit of the good things you feel like you know what that ego rather look there's bigger things and that's not something I was there I think God and you danced a lot of Sunday night

every night because expect senior dance before all of this of course the breast Cancer Ireland Battle of the Stars and with a one year I was kind of hoping he'd win this one this year but that wasn't really like but not filming fair City because I have to say my brother Liam is absolutely distraught at the thought of running

out of Mercy he was not happy at all at all but I mean you're used to being busy all the time I mean this is the first time he actually had a couple of weeks of Purcell weeks since actually is this even this year since September was the since September had a they are until

the day after as we start well and because the on the dollar if you have more ensuring that as the stairs a stage where we teach kids stance Francis At them Oh a solid to go from that to this Yeah just like you exercise in trying to build my days with their at what point do you know who

a way you know what there yet because like it's been for 30 30 years 3 5 years and has never had a break so everyone in the house what's gone on to win is coming back so it's kind of a big uncertainty at the moment would look lovely is back to normal soon enough so Yeah we'll be friends he will be raising excellent I didn’t you might even hardly an extra next year my brother be thrilled and delighted I think I finally made it very unfair it is never wise to make sure every day if he doesn't break that does not seem seen as well as any young that's all I really last week telling anyone about my down
or that I dance like a woman of the nice putting it mildly now it's peaking of people on the night John Rooney to discuss and their peers have to then I just put a low show business here in behind he's because Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Battle of the Stars.
'This week I had to receive the results of my latest scan on my own'

MY NAME IS Holly Kennedy and I am thirty-five years old. I live in Dublin with my husband Derek and our young son Andrew, age three. I am currently battling breast cancer for the second time.

In December 2016 I was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer. I went through thirteen months of treatment including chemotherapy, surgery and radiotherapy.

My diagnosis meant life as I knew it completely changed. I went from going to mum and baby playgroups to going to chemo and being one of the youngest women there. It was surreal and at the beginning, I found it incredibly difficult mentally.

Life changed overnight

In the first few weeks, the only place I found relief from the nightmare was while I slept. Eventually, I started to learn to live again by learning to focus on the positives of my situation. Writing has always been therapeutic for me so I started an online magazine to provide non-medical cancer support at happymagazine.ie.

I began to write there every day and slowly I learnt how to be happy again, during cancer. When my treatment was finally complete, instead of returning to my corporate role as a graphic designer for a global food company, I decided to listen to my heart – I took a redundancy offer and set about turning Happy Magazine into a free hard-copy magazine for all cancer patients in Ireland.

With the help of an army of supportive businesses and volunteers, last year we launched three print issues – 15,000 magazines were distributed to over 90 cancer support locations nationwide. The feedback was incredible and I started to work on plans for the business to expand to the UK, start wellness events and more.

Kennedy set up Happy Magazine as means of support for those with cancer.

Source: ©Fran Veale

I was cancer-free for almost two years, until last summer when I started to experience some pain in my side at night. When it didn’t resolve after a few weeks I reverted back to my Oncology team and they ran some scans. Unfortunately, the cancer was back, in my liver, lungs and bones.

Again, life as we knew it was shattered once more. I was devastated that the cancer was back. I had just started to feel like I had got my life back, that I was finally shaking off the cancer cloud that had visited us – but alas, I had not. I started chemo again right away and have been having treatment for the past seven months.

My family and friends rallied around us again and this time, many of my Happy Magazine readers, most of whom I have never met, did too, with incredible gestures of support.

Their encouragement helped to convince me that I have fought this fight once before and that I will do it again. We jumped into action almost right away. My husband and I set about working with my oncology team and other health professionals to build a robust treatment plan for me, covering everything from pain management and nutrition to sleep aids. The magazine was put on hold. Getting well again became my new full-time job once more.

How has Covid-19 affected us?

We are grateful that Covid-19 has not affected us too much so far. Like so many other families, the three of us are staying home every day and trying to make the best of the situation. Our biggest concern is one of us contracting Covid-19 while I’m vulnerable during chemo.

Currently, my body has little to no immune system as it is wiped out each time I have a chemo infusion. Before Covid-19 we were limiting my contact with anyone who was sick with even just a cold, now we are completely isolating ourselves from everyone outside of our little family unit of 3 and it seems we will need to do this for some time yet.

As with the rest of the country, our son’s playschool is closed. I’m sad for him as he was really starting to enjoy the activities they did and seeing his little pals every day. My husband is a self-employed mechanic with a workshop in Dublin. He has also closed until we are through the crisis.

Cocooning family

We haven’t seen my parents (who live in Roscommon) since our last visit in February or my brother and his fiancée since early March. I really miss them all and our regular family get-togethers where we put the world to rights.
My husband’s mom lives near us and is normally a huge help to us with our son, she is now cocooning too as she is over 70 and we have not had close contact with her either for weeks. We call or text her every day and do video calls to keep her in touch with her grandson, but it’s difficult for us all not to be together in person.

I attend my weekly hospital appointments on my own now – before Covid-19 my husband would always have accompanied me for support and to drive me home after receiving my infusions, but now I drive myself. This week I had to receive the results of my latest scan on my own.

Managed isolation

Covid-19 has obviously meant no visits from friends and that has been hard too. A cuppa and a chat with a positive pal really helps me get out of my own head. I also miss simple things like being able to pop into the shops myself for a few things – my husband is doing all of our shopping now.

Covid-19 has also meant increased health expenses for us. We’ve invested in extra supplements to help support my body, and high-quality vitamins for my husband and son to help strengthen their immune systems too. Like many others, we’ve also bought supplies of masks, gloves and hand sanitisers.

We had planned a short break to Cork for March. It was supposed to be a little lift to keep us motivated through my gruelling chemo schedule. I was dreaming about delicious hotel breakfasts and going for a massage – but this is on hold for now.

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Treatment on hold

I’m in the process of being enrolled for a potentially life-saving cancer trial in San Francisco, but this too is on hold for us for the foreseeable future due to the current travel restrictions.

There are two of us here in Ireland with similar diagnoses so currently the trial organisers are investigating if there is a way that they can enrol us without the need for regular travel to the US.

They are trying to find a laboratory here or in Europe that could do the relevant blood work monitoring that they need. We’ve also been in touch with Breast Cancer Ireland to see if there is any way that they can help, either with the trial blood work or with securing compassionate use of any other new cancer drugs, so we are hopeful for some positive news from them soon.

We had also started planning a budget holiday to the UK in July, but seeing how desperate the situation is there now, we’ve abandoned these plans. Right now, nobody knows what the world will quite look like in three or six months time. We’ve all been plunged into this frightening and uncertain situation together.

It isn’t easy but my cancer diagnosis has really taught my husband and me what is important in life. We strive to make the best of each day, no matter what is happening.

We work hard on our personal goals and maintaining strong, positive mindsets. We’re not stuck at home, we’re safe at home and we still have so much to be grateful for. There are opportunities for happiness in every minute and we try not to waste any of them.


Holly Kennedy is the Editor of Happy Magazine, a dedicated cancer support magazine for Ireland. Find it online and read their print editions at happymagazine.ie.
Nick Kyrgios opens up over abuse and depression battle as tennis star reveals fight made him man he is today

The Australian star, who turned 25 on Monday, has often divided opinion for his comments and character both off and on the court.

But in an emotional and honest Instagram post, Kyrgios referenced the long journey he has been on to get to where he is now, the world's No40-ranked tennis star with career earnings of £6.89million.

Captioning a photo of himself, he wrote: "This version of me wasn't built overnight. This is experience. This is pain. This is insecurities. This is abuse. This is depression.

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The brave post received lots of positive reaction and support from his 1.4m followers.

One said: "The biggest heart in all of tennis. Your passion is inspiring!"

Another commented: "I'm proud to follow a sport that has someone of this character Nick. You're an inspiration to many. You're relatable and real. Much thanks for everything you do."

And a third showed their respect as they wrote: "I didn't follow you a few years ago, didn't like the attitude, until I took a closer look and realised I saw a lot of things in you that you mention in this caption. For what it's worth, I'm proud of you.

"I think you are the kind of bloke at the front in a battle and inspire men to want to follow you. The kind of man that leads with the heart and puts actions behind the words. Most definitely a fan now."

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And Behind The Racquet - an initiative set up by tennis pro Noah Rubin to help fight the stigma of talking about mental health, especially in the world of professional sport - also commented its support.

The Aussie was among the many within the tennis community to stand by British star Katie Swan when she opened up on her struggles with 12 months of turmoil last summer.

Kyrgios was born and grew up in Canberra to a Greek father and a Malay mother who gave up her title as a princess in the Selangor royal family and became a computer engineer in Oz.

He made a name for himself in 2014 when he stunned world No1 Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon to reach the quarter-finals.

As an inexperienced 19-year-old, his flair and trick shots earned plenty of attraction as he refused to conform to the stereotypical profile of a professional tennis player.

Over the next few years, though, his tennis ability was overshadowed by a long list of misdemeanours including rowing with officials, chucking chairs on to the court, arguing with fellow players and even simulating an X-rated sex act live on TV at Queen's.

Kyrgios was slapped with a 16-week suspended ban last September and told he must see a mental professional following an outburst at the Cincinnati Masters.

But in recent months, he has shown a different side to himself with his performances at the Australian Open and for his country during the ATP Cup which coincided with his fund-raising efforts for the bush fires in his homeland and Kobe Bryant's sudden death which affected the NBA lover deeply.

Now he is lending a helping hand during the coronavirus crisis, offering to drop off food and drink for those in need.

He said: "If anyone is not working, not getting an income and runs out of food, or times are just tough… please don't go to sleep with an empty stomach.

"Don't be afraid embarrassed to send me a private message. I will be more than happy to share whatever I have. Even just for a box of noodles, a loaf of bread or milk."
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By BRENDAN KEANE

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He’s also not holding out hope for a planned tour of Germany next month: “I’m expecting a German tour in May to also be postponed.”

However, in keeping with his optimistic and positive nature he’s looking forward rather than back and in so doing is thinking about what might lay ahead rather than lament the opportunities lost at the moment.

“Hopefully when this time passes I will be back on track to release my new EP and singles, which I have been busy preparing and recording up until now,” he said.

However, there is no escaping the financial impact that a lack of work will have.

“There might be a little delay due to strained finances for the next few weeks,” he said.

However, always one to face a challenge he went on to say: “I am more determined than ever to get this music out over summer and autumn this year.”
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Naas mum shares her story and appeals to people to adhere to the restrictions

A YOUNG Naas mum has shared her story of her battle against breast cancer in order to encourage Irish women to become more breast aware, even in these challenging times and to encourage the general public to stay compliant with HSE and government guidelines.

Amy Corrigan-Brennan was just 38 years old when, in 2018, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. A busy mum of two small children, Chloe (1) and Jacob (3), Amy was working full-time as an account director for a global IT recruitment company, having returned to work in the January following her maternity leave. She was feeling extremely tired but having an underactive thyroid for 20 years, she just presumed this was the cause. Combined with her long commute to work, Amy felt it was her frantic, always busy lifestyle that was affecting her, but she thought she just wasn’t looking or feeling like herself. At the time there was a huge amount in the news and media around cervical cancer and so while never one to overly worry about her health, she felt something was wrong.

Over that time, she also noticed her right breast was quite tender. She recalls thinking it was sore, similar to the early stages of pregnancy. In the weeks that followed, still feeling exhausted, she went to her GP for a repeat smear test.

As an after-thought, she mentioned she thought she felt a lump and felt a bit silly and almost left the room without saying anything. Amy’s GP immediately found the lump and advised she would send a letter to St Vincent’s and that, given her age, she would be seen quickly. Friday 13 July 2018, was a long day in St Vincent’s Hospital. Amy had an ultra sound followed by a mammogram followed by a biopsy. At the sight of some worried faces, the young mum began to get a sense that something was up. Never in a million years did she imagine for one second that it could be cancer. Seven long days passed and Amy was sitting in her consultant’s room waiting for her results.

“Army, you have a tumour. OK. What does that mean... Amy, you have breast cancer.”

Time stood still. “I don’t really remember what was said after that. It was like a scene from a movie. I zoned out as my mind started to race.” Her consultant advised it was highly treatable and highly curable and appeared to be Stage 1.

At this point, the plan was for a lumpectomy, followed by anti-hormone therapy and slight possibility of radiotherapy and chemotherapy. However, following a CT scan and MRI scans, a number of additional tumours were detected and this meant that the plan would now have to change, with Amy requiring a mastectomy.

Before that could happen, she needed a small operation, Lymph Node Biopsy. This was to ensure the cancer hadn’t spread.

Ten very long days later, Amy and her husband, sat in front of the surgeon as he delivered more bad news. “Your cancer has spread to your lymph nodes.” At this moment in time they were both totally bewildered by the news and were filled with fear and utter terror. Amy would now need to have chemotherapy followed by a mastectomy and radiotherapy.

Skipping over the severity of the situation and the life expectancy question, Amy asked would she be able to have more children. The Breast Care Nurse gave her some information about egg harvesting/IVF which could be carried out in the Rotterdam in advance of chemo starting.

A very urgent appointment was made with her oncologist for 7pm the same evening. Amy will never forget that appointment. Her husband had gone home to look after the children and her lovely mammy was by her side.

Firstly, she was told egg harvesting would not be possible as the biology of her cancer was oestrogen receptor positive and IVF would have involved pumping her full of hormones which ultimately would have spread her cancer. “I am so incredibly grateful for the children I have. I am so lucky to have them but in that moment I felt a huge loss.”

Her cancer was now categorised as Stage 2/3 and chemo would have to start almost immediately.

Then the news that her hair will fall out around 12 days after chemo starts. 24 August saw the beginning of her four month chemo journey. “The most frightening part of it, was how young the other girls were, sitting in the chairs next to me”. Until then, Amy had no idea how common breast cancer was in younger women.

Two of the women getting chemo with her were just 18 and 27.

“I look back on chemo now and remember some great laughs that I had with my family and friends on my chemo days. It wasn’t all bad. The love and support was overwhelming,” she said.

Since her diagnosis Amy has approached the situation with the utmost positivity. She truly believes that cancer is two battles, The physical battle which is the one everyone sees but secondly, the mental battle. She believes in the power of the mind and its healing ability.

“The body achieves what the mind believes,” she said.

Amy talks about how her chemo hit her like a tonne of bricks. The sheer enormity of it. She thought “What if... what if I can’t fight this.”

“What if it takes me from my beautiful babies and my husband who I love with all my heart? That first night she thought a lot about dying.

But someone once told her that “the darkest hour, is still only 60 minutes.” Two litres of tears later, I vowed never to go to that dark place again. I WILL fight this and I WILL be here to see my children
grow up."

Bone pain, stomach pain, nausea, fatigue, chemo fog and anxiety were all side effects of the chemo, but Amy felt so lucky to have all this treatment available. The medical team in St Vincent’s are real life super heroes, she says. For people reading this who are only starting their journey Amy has a message of positivity. "You CAN do this. The human body is incredibly resilient,” she said.

"It’s ok to be a Glow Stick, sometimes we need to break before we shine. Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go. One day you will thank yourself for never giving up.”

Over a year on and Amy is doing great. She feels healthier than she ever did and well on the road to recovery. What her new "normal" is, who knows, but she is going to enjoy the journey. “My entire perspective on life has changed and I feel that is a privilege. I love life and I appreciate the everyday. Cancer, I don’t want to meet you again but thank you. You have taught me so very much” she said. She is encouraging people to stay safe, stay home and adhere to the government restrictions as we fight Covid-19.

To donate to Breast Cancer Ireland go to www.breastcancerireland.com

Amy Corbally Behan with her husband Christopher and children Chloe and Jacob

Amy Corbally Behan during her treatment

Amy rocked the Sinead O’Connor look after losing her hair
Pick of the week - 16 virtual events to get stuck into this week

Here are a few picks of virtual events on the world wide web this week.

*Disclaimer - several of the below virtual events are quizzes, but if there's one thing quarantine has taught me, it's that one can never partake in too many quizzes. Enjoy.

Harry Potter Table Quiz

Yes, muggles, the rumours are true, there is indeed a Harry Potter quiz taking place tonight. There will be eight rounds of trivia along with a best-dressed contest and mini magical games too. Tickets cost a tenner and you can get yours here.

Simpson's Zoom Quiz

Taking place tomorrow night, the Simpson's zoom quiz kicks off at 8pm. Discussing all things Springfield related (seasons 1-10), entry costs a fiver and you can play solo or as a team.

Online twerk classes

Haelee hosts regular virtual events and classes online - ranging from twerk after work to Saturday pilates and Monday barre. This weekend it's ladies night so as she says: "get dolled up, grab your heels and get your twerk on".

Davina Devine's Queen of Captivity

A regular at the George of a Thursday night pre-quarantine, Davina has taken to hosting interactive pageants online until she can return. Round three takes place this Thursday. Tune in at 9pm to see 10 Queens battle for a place in the final.

Bank Holiday Queerantine Quiz

Organised by BeLonG To Youth Services, a national organisation supporting LGBTI people across Ireland, the Queerantine fancy dress quiz encourages you to bust out your loudest and proudest colours for a bank holiday shindig hosted by Miss Bunny O'Hare.

Murder Mystery Race to Mars

Basically space agencies around the world are competing to be the first to reach Mars in a new global space race and after months of travel, the spaceship that was in the lead vanishes into the darkness of the galaxy. Foul play is suspected and you've become one of the key investigators so it's up to you to solve the crime.

Bingo Loco Quiz

Deciding to take a break from their usual bingo raving madness, Bingo Loco has turned to quizzes with the third instalment due to take place this Friday along with another on Sunday - a family-friendly special. Expect questions on pop culture, music, film, sport and the like. Tickets cost €6.50.

Bruce Springsteen-athon

24 hours of nothing but Bruce Springsteen hits? Sign us up. Raising money for several vital charities over in the UK, Hungry Heart will be playing the best of The Boss from 1pm on Saturday. The perfect soundtrack for a weekend of grooving on the kitchen tiles.

Gilmore Girls Quiz

Put together by online quizzing experts Yellow Elephant Promotions, this one is for all the Lorelai Gilmore wannabes out there. The quiz entails five massive rounds of trivia related to the hit show and all you need is a pen and paper and a "cheeky drink to create that pub atmosphere". Don't have to tell us twice. Read more about it here.

Boogie Night

Clubs may be closed but that's no reason your weekend boogie can't go ahead as usual. Head to the event page this Saturday at 7pm for a night of old school bops (think 60s/70s/80s classics). Grab a few glowsticks and bring the party outside to your garden. Spot prizes for best fancy dress - look to Twiggy for inspiration.

It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia Online Quiz
Egghead presents the Always Sunny quiz - suitable for those cultivating mass, experts in the D.E.N.I.S system and anyone whose favourite food and beverage are served together in the style of rum ham. Claiming that it's not just a quiz, participants are advised to expect plenty of surprises.

Social Quitztancing Quiz

Dublin Simon Community's social quitztancing quiz is back again, with this week's theme a 'where in the world' special. A homage to the iconic 80s quiz show hosted by Marty Whelan and Theresa Lowe, tickets cost a fiver and all proceeds go towards providing essential services for the country's homeless community.

The Great Big Galway Pub Quiz

We're missing Galway something terrible so this pub quiz will hopefully help to tide us over until our next jaunt down Shop Street. Hosted by Malachy Duggan of The Blue Note, there will be prizes for best team name, silliest answers and the like. There'll also be a few questions thrown in specifically about Gaillimh, so get studying. This Friday at 7pm.

West End Musical Brunch

Feel quarantine is lacking a bit of culture? Fix that with a live stream of a West End musical, bringing you the biggest stars right to your living room. There will be multiple guests performing live at each event along with interactive musical theatre themed games and a special Q&A with the stars. Sadly it's BYO brunch (and alcohol should you want to make it bottomless).

The Living Lab Online Panel Talk

Organised by Native Events, this week's discussion is entitled 'clothes, climate and Covid'. Panellists included Carrie-Ann Moran of NCBI and Fashion Revolution, Gracie Coller of Spice Vintage, Veronika Kisela of Loved & Upcycled and Aisling Duffy. Music to come from Hunting Hall.

The Big Interactive Quiz Show

Live on your computer/laptop/tablet every Saturday night at 8pm, the Big Interactive Quiz Show is a new online quiz show packed with general knowledge, facts and fun for everyone in the family - and 20 per cent of profits go to Breast Cancer Ireland, so it's fun for a good cause.

Any virtual events we've missed? Let us know in the comments what you'll be up to this week.

Need inspiration for staying at home? Sign up to our Lovin Home Comforts newsletter here.

READ NEXT: An Post successfully delivers scone recipe addressed to ‘Brian O’Driscoll, rugby legend’

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Irish events company to host ultimate charity quiz this weekend

Except, at the minute our weekends have become fairly repetitive (eat, sleep, Netflix, repeat) and instead of that Friday feeling tomorrow at 5.30 pm most of us will be scratching our heads wondering how we can fill our hard-earned time off.

Learn more
On that front, how would you like to take part in a fun-filled game this Saturday that lets you flex your brain cells, show off your general knowledge, and best of all is in aid of a great cause? Of course, you do!

Leading event company Creative Event is hosting the virtual table quiz to end all virtual table quizzes and as we all know there’s nothing like a table quiz to bring out our competitive side and leave us on the edge of our seat.

The Big Interactive Quiz, however, will also help to raise urgent funds to support Breast Cancer Ireland which are sorely needed during these difficult times.

Irish radio host Shay Byrne will act as MC on the night and all of the questions will be asked via your laptop or tablet and answered on your smartphone.

The quiz rounds will cover Film & TV, Music, General Knowledge, Sports, Food and Drink, In This Year, Science & Nature, Celebrity Facts, and Around The World so now is the time to buddy up with someone who’s better at the things you’re not.

The questions will be multiple-choice or true or false but there will also be some interactive games.

There are three winning categories overall winner, beat team photo, and best team name so get your thinking cap on.

You need both a laptop or tablet to receive the questions and a smartphone to answer them.

Your video and mic will be automatically switched off so there’s no need to dress up unless you want to. Twenty per cent of the proceeds on the night will be donated to Breast Cancer Ireland.

Commenting on the donation to the charity, Aisling Hurley, CEO of Breast Cancer Ireland says: ‘We are delighted to be the beneficiaries of this The Big Interactive Quiz Show.’

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The quiz will run over four weekends from 2nd -23 May. Tickets are priced at €12 per household or team. To sign up, visit: creativeevents.ie
Pit your wits against the rest of the country tomorrow in The Big Interactive Quiz Show

Tomorrow night, quiz fans from all over the country and beyond will be locked in battle in the first of four special lockdown quizzes hosted by RTÉ presenter Shay Byrne.

By signing up for €12, you and your household will get to pit your wits against the competition on music, celebrity, general knowledge, politics and much more – all you need to join in is a laptop or tablet and your phone.

The Big Interactive Quiz Show is running on May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, and there are prizes to be won including a €100 voucher for Boutique Wines’ online shop, and vouchers for Just Eat. It’s for a good cause too, with 20% of profits going to Breast Cancer Ireland.

Mark French from Creative Events explains: “There are a number of fun, bonus games, and each question has a time limit so that really adds to the urgency and the atmosphere.

“There’s one fantastic music question, for example, where you have to put six Beatles albums in the order that they were released. There’s another great round called In This Year, so it might be four facts from that year and then you have to pick what year it is.”

Mark’s firm normally focuses on corporate events and team-building exercises within businesses. But with offices closed and so many people now using Zoom and Skype on a regular basis – and with the instant technology to make it work – they decided to create a virtual version of their popular quiz for the coronavirus lockdown.

“We’ve been running these quizzes for about 10 years and they’re extremely popular,” he told Dublin Live. “Only recently, the tech came out where you can do it virtually.

“People log in and they’re watching a stream through Zoom with a live presenter, Shay Byrne. There are nine different rounds but the key bit is that the questions come up on the screen – your tablet or laptop – and then you’re submitting your answers using your phone.

“People love quizzes, and it’s high energy, high tech and you know your scores at the press of a button. This is all about speed, energy and excitement – it’s like being on a live game show.”

Help us help you - are you a business owner or know of a small business that is doing things differently to try and keep your business going? Has that business had to offer e-commerce solutions, online shops or community delivery services?

Maybe you’re a business owner or know of a business that is sharing content online and on social media to help people get through their day. Get in touch and tell us all about it.

Email chris.jones@dublinlive.ie with ‘In This Together’ as the subject.

Mark is confident that there is a future for these live events far beyond the current crisis.

“Virtual events are not just for covid, I believe they are here to stay in the long term as more people work from home,” he says. “We’ve set up a live streaming studio on Dame Street and we’re ready to do all sorts of virtual events as well as the quiz.”

Tickets for the May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd shows on sale now. Book now at the Creative Events website.
From interactive quiz shows to yoga - here are some online events to check out this weekend

WE'RE HEADING INTO another weekend in Ireland with restrictions on movement in place in a bid to contain the spread of Covid-19.

We've compiled another weekend list of fun online events.

THE BIG INTERACTIVE QUIZ

Zoom, Hangouts, and Skype have been staples in households all over the country in recent weeks as friends and family try to keep in touch during the Covid-19 emergency.

Interestingly, quiz nights have proved to be extremely popular through those platforms.

Well on Saturday, Dublin based company Creative Events is firmly buying into the quiz craze and running The Big Interactive Quiz Show from its studio on Dame Street.

It kicks off at 8pm, is a 75-minute event, and 20% of all profits are going to Breast Cancer Ireland. Details can be found here.

BE CREATIVE

Pom pom flowers

Source: Shutterstock/Baby bird818

A new initiative from the Design and Crafts Council Ireland saw a number of online workshops in things like woven papers and pom pom flowers to keep the nation busy during the current restrictions.

The live workshops have all been recorded and are online for all to access.

Instructions and videos are all here - it might be one to pass the time over the weekend.

YOGA

Stock image - virtual yoga class.

Source: Shutterstock/Jacob Lund

If one thing is clear from the current challenges facing us, it’s that we are a generous nation which doesn’t hesitate to reach out to others in need. Charities across the country have been overwhelmed by online donations after many of their annual campaigns were cancelled at short notice.

Mandala Yoga and Swords Express are running a 55-minute online class this bank holiday Monday for all to attend, in exchange for a €5 donation to charity Aware, which supports mental well-being.

All the details for the event are here and if you can’t make it, you can catch the recording of the class later next week.

A SLICE OF CULTURE

Source: Sam Boal

Sadly, museums and cultural institutions across the country are closed but if you were planning a trip, you can still grab some insight into times gone by.

The National Gallery of Ireland has a number of virtual tours online that can be viewed from the comfort of your home.

From the Grand Room and the Shaw Room – they’re all available online here.
And online quizzes a house online quizzes Saturday night with Breast Cancer Ireland as their charity partner and that was one of the lyrics questions so hard we are rock revolving around a many people got it that stuff that was a tough one the Garth Brooks Lyrics I want Irish band called first day lying it's already will recommend it was a sweet smile even now look let the oil that you always good God that she now the vehicle and they are needed they fear that the same man the income all the things in this country then dragged her down the aisle you give Even now is he feeling that if you didn't think had thought Irish bonds have first-aid lines have been around for a few years doing extremely well she might even smile with pop songs and I really like that Maguire good morning Sir mortgage area but I'm in good form this morning and have a day off yesterday Lily looked after the house yesterday and I have really enjoyed they really enjoy the best was that thing I remembered and I noticed that he was was at least a prayer for him from morning Ireland was off Mr. for us turn offer for o'clock alarm I Yeah well exactly what that's like that the alarm the new job but the bed you would like your eyes wide open Yeah God Oh my God and then you realise it's the day off so

I'm most return of the lambs and turn them back on yesterday morning for this morning out mind my mind a quarter past 4 alarm some of Yeah I stayed you don't have a longer enough now we talk about us ballooning borrowing Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland.
Creative Events launch The Big Interactive Quiz Show for Breast Cancer Ireland

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The Big Interactive Quiz Show will take place every Saturday from 8 pm, with 20% of all proceeds going to Breast Cancer Ireland.

Quizmaster and Broadcaster, Shay Byrne, will be the host every week with questions on general knowledge, facts, and fun for everyone taking part.

Tickets are €12 per household and teams can have as many players as are people living in each household.

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"I am looking forward to taking part with my family from home and encourage our community to take part each week."

Mark French from Creative Events said; “We are so thrilled to be entertaining the nation and helping Breast Cancer Ireland in the process.

“Profits from The Big Interactive Quiz Show will help the charity's ongoing research, education, and awareness efforts.”

To take part in the quiz you will need two devices; a mobile phone to answer the questions and a tablet or laptop to view the show.

You pay for one team and one device but they will connect to two devices per team.

Your video and audio will be auto turned off but there will be live messaging throughout the quiz.

Answers will be given by remote control on your mobile phone.

CLICK HERE to book your tickets for May 9th, 16th, and 23rd shows on sale now.
Granagh

SYMPATHY
The death took place last week of Mrs. Murphy of Kilmealy, Granagh and her funeral was to Shannaghov Old Cemetery, Granagh last Saturday at 12 o’clock and people stood on the route along the roadway as a mark of respect as the funeral passed on its way to Shanaghov. Mrs. Murphy, née Carey, was married to the late Larry O’Shea first, then married the late Mike Murphy. WE offer our deepest sympathy to the Murphy, O’Shea and Carey families on the sad passing from this life of Mrs. Murphy. We also sympathise with her relatives, friends and neighbours. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.

SUNDAY MASS
BROADCAST ON LOCAL RADIO
Sunday Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 10am on West Limerick Community Radio 102FM, with the Sacred Space programme broadcast at 11pm on Sunday night and continues until midnight on West Limerick radio with talks on the day’s sermon and various hymns. While on Monday at 1pm, West Limerick Community Radio on the Sacred Space programme the Rosary is recited, so tune into these Sacred Space programmes whenever you have the time.

AROUND THE FIRESIDE
The next programme of Around the Fireside will be broadcast on local radio C103FM, next Monday night, May 11th, starting at 10.06pm. While the restrictions continue Jimmy Reidy will select from the archives of 30 years of Around the Fireside programmes, a programme to be repeated next Monday night, recalling another great show from the past of Around the Fireside with Jimmy Reidy and friends.

HOME COOKING
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CHOMHHRÓIN
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FORMER Page 3 girl Rosie Jones has been dubbed the ‘hottest supply teacher ever’ after taking over husband Joe Wicks’s YouTube PE lessons this week.

The 29-year-old, who shares two young kids with Joe, 33, sent viewing figures rocketing with her #PEWithJoe appearance - but what are her Page 3 peers up to nowadays?

From DJing in nightclubs and taking up marathon running to having to sell their used knickers on eBay to make cash, The Sun’s glamour girls have taken very different paths.

Of course, they’re all currently in lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic - with Linda Lusardi even left fighting for her life in hospital in March after contracting Covid-19.

Here, we look at what some of our Page 3 girls have been doing since their pin-up days...

Michelle Marsh - running a children’s boutique

Dubbed ‘the new Samantha Fox’, former Page 3 beauty Michelle Marsh became a regular in lads’ mags including Playboy, Loaded, Maxim and Nuts.

She was famed for her 32FF natural boobs in the early noughties, but quit modelling in 2006.

Instead, she tried to make it as a pop star - but her debut single ‘I Don’t Do’ flopped at number 89 in the charts.

Michelle, now 37, still went on to perform on The X Factor’s Battle of the Stars in 2008. She also appeared on The Weakest Link and Celebrity Big Brother.

She married Scottish footballer Will Haining in 2007, and the couple have three children.

The former glamour model - who once worked as a care assistant at a nursing home - opened a children’s boutique, TillyFlops, in Oldham, Manchester, in 2012.

Nell McAndrew - keen marathon runner

Nell hosted dating show Man O Man in 1996 and modelled as a Marilyn Monroe lookalike before becoming the face of Tomb Raider’s Lara Croft in the late nineties.

Now aged 46, she went on to model for all of the top men’s mags.

She later moved to TV and hosted The Big Breakfast in the early noughties, before signing up for her first marathon in 2005. She has run at least five since.

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Start the day off feeling strong. Join me tomorrow morning (Thursday 30th) for a kettlebell session at 9am 😌 See you on Instagram live if you want to join in. ☑️ #keepmoving #kettlebellworkout #exercise #mixitup #smile 😊

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Leeds-born Nell - who has penned a book about running - has appeared on a series of reality shows including I’m A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here, Family Fortunes and Dancing On Ice.

She is married to property developer Paul Hardcastle and they have two children.

During the ongoing lockdown, she has been streaming fitness sessions on Instagram Live.

Lucy Pinder - high-flying actress

Lucy Pinder was famously voted as having “the best boobs in the world” by Ralph Magazine in 2007 and reached number 16 in FHM’s Sexiest Women list.

Lucy, now 36, went into the Celebrity Big Brother house in 2009 but was booted off in only the first week. She has since become a successful actress.

She has starred in a series of films, including Age of Kill with former EastEnders actor Martin Kemp in 2015, as well as 2017 supernatural thrillers Suburban Fairytales and Fanged Up. 
The actress - whose Instagram page captures her love of photography - has also been involved with charities over the years, including Cats Protection and Help for Heroes.

Last week, she posted a photo online of herself sporting a "Bless the NHS" T-shirt.

Jakkı Degg - the electronic DJ

Jakkı Degg was crowned The Sun's 'Best Ever Page 3 Girl' in 2001. She's since graced the covers of hundreds of lads' mags, and has even starred as a TV actress.

She appeared in Is Harry On The Boat? a film based on the lives of holiday reps in Ibiza, alongside Danny Dyer, Ralf Little and Caroline Flack.

In 2004, she won ITV's Celebrity 24 Hour Quiz, with her winnings going to the RSPCA.

Now aged 42, Jakki quit the modelling industry after a successful decade. She later went off-the-radar to become an electronic DJ, mostly in local UK nightclubs.

Her Twitter bio describes her as a "forward thinking mixer of all things electronic".

Joanne Guest - forced to sell knickers on eBay

Starting out as a Page 3 girl, Joanne Guest starred in photoshoots with Katie Price and became a favourite with lads' mags, thanks to her quirky short blonde hair and tomboyish style.

Now aged 48, Jo has since starred in a few documentary-style shows for the Granada Men&Motors channel, such as 'UK Babes Exposed' and 'Undressed with Guest'.

In 2007, she was devastatingly struck down with the chronic pain condition fibromyalgia.

With a bloated stomach and in constant pain, Jo gave up sex for more than a year and was forced to sell her used knickers on eBay because she couldn't work.

She told This Morning at the time: "One day I tried to put on my favourite boots and couldn't zip them up - I realised my calves were swollen.

"I thought maybe it was down to the change in my lifestyle."

Jo - who was eventually diagnosed with ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) and fibromyalgia - has since re-joined Men&Motors, and stars on their YouTube channel.

Jodie Marsh - the bodybuilder

Former Page 3 girl Jodie started her career at the world-famous Stringfellows nightclub.

She went on to star in a number of reality TV shows, even marrying her model ex-husband, Matt Peacock, as part of a reality series to find a husband. They split within months.

Years after debuting her famous outfit of just two studded straps over her breasts, Jodie, now 41, decided to turn her attention to fitness and bodybuilding.

She's since won contests in LA and featured in TV shows about her bodybuilding. She also runs an online store offering clothing, beauty products and personalised merchandise.

Leilani Dowding - professional show jumper

Leilani Dowding, who grew up in a Catholic household in Dorset, competed in Miss Universe and other pageants before becoming a Page 3 model in 1999.

In 2005, she starred in a gladiators-style TV show alongside Big Brother's Kate Lawler. She moved to LA in 2007 and featured on dating show Tough Love Miami.

The horse-mad model, 40, has since competed in professional show-jumping competitions and spends a lot of her spare time at the stables.

She also runs a clothing boutique and a real estate company in the Hollywood Hills.

Keeley Hazell - auditioned for Fifty Shades of Grey

Keeley Hazell was just 17 when she won a national 'Search for a Babe' competition, and fast became one of Britain's top glamour models during the noughties.

The London-born brunette, now 33, commanded up to a whopping £30,000 for one photo shoot, before it was slashed to £5,000 when the industry lost momentum.

Her final appearance on Page 3 was in 2009.

Keeley has since moved to Hollywood to pursue her acting dreams, auditioning for the role of Anastasia Steele in Fifty Shades of Grey before it was given to Dakota Johnson.

In 2012, she played a supporting role in the British gangster film St George's Day, then in 2016, she was cast as 'Violet' in channel E!'s popular satire The Royals.

In 2018, she took out dual US-UK nationality to further her film career.
She said at the time: "I love living in LA, and I have been fortunate to secure acting roles and modelling contracts. Dual citizenship means I can explore career options in both countries."

Nicola McClean - the reality star

Stunning blonde Nicola McClean appeared regularly on Page 3 between 1999 and 2004, but chose to retire after giving birth to her first son in 2006.

In a poll, readers voted her as their fourth favourite Page 3 girl of all time, ahead of the likes of Samantha Fox and Katie Price - with whom she had a tense rivalry.

After throwing the towel in for glamour modelling, Nicola became a reality TV star, starring with Joe Swash in the I'm A Celeb jungle in 2008 and Big Brother in 2012 and 2017.

The 38-year-old, who is an avid supporter of animal charity PETA, married footballer Tom Williams in 2009 and they have two sons - Rocky and Striker.

They briefly split when Tom cheated on her in Las Vegas in 2014, but reunited a year later.

Geri Halliwell - the Spice Girl

Before she found fame with hit girl band The Spice Girls, Geri Halliwell, dubbed Ginger Spice, posed for a series of racy glamour shots.

She also posed for Page 3 in 1990 - just four years before she was discovered by music label Heart Management and joined the Spice Girls.

The group became the most successful British pop band since The Beatles, with their first album selling more than 30 million copies.

In later years, the band split and Geri launched a solo career.

Now 47, she had a string of high-profile relationships with stars like Robbie Williams and David Walliams before meeting her husband, Formula One boss Christian Horner.

The couple have a son, three-year-old Montague, and a daughter, Bluebell, 13, from Geri's previous relationship with screenwriter Sacha Gervasi.

In recent years, the once-outspoken Spice has enjoyed spending time at home with her children, often sharing snaps of her bakes in her family kitchen.

Last year, she took to the stage again for the Spice Girls reunion tour.

As of this year, Geri is said to have amassed a personal fortune of more than £50 million.

Jayne Middlemiss - the yoga bunny

Model-turned-TV-presenter Jayne landed a spot on Page 3 in the nineties. She then struck the big time after landing a presenting gig on Top of the Pops and on Radio 1.

Already a hit on mainstream TV, Jayne went on to famously star in 2005's Celebrity Love Island alongside Calum Best and Rebecca Loos.

She won the show, despite crying 27 times during the series.

Jayne, 49, also won Celebrity MasterChef in 2009 - but has been off-the-radar since then.

On Twitter, she details her love of yoga, and has described herself as a "music obsessed spiritual junkie" and "a yogini truth seeker", whatever that means...
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but he's made great decisions in the past about history on the syllabus as far as I'm concerned and about the junior Cert which eventually after procrastination they got rid of it and that was it for this year and that was the right thing to do and I'm hoping they make the right moves to alleviate the grief and the anxiety and the strain that

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The hotlist... What we want to see, do and buy this online weekend

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BUY: See zalando.ie

Witness the fitness

Health and fitness festival Wellfest goes virtual this weekend and the event is free of charge, with an option to donate to Barretstown Children’s Charity. Originally scheduled to take place at Royal Hospital Kilmainham, the online line-up includes sessions with positive-mental-attitude trainer Faisal Abdalla, a cook along with Roz Purcell (above) and a Crunch and Burn class with Maeve Madden. It concludes tomorrow night with a dancefit closing party.

DETAILS: See wellfest.ie

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Onwards

Barbecue bust-ups

Emotions are already running high without adding some burnt burgers into the mix.

Office life after lockdown

How will we maintain civilised and socially distanced water-cooler chat when we're currently at 97pc feral?

Twi-hard mania

The fandom is set to get out of control now that Stephanie Meyers has announced a new Twilight book is coming in August.

Channing Tatum's pants choices

In theory, there's nothing wrong with taking out the rubbish wearing gold lamé pants but it's never wise to go full MC Hammer.

Love Island's cancellation

Perhaps for the best. The proposed location switch from Mallorca to Cornwall was never going to work.

Upwards

Connell's chain from Normal People

It has become such an object of lust, it now has its own Instagram fan account.

Steak, chips and cheese

Apparently, Europe needs to eat more of these during lockdown to clear excess stock and we are happy to oblige.

Turbans ...

or giant hairbands or a knotted headscarf. Anything to get us to July 20, when the hairdresser will hopefully open.

Vitalising viewing

The just-landed Michelle Obama Netflix documentary Becoming is all kinds of uplifting.

Perfect casting

It doesn't get any better than Nicolas Cage playing Joe Exotic in a new Tiger King TV series.
Weekend Hotlist
What we want to see, do and buy this weekend
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Considered chic

You may already know Zalando, the fashion and lifestyle online platform founded in Berlin in 2008. Over 31 million customers flock to the site, which carries more than 2,000 brands, ranging from Adidas to Zadig & Voltaire. It’s also increasingly making its mark as a sustainable fashion destination, with recent campaign A Collaborative Effort featuring seven employees highlighting the company’s efforts in this area. There are 30,000 items flagged with ‘sustainability’, as well as various edits pointing customers in the direction of more conscious fashion choices.

BUY: See zalando.ie

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WITNESS THE FITNESS

Health and fitness festival Wellfest goes virtual this weekend and the event is free of charge, with an option to donate to Barretstown Children’s Charity. Originally scheduled to take place at Royal Hospital Kilmainham, the online line-up includes sessions with positive-mental-attitude trainer Faisal Abdalla, a cook along with Roz Purcell (left) and a Crunch and Burn class with Maeve Madden. It concludes tomorrow night with a dancefit closing party.

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One had to sell her knickers on eBay and another is Mrs Joe Wicks: here's what your favourite Page 3 girls are doing now

FORMER Page 3 girl Rosie Jones has been dubbed the 'hottest supply teacher ever' after taking over husband Joe Wicks's YouTube PE lessons this week.

The 29-year-old, who shares two young kids with Joe, 33, sent viewing figures rocketing with her #PEWithJoe appearance - but what are her Page 3 peers up to nowadays?

From DJing in nightclubs and taking up marathon running to having to sell their used knickers on eBay to make cash, The Sun's glamour girls have taken very different paths.

Of course, they're all currently in lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic - with Linda Lusardi even left fighting for her life in hospital in March after contracting Covid-19.

Here, we look at what some of our Page 3 girls have been doing since their pick-up days...

Michelle Marsh - running a children's boutique

Dubbed 'the new Samantha Fox', former Page 3 beauty Michelle Marsh became a regular in lads' mags including Playboy, Loaded, Maxim and Nuts.

She was famed for her 32FF natural boobs in the early noughties, but quit modelling in 2006.

Instead, she tried to make it as a pop star - but her debut single 'I Don't Do' flopped at number 89 in the charts.

Michelle, now 37, still went on to perform on The X Factor's Battle of the Stars in 2008. She also appeared on The Weakest Link and Celebrity Big Brother.

She married Scottish footballer Will Haining in 2007, and the couple have three children.

The former glamour model - who once worked as a care assistant at a nursing home - opened a children's boutique, TillyFlops, in Oldham, Manchester, in 2012.

Nell McAndrew - keen marathon runner

Nell hosted dating show Man O Man in 1996 and modelled as a Marilyn Monroe lookalike before becoming the face of Tomb Raider's Lara Croft in the late nineties.

Now aged 46, she went on to model for all of the top men's mags.

She later moved to TV and hosted The Big Breakfast in the early noughties, before signing up for her first marathon in 2005. She has run at least five since.

#strongisnotasize it's a state of mind. Encouraging women to lift with @britishwl and @womeninsport_uk

A post shared by Nell McAndrew (@nelliemcfitness) on Jun 7, 2018 at 1:50am PDT

Start the day off feeling strong. Join me tomorrow morning (Thursday 30th) for a kettlebell session at 9am 🏋️‍♀️ See you on Instagram live if you want to join in. 🗓️ #keepmoving #kettlebellworkout #exercise #mixitup #smile 😊

A post shared by Nell McAndrew (@nelliemcfitness) on Apr 29, 2020 at 1:28pm PDT

Leeds-born Nell - who has penned a book about running - has appeared on a series of reality shows including I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here, Family Fortunes and Dancing On Ice.

She is married to property developer Paul Hardcastle and they have two children.

During the ongoing lockdown, she has been streaming fitness sessions on Instagram Live.

Lucy Pinder - high-flying actress

Lucy Pinder was famously voted as having 'the best boobs in the world' by Ralph Magazine in 2007 and reached number 16 in FHM's Sexiest Women list.

Lucy, now 36, went into the Celebrity Big Brother house in 2009 but was booted off in only the first week. She has since become a successful actress.

She has starred in a series of films, including Age of Kill with former EastEnders actor Martin Kemp in 2015, as well as 2017 supernatural thrillers Suburban Fairytale and Fanged Up.
The actress - whose Instagram page captures her love of photography - has also been involved with charities over
the years, including Cats Protection and Help for Heroes.

Last week, she posted a photo online of herself sporting a "Bless the NHS" T-shirt.

Jakkie Degg - the electronic DJ

Jakkie Degg was crowned The Sun's 'Best Ever Page 3 Girl' in 2001. She's since graced the covers of hundreds of
lads' mags, and has even starred as a TV actress.

She appeared in Is Harry On The Boat? a film based on the lives of holiday reps in Ibiza, alongside Danny Dyer,
Ralf Little and Caroline Flack.

In 2004, she won ITV's Celebrity 24 Hour Quiz, with her winnings going to the RSPCA.

Now aged 42, Jakki quit the modelling industry after a successful decade. She later went off-the-radar to become
an electronic DJ, mostly in local UK nightclubs.

Her Twitter bio describes her as a "forward thinking mixer of all things electronic".

Joanne Guest - forced to sell knickers on eBay

Starting out as a Page 3 girl, Joanne Guest starred in photoshoots with Katie Price and became a favourite with
lads' mags, thanks to her quirky short blonde hair and tomboyish style.

Now aged 48, Jo has since starred in a few documentary-style shows for the Granada Men&Motors channel, such
as 'UK Babes Exposed' and 'Undressed with Guest'.

In 2007, she was devastatingly struck down with the chronic pain condition fibromyalgia.

With a bloated stomach and in constant pain, Jo gave up sex for more than a year and was forced to sell her used
knickers on eBay because she couldn't work.

She told This Morning at the time: "One day I tried to put on my favourite boots and couldn't zip them up - I
realised my calves were swollen.

"I thought maybe it was down to the change in my lifestyle."

Jo - who was eventually diagnosed with ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) and fibromyalgia - has since re-joined
Men&Motors, and stars on their YouTube channel.

Jodie Marsh - the bodybuilder

Former Page 3 girl Jodie started her career at the world-famous Stringfellows nightclub.

She went on to star in a number of reality TV shows, even marrying her model ex-husband, Matt Peacock, as part
of a reality series to find a husband. They split within months.

Years after debuting her famous outfit of just two studded straps over her breasts, Jodie, now 41, decided to turn
her attention to fitness and bodybuilding.

She's since won contests in LA and featured in TV shows about her bodybuilding. She also runs an online store
offering clothing, beauty products and personalised merchandise.

Leilani Dowding - professional show jumper

Leilani Dowding, who grew up in a Catholic household in Dorset, competed in Miss Universe and other pageants
before becoming a Page 3 model in 1999.

In 2005, she starred in a gladiators-style TV show alongside Big Brother's Kate Lawler. She moved to LA in 2007
and featured on dating show Tough Love Miami.

The horse-mad model, 40, has since competed in professional show-jumping competitions and spends a lot of her
spare time at the stables.

She also runs a clothing boutique and a real estate company in the Hollywood Hills.

Keeley Hazell - auditioned for Fifty Shades of Grey

Keeley Hazell was just 17 when she won a national 'Search for a Babe' competition, and fast became one of
Britain's top glamour models during the noughties.

The London-born brunette, now 33, commanded up to a whopping £30,000 for one photo shoot, before it was
slashed to £5,000 when the industry lost momentum.

Her final appearance on Page 3 was in 2009.

Keeley has since moved to Hollywood to pursue her acting dreams, auditioning for the role of Anastasia Steele in
Fifty Shades of Grey before it was given to Dakota Johnson.

In 2012, she played a supporting role in the British gangster film St George's Day, then in 2016, she was cast as
'Violet' in channel 4's popular satire The Royals.

In 2018, she took out dual US-UK nationality to further her film career.
She said at the time: "I love living in LA, and I have been fortunate to secure acting roles and modelling contracts. Dual citizenship means I can explore career options in both countries."

Nicola McLean - the reality star

Stunning blonde Nicola McLean appeared regularly on Page 3 between 1999 and 2004, but chose to retire after giving birth to her first son in 2006.

In a poll, readers voted her as their fourth favourite Page 3 girl of all time, ahead of the likes of Samantha Fox and Katie Price - with whom she had a tense rivalry.

After throwing the towel in for glamour modelling, Nicola became a reality TV star, starring with Joe Swash in the I'm A Celeb jungle in 2008 and Big Brother in 2012 and 2017.

The 38-year-old, who is an avid supporter of animal charity PETA, married footballer Tom Williams in 2009 and they have two sons - Rocky and Striker.

They briefly split when Tom cheated on her in Las Vegas in 2014, but reunited a year later.

Geri Halliwell - the Spice Girl

Before she found fame with hit girl band The Spice Girls, Geri Halliwell, dubbed Ginger Spice, posed for a series of racy glamour shots.

She also posed for Page 3 in 1990 - just four years before she was discovered by music label Heart Management and joined the Spice Girls.

The group became the most successful British pop band since The Beatles, with their first album selling more than 30 million copies.

In later years, the band split and Geri launched a solo career.

Now 47, she had a string of high-profile relationships with stars like Robbie Williams and David Walliams before meeting her husband, Formula One boss Christian Horner.

The couple have a son, three-year-old Montague, and a daughter, Bluebell, 13, from Geri's previous relationship with screenwriter Sacha Gervasi.

In recent years, the once-outspoken Spice has enjoyed spending time at home with her children, often sharing snaps of her bakes in her family kitchen.

Last year, she took to the stage again for the Spice Girls reunion tour.

As of this year, Geri is said to have amassed a personal fortune of more than £50 million.

Jayne Middlemiss - the yoga bunny

Model-turned-TV-presenter Jayne landed a spot on Page 3 in the nineties. She then struck the big time after landing a presenting gig on Top of the Pops and on Radio 1.

Already a hit on mainstream TV, Jayne went on to famously star in 2005's Celebrity Love Island alongside Calum Best and Rebecca Loos.

She won the show, despite crying 27 times during the series.

Jayne, 49, also won Celebrity MasterChef in 2009 - but has been off-the-radar since then.

On Twitter, she details her love of yoga, and has described herself as a "music obsessed spiritual junkie" and "a yogini truth seeker", whatever that means...
Radio Nova 100FM @ 10-May-20 16:29 - (breast)

O’Connor loses Sunday sessions here we go now we’ve been concentrating a lot on Charlie’s over the last week because it’s a really big it’s a new world for charities at Goodwood the charity breast Cancer Ireland the CEO’s Aisling Hurley and she’s on Skype right now how I Aisling great location gives a quick backward into breast cancer breast Cancer Ireland a charity

OK so breast Cancer Ireland was established back in 2012 at a time when we really wanted to see if we could make a difference when we realised we possibly could get to the point very reaching a cure the cure for cancer hazard billion permutations of the disease we want to see if we could transform it from also be fatal currently we have about

690 deaths annually for breast cancer if we could transform that into a treatable long-term illness I often equated to the likes of no cholesterol you take a look at what we keep your cholesterol through what we can do with breast cancer and we are making huge headway but there is that is well mean statistically over the last number of years it is

becoming a treatable manageable illness as opposed Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, CEO Aisling Hurley, Great Pink Run.
Manchester United in battle to keep star after the return of the Premier League

The striker joined the club on a temporary basis on the final day of the January transfer window as a cover for the injured Marcus Rashford.

The Nigerian has gone on to make a number of appearances for the Manchester outfit, though all of his starts have come in the FA Cup and Europa League.

Ighalo’s loan deal is set to end on June 30 and the halt of football around Europe has meant that the season will now stretch right on until August at the earliest.

According to Sky Sports, his parent club Shanghai Shenhua will only let United keep Ighalo if they sign him on a permanent deal.

If Ole Gunnar Solskjaer’s side aren’t willing to cough up over €20 million for his services, then the 30-year-old will be heading back to China in time for the new Chinese Super League season in July.

The former Watford striker has other suitors as the new incoming leadership at Newcastle are also reportedly interested in signing him up.

Ighalo stated in April that he knows of no ‘offer on the table’ regarding an extension to his stay at the club he supported as a child.

His current contract with the Chinese outfit runs until December 2022 but the club are keen to keep him until 2024.
Cancer, Covid-19 and cocooning... my story

It’s almost a year since Helen Cuddigan was diagnosed with breast cancer. Here she gives us an update on the past 12 months.

My Cancer Journey

In early July, 2019, I found a lump in my left breast. I immediately went to my GP who referred me to the rapid access clinic in the CUCH. Within two weeks, on July 16, I was diagnosed with ductal breast cancer and started chemotherapy two weeks later.

My treatment schedule, under the watchful eye of Professor Seamus O’Reilly, consisted of eight sessions of chemotherapy for my fight and my prognosis was excellent, largely because I acted so quickly... so, I was one of the lucky ones.

Undoubtedly, both the diagnosis and the treatment were still scary, but having seen my little sister and cousins bravely come through after experiencing the same journey, I decided to face the first hurdle, literally, head first.

I visited The Wig Clinic in Cork city to have my long, redish curls chopped pixie style to curb the inevitable stress of falling out in lengthy clumps when the treatment started. After a little cry, I felt liberated and in control... the Gin & Tonic hairdresser Vicky sent for certainly helped too.

There is no doubt — chemotherapy is harsh on the body — and I have a detailed diary of how I was feeling after it. This helped me prepare for the next session and I learnt to manage my symptoms a little. At least I knew what to expect.

The Chemotherapy team at the Dunmanway Day Unit at CUCH were a delight to meet with and made having to be there so much more bearable.

Throughout my chemotherapy, I was able to continue working at Ballymaloe House in my part-time role as marketing support. On a two-week cycle, I was wiped out during a treatment week, but was generally well enough during week two to go into the office.

So, there was a plan in place, and my Ballymaloe family being part of it, made it so much easier for me. They may not realise until now just how incredibly grateful I am for the love, support and strength they gave me throughout this scary journey.

The Daffodil Centre at CUCH and ARC were with me every step of the way and provided an invaluable source of information, guidance and comfort. The Daffodil Centre introduced me to the charity ‘Look Good, Feel Good’ when I was losing my hair, eyebrows and eyelashes. I attended one of their make-up lessons and learned that making an effort to look good made me feel better inside and outside.

The cosmetic companies who support this charity have brought smiles of pride to cancer patients and their families.

In October, 2019, halfway through my treatment, with a lot of help from some great friends, we held a ‘Wig & Teal Bash’ at the Blackbird in Ballycotton to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer Ireland.

This was something I had wanted to do long before my own diagnosis, in memory of my beautiful friend and RCI ambassador Emma Hannigan. The night was a huge success, great fun and a welcome distraction. Emma would have loved it too — I ended up being the only one on the dance floor without a wig (or hair) at the end of the night.

For the outside world, I teamworked up my outfits with a colourful selection of matching skull caps (I never did manage to come to terms with wearing a wig). Lipstick, and nail varnish to hide the black and blue nails, and a big smile and my ‘big girl pants’ (just as my good friend Emma Hannigan would have advocated) and got on with life as normal.

My chemo came to an end in late November, and thanks to the huge support I’d received in so many ways, my battle against breast cancer had been won.

The next stage in my journey was a double mastectomy to reduce the risk of the cancer reoccurring and I lay out a sigh of relief when Professor Barry Mark Corrigan, who had been so supportive throughout my treatment, informed me that the operation was booked for after Christmas, on Thursday, January 9.

Life appeared to be getting back to a regular ‘normal’ routine. And there was a cancer-free Christmas and New Year to look forward to.

Having always been a positive, half glass full kind of person, my cup was now overflowing. I was grateful for everything and everyone in my life, especially my incredible partner Michael and children Louis and Matilda.

Getting back to a new reality

All of a sudden, out of the blue I hit a slump. Without the regular support of the medical staff, the routine of chemo and/or a pending operation, I felt paralysed by a dark ‘what now’ and ‘what the hell was that’ feeling.

The realisation that my mortality had been threatened began to haunt me, and the guilt of having got away with it, being one of the ‘lucky ones’, consumed me.

I experienced both feelings in equally dark ways, they felt real. It was at this point that I uncovered just how important ARC was. I rang them and they encouraged me to come in right away. They immediately understood the way I was feeling. I felt so relieved. Feeling understood and ‘normal’ was such a comfort.

I was offered counselling and touch therapies and discovered acupuncture with Cleghorn at ARC. I began to feel centred again and prepared for my mastectomy.

Cleghorn suggested some acupuncture the day before the operation to keep me calm and I floated into the procedure, just as Cleghorn said I would.

The operation was a success, I woke up with new double Do and was minded by an incredible healthcare team for 12 days at Cork University Hospital. Having been involved in organising the annual Ballycotton RNL Lifeboat Gala dinner at Ballymaloe House for the past seven years, I was adamant that I and my new double Do would be at the gala dinner on January 21. The Great Gatsby-themed event was already a sell-out success and my tickets were paid for, in full confidence that I would be at the event.

Although my operation was postponed by a week, the event helped me focus on a speedy recovery. We made it to the hall and a record breaking €20,000 was raised for Ballycotton Lifeboat (RNLJ), thanks to Ballymaloe and
A health scare during Covid-19

One recent day in the week I was getting back on track again, and I was feeling well inside and out, despite a small mastectomy wound infection. I was coming to terms with my newly sculpted body as well.

Then the Coronavirus struck. Suddenly, everyone’s health was at risk and people’s mortality was threatened. Being immunocompromised, I was advised to take extra precautions.

With Ballymaloe House closing its doors as part of the government’s Covid-19 guidelines in mid-March, Our Ballymaloe family was separated and work gone, and the world as we knew it changed instantly.

Mother’s Day was our last family lockdown day out. I made a bacon and eggie picnic and we headed to Knocknadon for a Sunday stroll. It was a day of blissful sunshine and there were only a handful of other walkers around sharing socially acceptable space. With muffled greetings through scarfs. It was a memorable outing and could very easily have been our last.

The next morning I woke with pain in my back and shortness of breath. I thought I might have pulled a muscle or perhaps the walk had just taken its toll on my weakened body. Both symptoms became progressively worse and I rang Dr. McCarthy, who came by on a trial visit the next morning. I spent a restless night fighting for comfort and saw the nurse first thing Tuesday morning for bloods.

By 5:30pm that evening I was in agony and struggling to breathe. Michael rang Dr. McCarthy and he rushed over, calling in ambulance on the way. The blood results had come back and, they confirmed what I was already experiencing: a Pulmonary Embolism (a blood clot in the lung) which required urgent hospitalisation.

It was a petrifying experience, but despite my own pain and blinding fear, I looked at Michael and the kids, desperately wanting to reassure them that I would be OK. The ambulance arrived and the two ambulance men were masked, gloved and gloved up.

Following Covid-19 protocol, I had to say goodbye to my family and was taken to the ambulance in a wheelchair, surrounded by various forms of negative customer service thoughts your mind at a moment like this. Painfully aware that the Coronavirus was just starting to become a challenge for Ireland and our healthcare workers, I felt I was wasting their time. I did not want to be a burden.

However, in reality, my situation was life-threatening. I was in CUL for a week, receiving treatment for the clot and IV antibiotics for my ongoing breast infection. I spent two days of this time in Coronavirus isolation (where I learnt what it truly was to be isolated), whilst anxious about my negative Covid test result.

I was not presenting any symptoms (apart from a headache) but the test was mandatory for admission and necessary before they could put me in the CT machine and confirm on X-ray that I was clear.

It was a surreal week at CUL. Being the first of the official national ‘lockdowns’, my ward was quiet and absolutely no visitors were permitted. The incredible HSE nurses, doctors, carers, cleaners and carers were working hard and implementing new hygiene routines and adapting to work behind PPE - not an easy task. Taking bloods when your face mask is shiny and gloves impeding your natural instinct to find a suitable vein, was certainly a challenge.

Home exactly a week later and desperate to embrace my family, I was exhausted and emotional, but so delighted to be home. The fact the country was in ‘lockdown’ had no personal impact on me, with my body being in recovery I was incapable of doing much anyway.

Friends, family and left meals, flowers and treats on our doorstep and I yielded to relaxing, healing and cocooning. Every now and then, when I caught the news, I was overcome by the surreal sense of the world stopping. I made me uneasy and fearful for everyone’s health and vulnerability.

Cancer is a bitch, evil and indiscriminate, but the Coronavirus appeared to be all that and more, cruel and more aggressive. Each day, the death toll chillingly reported, the transmission and identification of the virus, a mystery. It is affecting us all, whether you have it or not.

Cancer, on the other hand, affects you and your friends, family and colleagues, but the world does still keep on turning, which, to be honest, I found an absolute blessing. It normalized things for me.

Two days after getting home, I saw my plastic surgeon. Monday’s bad news, he was clearly devastated to have to tell me that, due to the ongoing infection, the left implant had been compromised and would need unfortunately to be removed immediately.

Aber characterising situation and another threat. The next morning, but due to the clot I had and the blood thinner treatment, it would be too dangerous to put me to sleep for surgery. I was deemed ready to be done under a local anaesthetic.

I arrived early at the South Infirmary Hospital, feeling anxious but surprisingly calm due to the strength of confidence I had in my surgical team. It was everything that this infection had occurred, but no one’s fault. As the left breast had been where my cancer was, the mastectomy procedure had been more aggressive.

Walking into an operating theatre and placing myself on the table was a new experience, I imagined myself at the dentist, having an implant extracted rather than a tooth.

Mr O’Brien and his team kept me informed and comfortable throughout and reassured me that although I had understood it to be a challenge, eradicating the infection was the priority, and the implant would be replaced once I was well enough.

I was home that afternoon and I contacted the Daffodil Centre at CUL that evening.

Taming Covid-19 restrictions into account, Yvonne at The Daffodil Centre still wanted no home in booking me in for a prosthesis fitting but took the procedure was set for the next morning was feeling. A week later I met her and left with a new left breast and two pretty bras and a whole lot more confidence to face the world with my new shape.

Looking to the future

It has been just over a month since the ambulance took me to CUL. We all live in a different world now, and I feel like I am in a very different place in the world too. I have learnt to overcome health and physical challenges and have been forced to consider my own mortality and life.

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Helen Cuddigan at Ballymaloe House before her treatment. Picture: Brian Loughheed
Helen Caddiga, who featured in our WOW! supplement last year when she and friends hosted a WIG and TASH bash at The Blackbird in Ballycotton.

Picture: Howard Crowley
Cancer, Covid-19 and cocooning... my story

It's almost a year since Helen Cuddigan was diagnosed with breast cancer. Here she gives us an update on the past 12 months

MY NAME is Helen and I live in the beautiful East Cork fishing village of Ballycotton. I have been cocooning, and have been off the social radar since the Covid-19 bomb dropped on the Irish hospitality world in the middle of March.

It's a situation far from ideal for someone in the privileged position of marketing Ireland’s Original Country House Hotel, Ballymaloe House.

However, it is not only Covid-19 that has kept me from my work. I want to share my story to raise awareness of, and funds for, two incredible support organisations we are lucky enough to have in Cork: The Daffodil Centre (The Irish Cancer Society’s regional information and support centre) and ARC (Cancer Support Centre).

Secondly, I would like to emphasise just how important it is to seek medical assistance despite Covid-19, for non-Covid-19 emergencies. Your life might depend on it, and my story tells you why.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank my Ballymaloe family and all my family and friends for the incredible support they have shown me throughout my personal health struggles.

My Cancer Journey

In early July, 2019, I found a lump in my left breast. I immediately went to my GP who referred me to the rapid access clinic in the CUH. Within two weeks, on July 16, I was diagnosed with ductal breast cancer and started chemotherapy two weeks later.

My treatment schedule, under the watchful eye of Professor Seamus O’Reilly, consisted of eight sessions of chemotherapy fortnightly and my prognosis was excellent, largely because I acted so quickly… so, I was one of the lucky ones.

Understandably, both the diagnosis and the treatment were still scary, but having seen my little sister and cousin bravely come through after experiencing the same journey, I decided to face the first hurdle, literally, head first.

I visited The Wig Clinic in Cork city to have my long, red(ish) curls chopped pixie style to curb the inevitable stress of it falling out in lengthy clumps when the treatment started.

After a little cry, I felt liberated and in control… the Gin & Tonic hairdresser Vicky sent for certainly helped too!

There is no doubt — chemotherapy is harsh on the body — and I kept a detailed diary of how I was feeling after it. This helped me prepare for the next session and I learnt to manage my symptoms a little. At least I knew what to expect.

The Chemotherapy team at the Dunmanway Day Unit at CUH were a delight to meet with and made having to be there so much more bearable.

Throughout my chemotherapy, I was able to continue working at Ballymaloe House in my part-time role as marketing support. On a two-week cycle, I was wiped out during a treatment week, but was generally well enough during week two to go into the office.

So, there was a plan in place, and my Ballymaloe family being part of it, made it so much easier for me. They may not realise until now just how incredibly grateful I am for the love, support and strength they gave me throughout this scary journey.

The Daffodil Centre at CUH and ARC were with me every step of the way and provided an invaluable source of information, guidance and comfort. The Daffodil Centre introduced me to the charity ‘Look Good, Feel Good’ when I was losing my hair, eyebrows and eyelashes. I attended one of their make-up lessons and learned that making an effort to look good made me feel better inside and outside.

The cosmetic companies who support this charity have brought smiles of pride to cancer patients and their families!

In October, 2019, halfway through my treatment, with a lot of help from some great friends, we held a ‘Wig & Tash Bash’ at The Blackbird in Ballycotton to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer Ireland.

This was something I had wanted to do long before my own diagnosis, in memory of my beautiful friend and BCI ambassador Emma Hannigan. The night was a huge success, great fun and a welcome distraction. Emma would have loved it too — I ended up being the only one on the dance floor without a wig (or hair) at the end of the night.
For the outside world, I teamed up my outfits with a colourful selection of matching skull caps (I never did manage to come to terms with wearing a wig), lipstick, and nail varnish to hide the black and blue nails, and a big smile and my ‘big girl pants’ (just as my good friend Emma Hannigan would have advocated) and got on with ‘life as normal’.

My chemo came to an end in late November, and thanks to the huge support I’d received in so many ways, my battle against breast cancer had won.

The next stage in my journey was a double mastectomy to reduce the risk of the cancer reoccurring and I let out a sigh of relief when Professor Mark Corrigan, who had been so supportive throughout my treatment, informed me that the operation was booked for after Christmas, on Thursday, January 9.

Life appeared to be getting back to a regular ‘normal’ routine. And there was a cancer-free Christmas and New Year to look forward to.

Having always been a positive, half glass full kind of person, my cup was now overflowing. I was grateful for everything and everyone in my life, especially my incredible partner Michael and children Louis and Matilda.

Getting back to a new reality

All of a sudden, out of the blue I hit a slump. Without the regular supports of the medical staff, the routine of chemo and/or a pending operation, I felt paralysed by a dark ‘what now’ and ‘what the hell was that’ feeling!

The realisation that my mortality had been threatened began to haunt me, and the guilt of having got away with it, being one of the ‘lucky ones’, consumed me.

I experienced both feelings in equally dark ways, they felt real. It was at this point that I discovered just how important ARC was. I rang them and they encouraged me to come in right away. They immediately understood the way I was feeling, I felt so relieved. Feeling understood and ‘normal’ was such a comfort.

I was offered counselling and touch therapies and discovered acupuncture with Clodagh at ARC. I began to feel centred again and prepared for my mastectomy.

Clodagh suggested some acupuncture the day before the operation to keep me calm and I floated into the procedure, just as Clodagh said I would.

The operation was a success. I woke up with new double Ds and was minded by an incredible healthcare team for 12 days at Cork University Hospital. Having been involved in organising the annual Ballycotton RNLI Fundraising Gala dinner at Ballymaloe House for the past seven years, I was adamant that I and my new double Ds would be at the Gala dinner on January 31. The Great Gatsby-themed event was already a sell-out success and my tickets were paid for, in full confidence that I would be at the event.

Although my operation was postponed by a week, the event helped me focus on a speedy recovery. We made it to the ball and a record breaking €20,000 was raised for Ballycotton Lifeboat (RNLI), thanks to Ballymaloe and many sponsors’ generosity and the newly appointed dream organisational committee and 130 guests.

A health scare during Covid-19

Once more, it felt like life was getting back on track again, and I was healing well inside and out, despite a small mastectomy wound infection. I was coming to terms with my newly sculpted body as well.

Then the Coronavirus struck. Suddenly, everyone’s health was at risk and people’s mortality was threatened. Being immunocompromised, I was advised to take extra precautions.

With Ballymaloe House closing its doors as part of the government’s Covid-19 guidelines in mid-March, our Ballymaloe family was separated and work gone, and the world as we knew it changed instantly.

Mother’s Day was our last family pre-lockdown day out. I made a bacon and egg pie picnic and we headed to Knockadoon for a Sunday stroll. It was a day of blistering sunshine and there were only a handful of other walkers around sharing socially acceptable space, with muffled greetings through scarfs. It was a memorable outing and could very easily have been our last.

The next morning I woke with pain in my back and shortness of breath. I thought I might have pulled a muscle or perhaps the walk had just taken its toll on my weakened body. Both symptoms became progressively worse and I rang my GP, Dr Sean McCarthy, who suggested a blood test the next morning. I spent a restless night fighting for comfort and saw the nurse first thing Tuesday morning for bloods.

By 5.30pm that evening I was in agony and struggling to breathe. Michael rang Dr McCarthy and he raced over, calling an ambulance on the way. The blood results had come back and he was fairly certain I was experiencing a Pulmonary Embolism (a blood clot in the lung) which required urgent hospitalisation.

It was a petrifying experience, but despite my own pain and blinded by fear, I looked at Michael and the kids, desperately wanting to reassure them that I would be OK. The ambulance arrived and the two ambulance men were masked, gowned and gloved up.

Following Covid-19 protocol, I had to say my goodbyes to my family and was taken to the ambulance for assessment. All sorts of strange thoughts flood your mind at a moment like this. Painfully aware that the Coronavirus was just starting to become a challenge for Ireland and our healthcare workers, I felt I was wasting their time. I did not want to be a burden.
However, in reality, my situation was life-threatening. I was in CUH for a week, receiving treatment for the clot and IV antibiotics for my ongoing breast infection. I spent two days of this time in Coronavirus isolation (where I learnt what it truly was to be isolated!), whilst awaiting my negative Coronavirus test result.

I was not presenting any symptoms (apart from shortness of breath) but the test was mandatory for admission and necessary before they could put me in the CT machine and confirm a considerable clot on the lung.

It was a surreal week at CUH. Being the first of the official national ‘lockdowns’, my ward was quiet and absolutely no visitors were permitted. The incredible HSE nurses, doctors, carers, cleaners and caterers were learning and implementing new hygiene routines and adapting to work behind PPE — not an easy task. Taking bloods when your face mask is steaming up your goggles, and gloves impeding your natural instinct to find a suitable vein, was clearly a challenge.

Home exactly a week later and desperate to embrace my family, I was exhausted and emotional, but so delighted to be home. The fact the country was in ‘lockdown’ had no personal impact on me, with my body being in recovery I was incapable of doing much anyway.

Friends and family united and left meals, cake, flowers and treats on our doorstep and I yielded to relaxing, healing and cocooning. Every now and then, when I caught the news, I was overcome by the surreal sense of the world stopping with me. It made me uneasy and fearful for everyone’s health and vulnerability.

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Two days after getting home, I saw my plastic surgeon Mr O’Brion. More bad news, he was clearly devastated to have to tell me that, due to the ongoing infection, the left implant had been compromised and would need unfortunately to be removed immediately.

Another challenging situation and another few tears. The procedure was set for the next morning, but due to the clot I had and the blood thinner treatment, it would be too dangerous to put me to sleep. The implant removal would be done under a local anaesthetic.

I arrived early at the South Infirmary Hospital, feeling anxious but surprisingly calm due to the strength of confidence I had in my surgical team. It was unfortunate that this infection had occurred, but no one’s fault. As the left breast had been where my cancer was, the mastectomy procedure had been more aggressive.

Walking into an operating theatre and placing myself on the table was a new experience. I imagined myself at the dentist, having an implant extracted rather than a tooth.

Mr O’Brion and his team kept me informed and comfortable throughout and reassured me that although having one breast would understandably be an emotional challenge, eradicating the infection was the priority, and the implant could be replaced in time.

I was home that afternoon and I contacted the Daffodil Centre at CUH that evening.

Taking Covid-19 restrictions into account, Yvonne at The Daffodil Centre still wasted no time in booking me in for a prosthesis bra fitting and took the time to let me speak about how I was feeling. A week later I met her and left with a new left breast and two pretty bras and a whole lot more confidence to face the world with my new shape.

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The Marble City Cyclers became the latest club to issue a cancellation notice as they called off the Tour de Kilkenny charity cycle.

"Marble City Cyclers are sorry to announce the cancellation of the 2020 Tour de Kilkenny," they said in a statement released online.

"The health and safety of the public is at the forefront of our minds. Unfortunately, to host an event of this nature is not possible with the Covid-19 restrictions.

"MCC thank you for your support," the club added. "We will look forward to next year’s event and hope that you will join us when the time is right for our annual fundraiser.

"For now, wishing you all health and, of course, happy miles."

The Tour has been a popular event on the cycling calendar over the last 11 years and has raised more than €130,000 for charities including Samaritans, Irish Pilgrimage Trust, Breast Cancer Ireland, New Ross Meals on Wheels and The Watergarden Thomastown.

The Tour featured 44km, 77km, 110km and 160km routes, making it a great day for cyclists of all abilities.

The cancellation of the Tour De Kilkenny means the county has lost both of its summer cycling events. The Kells Kings Challenge, a fundraiser for Cois Nore, was also called off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

TRIATHLON

News of sporting cancellations has also affected the Kilkenny Triathlon Club, who have been forced to scrap their triathlon for 2020.

The event, which would have seen triathletes from all over Ireland flock to the city to swim in the Nore, cycle out into the county and run through Kilkenny Castle Park, was cancelled after it fell inside the lockdown timeframe set in place by Triathlon Ireland.

"It remains Triathlon Ireland’s plan to commence the triathlon season in July, subject to approval by Sport Ireland and the Government," said a KTC spokesperson. "As this date is July 20, and our Club Triathlon was due to be held on July 19, our Club Triathlon for this year is cancelled."

News of the cancellation was a bitter blow for the Triathlon Club, who were also forced to cancel their Duathlon in April as the country entered into the early stages of lockdown.
Are you using the best netwrap to improve your bottom line?

For those of us that make bales, no matter whether it’s for ourselves or contract work for others, do we ever consider the parts of the process that come together to create the goal? The food value of the bale?

After all, it is easy to forget, the sole purpose of making round bales is either to feed an animal or give it a bed on which to lie.

It could be argued that this ‘process’ could include everything that is needed to make the bale, the baler, the tractor to pull it, even the fertiliser for the crop at the right time.

All are elements of the process of good bale making. Get one or more wrong and the finely balanced operation begins to lose its focus, bringing compromises to what will ultimately result in lower quality forage.

Of all the elements in this process, some may be seen as only temporary or a necessary commodity needed to do the job. After all what good is the baler, the tractor to pull it, the driver to manage it all, if there’s no netwrap in the baler?

Fundamental elements

The netwrap is one of the most fundamental elements of the operation, yet, ironically, its relatively low purchase price could confer on it less importance than it justly deserves. Buy it, use it, don’t think twice about, is often the attitude – yet this is so wrong.

The majority of round baling is done by contract-operated balers, which easily reach upwards of 10,000 bales per year, per baler; now think of how many bales will be made in the life-time of the baler?

The numbers begin to stack up. With a five-year replacement, that baler will easily have netwrap to the same value as the baler. Think of that, the same value of the baler spent on the “consumable commodity”.

There is more to the choice of netwrap than simply trying to buy the cheapest. In fact, this product, love it or hate it, follows the old wives’ tale “buy cheap, buy twice”. In other words, a little time spent considering the value of what you are purchasing instead of the cost of the item, will pay handsome dividends.

A netwrap that gives poor cover will not make a good silage bale. The air trapped within the exposed shoulders compromise a good fermentation, delivering a bale that is below what it could have been in feed value.

You may know all of this or, perhaps, you are one of the professional users that fully understand the points. It is for this reason that such an important element of the process is close to the heart of the country’s leading netwrap supplier.

Tama ASSIST

Tama Group has pioneered the way in the business of highlighting and improving ways to increase forage value.

Far from just being a maker of netwrap and twine, Tama goes much deeper in trying to find a way to achieve what the farmer really needs from a silage bale, with a level of knowledge that no other producer can bring, as Tama employees farm themselves, have their own balers and their own dairy and beef herds.

Added to this, its close joint R&D co-operation with all the leading baler manufacturers, means it has a good understanding of what you need.

Furthermore, the company has a strong presence on helping the customer before, during and after using its products. Not just “here today – gone until next season”, Tama ASSIST is a part of Tama Group that is designed, as the name suggests, to give support where and when required.

This may be in understanding more about the products you need and what makes them more suited to your operation, to looking for help with an in-field hold-up. Tama has opened up its knowledge banks for you to take advantage of.

The very comprehensive on-line site contains information on all three product lines – netwrap, stretchfilm and twine – with countless gems of knowledge, insight and help.

Tama ASSIST also extends to troubleshooting and direct on-farm support, when required, from the fully trained regional technical team in Ireland led by Ray Fletcher. Contact Ray on: 087-9144244.

Try to re-consider the importance of the role of Netwrap you purchase; think of the cost versus the value it can bring to your business.
Whether you are a farmer and want trouble-free baling, making exceptional bales, or a high-volume operator, where time saving and a good-job left behind is a must, knowing how much you can add to your bottom line by not throwing it away at the top.

Less downtime; greater productivity

“I had been using a standard 7,200ft twine in the past and tried the Tama 9,600ft when it first arrived on the market,” said Stephen Eustace, from Tullow, Co. Carlow.

After testing I immediately moved to using the 9,600ft all the time. I found that the twine ran a lot better through the knotters and knots pulled tighter quicker so there were no more slipped knots.

“Even when joining the twine in the twine box the twine knotted better and there were no longer any problems with knots opening due to vibrations.

“Also, the benefits of having longer spools means that I have to carry less twine which results in less downtime loading twine.”

Tommy Whiteside of Whiteside Agri Contracts in Greysteel, Co. Derry, is a large contractor who has been using TamaNet+ 3600 for many years and is looking forward to 2020 with Tama netting.

Tommy has grown with Tama through the years and now sees the benefits of Tama’s consistency and reliability with increased quality and strength.

“Tama netting has given me the peace of mind that allows me to continue with trouble-free baling and produce the same consistently perfect bales each time. It is hassle free and maintains a tight and well packed bale in all weather conditions,” said Tommy.

“At present, I am using Tama Edge to Edge 3,600m which is excellent; it leads to less downtime and greater productivity.”

‘Thing of the past’

Neilus O’Connor lives in North Kerry and has been using Tama net for the past 10 seasons.

“In the past, I used cheaper nets which resulted in a lot of downtime with a mix of problems. Since switching to Tama Edge to Edge problems of burst bales and net not spreading is a thing of the past,” said Neilus.

Neilus O’Connor pictured with Mike Murphy, commercial manager Tama Ireland

“Tama has been proactive with its support and in developing a quality product for Irish conditions.”

In 2015, Neilus was delighted to have the opportunity to use the Pink Tama Edge to Edge in support of Breast Cancer Ireland,

“This is a positive step in the fight against breast cancer. Breast cancer has affected the lives of so many families and we are delighted to support this fundraising campaign in conjunction with Tama.”

Additional information

To find out further information on Tama and its product range, go online or simple click here

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Have a bad day that there are more good than bad you and that's good news to hear you you spent 5 and a half weeks in hospital Yeah for you have 40 operations yet and all that it did did did you get flashbacks or are you or are you on the road to a emotional freedom if you like been quite lucky in that sense not needed any psychological help anything my Bath and thus far I mean I don't know what will happen in the future

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it's really good to talk to wish you and your sister and your Mommy that the very best of luck and Neil's family to thank you for your time today thank herein lies dodgy Fail loses their remarkable story is not dead she is the author of a book about her life story and that of the event what makes us stronger than a book by Freya Lewis site I did enjoy it that's right we're talking to her but she was a

smart and and strong and that's what we want in the world what we need in 1.1 5.1 and a point apart the story was fray saying her worst injury was losing l of particular John made his snarling angry and Shannon Dublin said I'm in tears this is a beautiful young girl so sad to hear about the loss of male another says what a beautiful girl she is everyone in tears listening my two girls 13 16 at the time went to see Ariana Grande the previous Saturday in the 3Arena when I heard the news early on Tuesday morning it felt so close to home and they're completely to a carriage to target young innocent kids in such barbaric way hope she continues her road to recovery thank you indeed for those with back with more after this Kathleen was 83 when she died as expected she look after her family in her will she also did something truly amazing she gave vulnerable children hope despairing discouraged and worried father's optimism how it simple she included goal in a will you can do something truly amazing visit go global .ie and discover how you all will can really change lives might not be able To fight these days but there's a whirls just outside your window this June Bank Holiday Sunday RTE and Bord Bia Bloom are asking everyone to tell whether you have a Grand garden and patio balcony winning windows let off balloons together and share your photos videos tips and messages with the nation by using the hashtag RTE Christmas special prizes up for grabs and gloom with RTE Sunday 31st of May in partnership with Boyd be and Niall Carroll was on to say that they're doing a lovely their pleas from fundraising for breast Cancer Ireland down there with this the for Karen who is his wife and their amazing role model as he says himself and this is their organise community-based event few times over the last 5 years and now those houses carries going through breast cancer treatment the National so starts the first of June for 30 days to get as many people out jogging running or walkers young and old are coming at an ideal time for those Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, fundraising, Niall Carroll, Pink T-shirt.
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Today he’s doing our part in making the best of things. I thought Gosh energy we’re doing our part to with the best dual-fuel offer for gas and electricity at times like this. It helps if it’s Bord Gais energy or AAB 1431 EUR 3% electricity discounts & gas discounts with a 12 month contract and standard unit rates with direct debit and paperless billing. Early exit fees 15 Europe. Innovative standing charge. Apply prices valid today. May vary. See Bord Gais energy W free.

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Think Yeah do you mind him jet black jeans me Matt Damon memories do you really Maroon 5 memories on today FM welcome back to the zoo and chat educate text is the view there made me laugh welcome back to those in a few minutes’ time but now Kenya run or walk 100 k in 30 days for breast Cancer Ireland.

And to tell us more about it and about getting involved in his brilliant challenge is not a Carol from Blackrock County Louth now good afternoon Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, fundraising, Niall Carroll, Pink T-shirt, Blackrock County.
Today FM @ 26-May-20 12:40 - (breast)

At ISO and thank you and that today's chill to before that we had the academic anything could happen on today FM and not once mention that the Republic of a Republic of Ireland soccer manager Stephen Kenny is the master 400 k in 30 days everyone get involved is 25 EUR to register and all of that all 25 euro will go to breast Cancer Ireland so it's 100 k in 30 days dot ie and sunny today is walk Run 100 k in 30 days it's very very doable

AA carries a wonderful woman and so proud to call my friend car has done her 100 k of through her treatment she is wonder Woman and that's from Cathy her friend as that lovely mud 100 k in 30 days and will check in with Nile over 30 days and maybe some you can get in touch as well if you take part it now coming up after the break we have today is let her rip it's the kids are but the child the kid has already been picked so

don't text not talk to you very soon the last word on today FM with Matt Cooper join us just before 5 o'clock every Tuesday we will be discussing the latest in tech gadgets but Andy Donnellan Ireland has made I believe the best decision in regards to this regarding centralised or D centralised systems your data will not be stored by a government department by Health Agency PHA and the last word on Hey keep with masking pain and love flag and gay said in Tuesday's farming

Independent on the EU's new farm to fork from the deal will mean for farmers in property the return of traditional farmyard sales as a continuous work around the cover 19 restrict roots in business Farmers rights on CPO compensation for roads projects on the lamps that farming Independent real story is worth paying for the print subscriber at independent.ie 1940 in Oakpark our great granny Brett had 4 sons hungry than us so she set them to grind corn to feed the pigs which were raised in Kildimo Park a week two brothers John and Andy a still craft in some good Russian seaman Tipperary from field to file my great granny used to neck and then had some new twists like great Bernie didn't use me Thorpe Park meal rations and discuss a beautiful bouquet of flowers it can seem more than words ever carried to celebrate congratulate would just let someone know you are thinking

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June an apprentice boys misuse of your bacon sausage and a cheeky extravagance and what does the job like a supporting wall he's ever at Centra we're uniting Ireland builders with their breakfast chicken fillet rolls welcome back folks we've missed you too now Let's Get Ireland growing again Centra lives every day in these difficult times many businesses are still very much open for business we still need to communicate with their customers Radio can help right now it is playing an even bigger role keeping people in Ireland informed and entertained of the latest technology means that even with social distancing radio ads can still be made and broadcasts safely radio business as usual even when it's not business as for more information go to today FM .com /advertising it was redrawn

and Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, fundraising, Niall Carroll, Pink T-shirt, Stephen Kenny, 100k in 30 Days..
Dublin GAA clubs rally to the call

Everybody needs good neighbours! Raheny and Clontarf put any local rivalries to one side when they went more than the distance in their derby day duel like no other last Saturday.

In the end the clubs combined to cover over 70,000km in their #GoTheDistance joint fundraiser in aid of St Francis Hospice which by Monday evening had raise an incredible €95,000 and donations were still coming in (open until this coming Saturday).

Both clubs asked their members to #GoTheDistance in aid of St Francis Hospice in a challenge from 8am to 8pm in St Anne’s Park to see which club could walk/run/cycle/rollerblade the greater distance and in a tight finish a few late impact subs saw Raheny win in a photo-finish!

All ages and fitness levels were represented with Clontarf 11-month-old Cillian O'Keeffe, whose father Mick represented Raheny and Dublin as well winning Dublin senior football championships with his original club Kilmacud Crokes, the youngest participant and 88-years-young Aine O’Neill the oldest from Team Clontarf.

The real winner was the local sense of community and, of course, St Francis Hospice.

Dublin GAA has for many years engaged in fundraisers for St Francis Hospice with collections from match-day programmes as well as an annual coffee morning aiding their great cause.

Donations came be made until next Saturday at https://idonate.ie/GoTheDistanceForSFH

This Saturday Dublin LGFA referees group will take part in their charity 5k run with all proceeds going to St Francis Hospice. https://www.gofundme.com/f/dublin-lgfa-refs?

Ballinteer St John's club members fundraised for Pieta in their Run in Darkness and Light fundraiser last Saturday.

"At the end of an amazing 24-hours for BSJ and Pieta, we have exceeded €50,000 with more donations yet to be accounted for," reported Ballinteer St John's on facebook, "Incredible fundraising for this great cause. Well done to all our participants (over 1,750 of you) for the running, walking, cycling and of course generosity.

"We will share final figures during the week." https://www.gofundme.com/f/agqwb3-aib-together-fun...

Beann Eadair raised in excess of €20,000 for Jigsaw. Jigsaw is a free and confidential mental health support service for juvenile to young adults, aged 12-25.

"Our brillo mentors, seeing we were just shy of our final Jigsaw fundraising goal, did a whip around to get us over the big round number of €20,000 (€20,095 to be exact!). Speaks volumes. Phenomenal achievement for our little club. Little but mighty together," stated the Howth club on facebook.

Dublin senior footballers John and Paddy Small took to social media to thank all who contributed recently took part and/or donated in Ballymun Kickhams' sponsored cycle in aid of St Clare's Ward in Beaumont Hospital, in memory of their late father and Kickhams chairman Declan Small.

The highly successful initiative, with Declan's sons, Dublin footballers John and Paddy, taking a leading role, raised €31,171.50.

"Thank you to everyone who contributed to our funds for St Clare's Ward in Beaumont Hospital in memory of our dad, Declan. You are all incredibly generous," wrote elder brother John in his instagram post.

"It shows the esteem our dad was held in. The money will make a real difference to the ward that cared for him. Thanks again. The Small family."
Images of the Day

RUFF RIDING: A man cycles to Dollymount with a dog on his back in Dublin. Photograph: Dara Mac Dónaill/The Irish Times

RUN AND JUMP: Cousins Scott Moran (11), Craig Donnelly (11) and Sean Jacob (11) having some summer fun on the pier in Wicklow Town. Photograph: Nick Bradshaw/The Irish Times

BEACH VISIT: From left to right; Katelyn Hurley (10), India-Rose Hurley (5) and Tegan Hurley (9) all from Crumlin enjoying the good weather on Sandymount Strand, Dublin. Photograph: Gareth Chaney/Collins

FAMILY VISIT: Sean Foley, a client at Oaklodge Nursing Home in Cloyne, Co Cork is visited by his daughter Mary and grandchildren Eabha and Roisin. Photograph: Michael Mac Sweeney/Provision

PROTEST: Ania Bialocka (left) and Stephen Laidlaw, (right), joined other Debenhams workers protesting outside the Bank of Ireland, on College Green, Dublin. Photograph: Dara Mac Dónaill/The Irish Times

COMMITEE: Tadhg Daly Nursing Homes Ireland arriving at the Dáil for the special committee on Covid-19 response. Photograph: Nick Bradshaw/The Irish Times

HIGH KICK: TaeKwon-Do world champion Ciara Fitzsimons practices in Rivervalley Park, Swords, Dublin. Photograph: Ryan Byrne/Inpho

SLIPPERY FISH: Edwin Poots trying his best to hold onto a trout on his visit to Movanagher Fish Farm on Tuesday. Photograph: Justin Kernoghan

100K: Republic of Ireland soccer manager Stephen Kenny, Niall Carroll and his wife and breast cancer survivor Cara McAdam at the launch of of 100k in 30 Days for Breast Cancer Ireland at Priests Beach, Blackrock, Co Louth. To register go to 100kin30days.ie.

LIVESTREAM: Mezzo soprano Tara Erraught and pianist Dearbhla Collins on the stage of the National Concert Hall rehearsing in advance of their performance this Friday at 8pm as part of the NCH Livestream Series, sponsored by Davy. The concert will be streamed live from the NCH and is available to view worldwide on the National Concert Hall's YouTube channel, NCH Facebook and also on rte.ie. Photograph: Mark Stedman

VISIT: Mariette, a resident of the Christalain residence gets prepared by caregivers before the arrival of her daughter Patricia for a visit at Residence Christalain in Brussels, Belgium on Monday. Visits to the interior of the rest home are permitted since May 11th. There are still rest and care homes that do not accept any visits to the interior of the residence. Photograph: Stephanie Lecocq/EPA

CHURCH REOPENED: An Orthodox priest sits in the grotto of Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity following its reopening as Palestinian authorities eased coronavirus restrictions in the occupied West Bank, on May 26th. Photograph: Musa al-Shaer/AFP via Getty

RELEASED PRISONERS: Taliban prisoners stop a local taxi after their release from the Bagram prison, as they arrive in the city of Kabul on May 26th. Afghan authorities plan to release 900 more Taliban prisoners on May 26th, as calls grow for the militants to extend a ceasefire on its third and final day. Photograph: Wakil Kohsar/AFP via Getty
IRISH manager Stephen Kenny is looking match fit as he backs a new campaign to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland.

The former Dundalk manager, with legendary commentator Michael O’Maiochtaigh, are supporting the 100k in 30 Days challenge.

The challenge was created by Co Louth businessman and father-of-two Niall Carroll whose wife Cara was diagnosed with breast cancer last year.

Stephen said: “With everything going on, it is heartening to see Niall and Cara taking on the 100k in 30 Days Challenge and raising much-needed funds to support Breast Cancer Ireland.

“Like so many people, I have seen the impact of the disease and I think it is so important that initiatives like this ensure that research continues into the future.”

The challenge encourages people to either run, jog or walk the distance within 30 days. More details are on www.100kin30days.ie.
100k in 30 Days Challenge

Dundalk businessman, Niall Carroll has launched his 100k in 30 Days Challenge to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland in support of his wife, Cara McAdam (40) who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. With the help of their local community and with newly appointed Ireland Football Manager Stephen Kenny on board, it is hoped that this initiative will raise significant funds for the many thousands of women impacted by breast cancer in Ireland by funding research into the disease.

Cara, a biology teacher, and mother of two young children, was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and she is now coming towards the end of her treatment.

Niall first organised the 100km in 30 Days Challenge, within his own community of Blackrock, in 2014. With everything going on, he was thinking of not going ahead, this year. However, when Cara asked him to do it bigger and better and to support Breast Cancer Ireland’s research and awareness efforts, he couldn’t refuse.

The idea is that anyone can either run, jog or walk the distance within 30 days, with their progress tracked online at www.100kin30days.ie. Participants can also challenge others to see who does the most kilometres. The record so far is 471km in 30 days!

Living near to Cara and Niall, Stephen Kenny who came along to Priest’s Beach, Blackrock on Saturday last for a socially distanced photocall, to help the couple launch the campaign, comments, “With everything going on, it is heartening to see Niall and Cara taking on the 100k in 30 Days Challenge and raising much-needed funds to support Breast Cancer Ireland. Like so many people, I have seen the impact the disease and I think it is so important that initiatives like this ensure that research into the disease continues into the future.”

Run Walk or Whee #100kin30days 100k in 30 Days for Breast Cancer Ireland is supported by Davy

For more information on Breast Cancer Ireland go to www.breastcancerireland.com
‘Everyone knows a Cara – anyone can get breast cancer’

What started out as a ‘bit of craic’ has morphed into a global fundraising event for Breast Cancer Ireland. Amii McKeever spoke with organiser of the ‘100k in 30 Days Challenge’ Niall Carroll

Niall Carroll from Blackrock, Co. Louth, has been organising a 100k challenge since 2014, encouraging friends to get out and run a few kilometres a day over the course of a month. Although the challenge for the last couple of years has been a community-based event, this year Niall wanted it to go bigger and bring in a fundraising element. Breast Cancer Ireland (BCI) was chosen as the charity as Niall’s wife, Cara, was diagnosed with breast cancer last December and is currently undergoing treatment.

“We want to raise awareness that anyone can get breast cancer. Cara is a fit, active 40-year-old mother of two toddlers and a popular local school teacher. Cara is really relatable. Everyone knows someone like her in their village or town. Her involvement with this is important for BCI as she is representative of the group of women that BCI want to educate, women between 40-50 – women just like Cara who never thought that they would get breast cancer.”

So what’s it all about? “This is the perfect challenge for right now. People are cooconing and want to get out. You walk, run or crawl 3km every day for the month of June. This is a social distancing-friendly event. We have opened it up to walkers too. For those that have never done a 10km or a Great Pink Run, this is really achievable.”

Sounds easy doesn’t it? But Niall cautions that if you miss a day here or there, the kilometres start to add up. And this is where a bit of friendly competition comes in. Get your friends and work colleagues involved to encourage you.

“We want to see this go viral and the way we see that happening is through a little bit of group rivalry. We want people to challenge their friends and call them out to participate. We have a load of Gaelic clubs ready to go. There is already massive rivalries between Gaelic clubs, so let’s see which one can actually do more. The athletics clubs could do this challenge in a week in their sleep, but there is no need to stop at the 100km, the record for this is 471km in 30 days – who is going to beat that?”

The challenge is taking place between 1-30 June. You can sign up online for €25 and you will get a t-shirt in the post. When you sign up, you get your own dashboard to track your progress.

“We are thrilled to have Republic of Ireland soccer manager Stephen Kenny as our ambassador and he is going to do it himself. We are also really grateful to our sponsors, Davys and Fyffes and TodayFM too who are helping to promote it.”

ABOUT BREAST CANCER IRELAND

Breast Cancer Ireland provide education and awareness programmes nationally. Educating women of all ages on the importance of good breast health is vital as early detection is critical to ensuring a positive outcome. Funds raised from this year’s 100km over 30-day challenge will be split between research programmes that explore newer and more effective therapies for treating breast cancer patients and supporting education and outreach programmes. CL

Team Irish Country Living will be taking part and you can follow our progress across our social channels. Join us in supporting this great cause.

How to sign up

Getting involved is easy in the 100km challenge
1 Register at www.100kin30days.ie
2 Run or walk and track it on an app (mapmyrun, Strava) or smart-watch.
3 Upload to your dashboard.
4 Post a photo if you want to see your dashboard numbers grow.
Trio of sporting attractions fall to coronavirus

Sporting summer cancelled: JJ Reddy Run joins Tour de Kilkenny and Immedis Kilkenny Triathlon in calling off major events planned for the coming months across the county

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The Kilkenny sporting summer will be a little quieter after several well-known events were forced to scrap their plans for 2020.

Organisers of the 2020 JJ Reddy Run were forced to make the tough call and cancel this year’s event on account of the coronavirus pandemic.

The run, which offers 5k, 10k and half-marathon options to runners, has been hugely popular. It scooped the prize for best 10km in Ireland in the 2017 Running In Ireland awards.

In a statement posted online, the Race Committee announced their decision was made in the interest of the health and safety of public, participants and team of volunteers.

WELLBEING

“The JJ Reddy Danesfort Run Committee regret to announce the cancellation of our 2020 event,” they said. “We have not taken this decision lightly but we do so in the interest of public health and the safety and wellbeing of our participants and volunteers.

“We also mindful of our sponsors, supporters and partners who have generously supported our event over the last eight years. We wish them every success as they rebuild and adapt their business over the coming weeks and months.

“All those registered will receive a refund in due course. We look forward to welcoming you all back to Danesfort in September 2021."

The cancellation means the roads around Danesfort will be a lot quieter this year after The Mile Marker, another popular run held in the parish, was forced to cancel their 2020 programme. This year’s Kilkenny Road Race Series was also hit hard by the pandemic.

Sporting calendars have been left looking very empty as plenty of high-profile local events were called off for this year.

The Marble City Cyclers were also forced to issue a cancellation notice as they called off the Tour De Kilkenny charity cycle.

“Marble City Cyclers are sorry to announce the cancellation of the 2020 Tour de Kilkenny,” they said in a statement released online. “The health and safety of the public is at the forefront of our minds. Unfortunately, to host an event of this nature is not possible with the Covid-19 restrictions.

“MCC thank you for your support,” the club added. “We will look forward to next year’s event and hope that you will join us when the time is right for our annual fundraiser.

“For now, wishing you all health and, of course, happy miles.”

The Tour has been a popular event on the cycling calendar over the last 11 years and has raised more than €130,000 for charities including Samaritans, Irish Pilgrimage Trust, Breast Cancer Ireland, New Ross Meals on Wheels and The Watergarden Thomastown.

The Tour featured 44km, 77km, 110km and 160km routes, making it a great day for cyclists of all abilities.

The cancellation of the Tour De Kilkenny means the county has lost both of its summer cycling events. The Kells Kings Challenge, a fund-raiser for Cois Nore, was also called off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

TRIATHLON

News of sporting cancellations has also affected the Kilkenny Triathlon Club, who have been forced to scrap their triathlon for 2020.

The event, which would have seen triathletes from all over Ireland flock to the city to swim in the Nore, cycle out
into the county and run through Kilkenny Castle Park, was cancelled after it fell inside the lockdown timeframe set in place by Triathlon Ireland.

"It remains Triathlon Ireland's plan to commence the triathlon season in July, subject to approval by Sport Ireland and the Government," said a KTC spokesperson. "As this date is July 20, and our Club Triathlon was due to be held on July 19, our Club Triathlon for this year is cancelled."

News of the cancellation was another bitter blow for the Kilkenny club, who were also forced to cancel their Duathlon in April as the country entered into the early stages of lockdown.

The JJ Reddy Run was the latest local event to be cancelled

Organised by the Marble City Cyclers, the Tour de Kilkenny has been a hugely popular event, raising money for local charities
The Kilkenny Triathlon won't be held this year after Triathlon Ireland cancelled events in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.
100k in 30 days challenge kicks off this Monday in aid of Breast Cancer Research

Local man Niall Carroll will kick off his 100k in 30 days challenge this Bank Holiday Monday and is calling on others to get involved.

Niall has been involved in organising 100K in 30 Days for the past few years and this year he will be running for the month of June to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland following his wife Cara’s diagnosis in 2019 and Niall is encouraging others to get involved with the challenge too.

Cara was diagnosed in December 2019 and since then she has been through surgery, chemo and is now nearly finished radiation treatment.

Cara says running has been her mental health saviour during treatment.

The couple wish to use money raised to fund research into breast cancer, which they say is becoming so prevalent in 15 to 45 year olds.

Anyone who wishes to join in the challenge can register at www.100kin30days.ie and log their distances each time they go for a run or walk. You can also set challenges between teams and groups.

Registration costs €25 and the challenge kicks off on June 1st.
'We may be in a pandemic but cancer doesn't take time off'

As if the Covid-19 crisis wasn't bad enough, a recent study involving Queen's University Belfast with University College London and DATA-CAN (the UK's Health Data Research Hub for Cancer), suggests that it could result in at least 20pc more deaths over the next 12 months in people who have been newly-diagnosed with cancer. The study, drawing on global experience, looks at the challenges facing cancer patients in the midst of the pandemic, and suggests that it could soon ignite a further cancer pandemic, if not addressed now.

There are many factors at play, including changes to diagnosis and treatment protocols, social-distancing measures, changes in people's behaviour in seeking medical attention and the economic impact of Covid-19, as well as deaths due to Covid-19 infection.

However, the most significant are, as Professor Mark Lawler, professor of digital health at Queen's University Belfast and scientific lead for DATA-CAN, and a co-author on the study, explains "both urgent referral rates [our early warning system or 'red flag' for catching cancer at its earliest stage] and patient attendances for chemotherapy delivery [an appropriate proxy measure of a cancer service's activity] have dropped significantly."

At the time of writing, there is no clear indication of when BreastCheck will reopen. Breast Cancer Ireland is concerned that people with symptoms of cancer are delaying seeking medical advice and has encouraged people with symptoms to contact their GP.

Some of this is entirely out of the public's hands, but not all of it, and Fianna Fail county councillor for South Dublin and breast cancer survivor Teresa Costello is very keen to emphasise that we stay on top of those parts that are within our control - chiefly, presenting with worries or possible symptoms. "I run my own online support group for women affected by breast cancer," Teresa says, "and I had been wondering, if I felt another lump now, what would I do? Would I go to the doctor? I realised I had so many questions I didn't know the answer to. So I wondered, did the other women feel the same? I ran a poll and over 100 people took part; 60pc said they would be afraid to go to their doctor in case they contracted Covid, and they also felt they would be wasting the medical professionals' time.

"I know that's not a scientific study, but that scared me. At the best of times, people were putting off checking themselves and taking action, so now this; it's really frightening."

Teresa was 36, with a five-year-old son, when she was diagnosed in 2013. "I found a lump by chance when I was in the shower. I never checked my breasts. I didn't ever think about it, and I didn't know much about breast cancer.
We had no history of cancer in my family, and I had only heard of older women getting it. It just wasn't on my radar."

She knew enough, however, to go to her doctor. "He checked and he felt the lump, and said, 'it's probably nothing; I'm going to refer you to St James, but try not to worry.' So I went to James, and by then, there was an indentation so deep that it was like a missing part of my breast. If I had known what the warnings signs of breast cancer were, if I had regularly checked my breasts, I would have seen the changes happening, and I would have caught the cancer much earlier. Everyone's breasts are different. But if you are checking regularly, and you notice something different, something changed, you're ahead of the game."

As it was, Teresa says, "my breast was deformed by the time I was in St James. I had three tumours, although I had only felt one, and they were quite aggressive. Within a few weeks, I was on chemotherapy, for 16 weeks, then a mastectomy with reconstruction, then radiotherapy, and further reconstruction. Everything happened so fast. It was surreal.

I know a lot of women who have post­traumatic stress after a cancer diagnosis, because it's such a shocker. It takes a while to sink in."

It was, Teresa says, "really shocking, but you go into fight mode. You're afraid of upsetting everybody in your circle, you want to be strong. I felt really guilty telling people. And I found being in hospital very hard. My son was so young, and he was all I had. My mum and dad were great, with him and with me, but I'm a really independent person. At one point, I had a chat with myself. I said 'right, cancer is trying to take stuff from me. It can take my sense of invulnerability, my sense of security, but it's not going to take my sense of humour, and I'm not going to give in.'"

Once her treatment was finished, "the fact that I had had breast cancer caught up with me mentally, and that was a bit traumatic. But life moved on. Because it does. I met my boyfriend, and we got engaged last November. It was funny the way we met. I knew him to see, he was friends with other friends of mine for years but I never really spoke to him. Then I met him in the hospital one day when he was bringing his father to an appointment. He came over and said hi…. As she says, "good things came too. I made amazing friendships, and cancer gave me
"I think the whole world has realised that now," she adds. "There are similarities here, between cancer and Covid-19. We all take everything for granted, until something terrible happens. But, when it does, you also learn that life does eventually go back to normal, even after a trauma. The world is going to bounce back, because that's what people do. This will be a story to tell in 20 years from now. But in the meantime, I'm very passionate about people not ignoring possible symptoms.

"Covid-19 is horrendous and we're in a worldwide pandemic and the blanket of fear has been thrown over us all, but that doesn't stop cancer. Cancer doesn't discriminate. Cancer doesn't take time off, it's still going to be hitting people. I would hate anyone to ignore a sign or a symptom and be afraid to visit their doctor. GPs will still refer you.

"Clinics are still going ahead. So don't wait. We don't know how long this will go on. But the same rules apply: if you find something different, something unusual, don't decide to ignore it until the restrictions are lifted. Don't think you're a burden on the medical system. The doctors would rather you went to them and got it checked out. For cancer, its business is as usual. We need to make sure the health of our country doesn't suffer an even worse blow because no one wants to near a doctor or a hospital."

Getting yourself checked is, Teresa says, "something I’m so passionate about, because of not taking ownership of my breast health. I let myself down. If me explaining this helps other people take responsibility, then I’ll be happy.

Breast Cancer Ireland have an app you can download that shows you how to check your breasts, and has details of the eight warning signs to look for. It'll even give you a discreet reminder once a month to check your breasts. The earlier breast cancer is caught, the easier it is to deal with it. So don’t wait. No one should wait."

Teresa says that she feels "so grateful that I survived breast cancer. I know I’m exceptionally lucky as I have met many girls along the way that were not. Having breast cancer changed me forever. I don’t take the little things for granted anymore, I am just grateful to be around to enjoy them, especially the milestones that I get to see my son, who is now 12, reach.

"My whole life changed after breast cancer, I moved house, I changed career, leaving a company where I had worked for 14 years. I went from being single to now being engaged. I have travelled much more. And last year I got elected in our local elections. I have learned first-hand you are never too old to start over and I live my life to the fullest. Breast cancer will always be a part of my life. I always carry with me an anxiety of re-occurrence, however, I take each day as it comes to me and live in the now."

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‘We may be in a pandemic but cancer doesn’t take time off’

With research suggesting a 20pc increase in new cancer-related deaths over the next year, those with symptoms must not wait out the crisis, writes Emily Hourican

As if the Covid-19 crisis wasn’t bad enough, a recent study involving Queen’s University Belfast with University College London and DATA-CAN (the UK’s Health Data Research Hub for Cancer), suggests that it could result in at least 20pc more deaths over the next 12 months in people who have been newly diagnosed with cancer.

The study, drawing on global experience, looks at the challenges facing cancer patients in the midst of the pandemic, and suggests that it could soon ignite a further cancer pandemic, if not addressed now.

There are many factors at play, including changes to diagnosis and treatment protocols, social-distancing measures, changes in people’s behaviour in seeking medical attention and the economic impact of Covid-19, as well as deaths due to Covid-19 infection.

However, the most significant are, as Professor Mark Lawler, professor of digital health at Queen’s University Belfast and scientific lead for DATA-CAN, and a co-author on the study, explains “both urgent referral rates [our early warning system or ‘red flag’ for catching cancer at its earliest stage] and patient attendances for chemotherapy delivery [an appropriate proxy measure of a cancer service’s activity] have dropped significantly.”

At the time of writing, there is no clear indication of when BreastCheck will reopen. Breast Cancer Ireland is concerned that people with symptoms of cancer are delaying seeking medical advice and has encouraged people with symptoms to contact their GP.

Some of this is entirely out of the public’s hands, but not all of it, and Fianna Fail county councillor for South Dublin and breast cancer survivor Teresa Costello is very keen to emphasise that we stay on top of those parts that are within our control — chiefly, presenting with worries or possible symptoms. “I run my own online support group for women affected by breast cancer,” Teresa says, “and I had been wondering, if I felt another lump now, what would I do? Would I go to the doctor? I realised I had so
many questions I didn't know the answer to. So I wondered, did the other women feel the same? I ran a poll and over 100 people took part; 60pc said they would be afraid to go to their doctor in case they contracted Covid, and they also felt they would be wasting the medical professionals' time.

"I know that's not a scientific study, but that scared me. At the best of times, people were putting off checking themselves and taking action, so now this; it's really frightening."

Teresa was 36, with a five-year-old son, when she was diagnosed in 2013. "I found a lump by chance when I was in the shower. I never checked my breasts. I didn't even think about it, and I didn't know much about breast cancer. There was no history of cancer in my family, and I had only heard of older women getting it. It just wasn't on my radar."

She knew enough, however, to go to her doctor. "He checked and he felt the lump, and said, it's probably nothing: I'm going to refer you to St. James, but try not to worry."

So I went to James, and by then, there was an indescent so deep that it was like a missing part of my breast. If I had known what the warnings signs of breast cancer were, if I had regularly checked my breasts, I would have seen the changes happening, and I would have caught the cancer much earlier. Everyone's breasts are different. But if you are checking regularly, and you notice something different, something changed, you're ahead of the game.

As it was, Teresa says, "my breast was deformed by the time I was in St. James. I had three tumours, although I had only felt one, and they were quite aggressive. Within a few weeks, I was on chemotherapy for 16 weeks, then a mastectomy with reconstruction, then radiotherapy, and further reconstruction. Everything happened so fast. It was surreal. I know a lot of women who have post-traumatic stress after a cancer diagnosis, because it's such a shocker. It takes a while to sink in."

It was, Teresa says, "really shocking, but you go into fight mode. You're afraid of upsetting everybody in your circle, you want to be strong. I felt really guilty telling people. And I found being in hospital very hard. My son was so young, and he was all I had. My mum and dad were great, with him and with me, but I'm a really independent person. At one point, I had a chat with myself. I said 'right, cancer is trying to take stuff from me. It can take my sense of invulnerability, my sense of security, but it's not going to take my sense of humour, and I'm not going to give in.'"

Once her treatment was finished, "the fact that I had had breast cancer caught up with me mentally, and that was a bit traumatic.

But life moved on. Because it does. I met my boyfriend, and we got engaged last November. It was funny the way we met. I knew him to see, he was friends with other friends of mine for years but I never really spoke to him. Then I met him in the hospital one day when he was bringing his father to an appointment. He came over and said hi..." As she says, "good things came too. I made amazing friendships, and cancer gave me perspective on life. It stopped me in my tracks and made me realise that life can really change, so fast."

"I think the whole world has realised that now," she adds. "There are similarities here, between cancer and Covid-19. We all take everything for granted, until something terrible happens. But, when it does, you also learn that life does eventually go back to normal, even after a trauma. The world is going to bounce back, because that's what people do. This will be a story to tell in 20 years from now. But in the meantime, I'm very passionate about people not ignoring possible symptoms."

"Covid-19 is horrendous and we're in a worldwide pandemic and the blanked of fear has been thrown over us all, but that doesn't stop cancer. Cancer doesn't discriminate. Cancer doesn't take time off, it's still going to be hitting people. I would hate anyone to ignore a sign or a symptom and be afraid to visit their doctor. GPs will still refer you. Clinics are still going ahead. So don't wait. We don't know how long this will go on. But the same rules apply: if you find something different, something unusual, don't decide to ignore it until the restrictions are lifted. Don't think you're a burden on the medical system. The doctors would rather you went to them and got it checked out. For cancer, its business is as usual. We need to make sure the health of our country doesn't suffer an even worse blow because no one wants to near a doctor or a hospital."

Getting yourself checked is, Teresa says, "something I'm so passionate about, because of taking ownership of my breast health. I let myself down. If me explaining this helps other people take responsibility, then I'll be happy. Breast Cancer Ireland have an app you can download that shows you how to check your breasts, and has details of the eight warning signs to look for. It'll even give you a discreet reminder once a month to check your breasts. The earlier breast cancer is caught, the easier it is to deal with it. So don't wait. No one should wait."

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Listen: 100k In 30 Days Challenge To Raise Money For Breast Cancer Ireland Begins Today.

A physical challenge to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland will get underway today. 100k in 30 Days for Breast Cancer Ireland will see people either run, jog or walk 100 kilometres in 30 days. 100 thousand euro has already been raised for the charity.

Organiser of the event, Niall Carroll has this advice if you want to get involved:

newstalk231540.mp3, by Ciara Plunkett
and on your mobile this is that if ever you it's 10 o'clock good morning Miriam on top public health doctors says he's worried about the risk of importing new cases of cover 19 to the island of Ireland And from Great Britain Dr Gabriel Scally says many plans to lift lockdown here any earlier depends on the number of new cases emerging staying low to more people infected with cover 19 were reported to have died yesterday and 66 more people have tested positive for the virus Dr Scally says many parts of the country are on the right track I was very pleased to say that there were 6 counties where there were no new cases next week so that children really great progress so I think things are on course a bed they should be speeded up a thick that depends on two things the number of new cases develop soccer in the next week or so

and then I'm having my point of view that we avoid the risk of importing new cases Meanwhile two more people have been diagnosed with cover 19 and Tipperary in Friday evening's update one of the cases had previously been assigned to the county was reviewed and assigned to another County which meant the total for Tipperary was then 527 However yesterday evening's figures from the health protection surveillance centre to more cases were notified in

the Premier County the overall figure for Tipp now stands at 529 making up 2.1 % of the country's total US commentators says police have to stop people using race protest to Luton destroyed property there was more violence overnight in a number of cities following the death of a black man in police custody last week George Floyd died after an officer restrained him by halting a knee on his neck

the officers being charged with murder and is due in court today political commentator and NUIG law lecturer Larry Donnelly says those using peaceful protest need to be heard by all means these people need to have a voice that voice needs to be heard or indeed a national conversation needs to be about race about policing about all these things that will a line needs to be dryness it's totally unacceptable

but that some people using this as an excuse but to lose two right to cause mayhem to destroy small businesses the seller but they put in place an invidious position a local Garda inspector is warning motorists to be wary of silage machinery travelling in convoy on the roads James White as highlighting a number of different dangers which motorists should expect over the to over this bank holiday weekend including the glare of bright sunshine cover 19

travel restrictions remain in place limiting people to within 5 kilometres of their own home inspector White says that of the journeys must be made the news should expect heavy machinery on country roads obviously the silage contractors and when the big one people you will most likely meet 3 4 or 5 in convoy and to be bigger and wider so if you see one expect from an expensive very nice with the most part

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Calls to take part in Breast Cancer awareness month

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Garda Anthony Farrell said the sun is a major issue while driving more exercise the people will be cycling walking interests of all people all thought to be careful I agree with it I know I can be better for drivers some primary schools in England are re-opening today to 3 classes the country's seen its largest easing of restrictions with groups of 6 people allowed to meet outdoors and Paul printable as an

England says up to 46 % of families could keep their children at all Sky's enda Brady says a lot will be learned from whether young school goers can follow social distance same the classroom primary school will be back today it will be interesting to see how many parents and their children in reception distancing measures in place asking the question about the reception class and 4th class the little ones I understand are put in place in respect of social distancing

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it's currently 20 degrees in Bagnelstown and 20 degrees in Bennettsbridge and actor opted for now you can get all local stories and more on the case and our app easier or lunch with John key thank you very much Angela and very good morning to welcome it is junkie with the EU on June Bank holiday Monday and another bank holiday Blues honest here with you in my gaff your gas as they would say today thanks got a job what she's back

tomorrow morning case our breakfast from 7 o'clock 10 arrive here on Casey hours that's great news in the including the coffee break and a Hall lead of other bits and pieces which will be 10 more but they run and indeed something I will tell you that that's happening on this very show kicking off for the next few weeks in Association with their counterparts that's all kicking off tomorrow on the show but I tell you all the details that very soon anyway how are you welcome along it's a
Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Rob Kearney, raise money, 100k in 30 days.ie, Niall Carroll, travel restrictions, social distancing, virtual event.
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series.ie for slashed a young guy pay it’s 11 o’clock good morning I'm burying many there's a call for widespread imaginative thinking about how town centres can overcome cover 1941 business groups have written a letter to the Taoiseach calling for local economy to be prioritised in the next programme for Government we want a task force established to help communities transition into being equipped for social distancing Cork County Council has already launched

a project backed in 23 towns across the county Yentob of Chambers Ireland outlines what they'd like to see happen the Department of the Taoiseach taking responsibility for the national task force comprised of all the key stakeholders natives including multiple Government departments they could then co-ordinator work some schools may open early to operate a summer programme for children with special needs has been reported that some could be back at their desks in July under a plan being rolled out by the health and education officials Kevin Keegan has more on the story parents of children with special needs album warning that the longer they are kept out of the school environment the harder it will be to reintegrate them to a school setting after the pandemic restrictions raised now according to the Irish times

a plans being drawn up to re-open buildings to run the July education programme for children with autism and intellectual disabilities over 10000 children have taken part in the summer school in recent years the paper reports Officials are investigating expanding the programme to cover other children with special needs including Danson Drumm plans to bring children from disadvantaged backgrounds backing for summer schools run in previous years are also being considered a memo on the plans will be given to the Cabinet in the next two weeks children in Limerick dyes as will be able to have their confirmation Communion ceremony in late summer sacraments which are usually held in May and June were put on hold or into the Corbett 19 restrictions Bishop Brendan Leahy and sacraments would resume in late summer

be guided by what they learn from the resumption of public worship injuries aren't quite the very much a new normal because we're all shocked obviously public health guidelines it that would be a big serve me that back but that won’t be so I suppose in turn reflected I’d imagine we feel like we could be done in small groove Cork city Council issued a water safety message to swimmers using the River Lee near the Regional Park Ballincollig

two girls got into difficulty on Saturday last and emergency services and gardai were alerted city Council which manages the park is urging people not to swim in the river near the we are down river swimming signs previously directed because of treacherous currents in the area a physical challenge to raise funds for breast Cancer Ireland getting under way today 100 gained 30 days for breast Cancer Ireland

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Floaty 6 years local Independent businesses for the last few months they have been adapting and surviving finding new ways to serve our community use and Bank of Ireland we’re doing RBS and because your financial well-being is our priority are dedicated business teams can help you take the next step so we can all keep tapping clicking and collecting and one day getting back to what we all do the best we can and the real begins BANK of Ireland is

regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and some of us are anxious some of us are learning to video call her grandchildren for the first time some of us clicking refresh endlessly on news sites some of us are working on the frontline and some of us are worried about them and some of us are finding all this hard we’re all some of us no matter what you're going through in isolation they stay connected and make it through together Visit golf .ie slashed together for advice ideas and

support your physical and mental well being an initiative of the Government of Ireland it's 11 o’ clock good morning I'm betting on many as a call for widespread imaginative thinking about how town centres can overcome covered 1941 business groups have written a letter to the Taoiseach calling for local economy to be prioritised in the next programme for Government we want a task force established to help communities transition into being equipped for social distancing Cork County Council has already launched project packed and 23 towns across the county Ian Talbot Chambers Ireland outlines what they’d like to see happen Department of the Taoiseach taking responsibility for a national task force comprised of all the key stakeholders ages including multiple Government departments they could then co-ordinator work some schools may open early to operate a summer programme for children with special needs has been reported that some could be back at their desks in July under a plan being ruled out by the health and education officials Kevin Keegan has more on the story parents of children with special needs album warning that the longer they are kept out of the school in Ireland the harder it will be to reintegrate them to a school setting after the pandemic restrictions were eased now according to the Irish times a plans being drawn up to re-open buildings to run the July education programme for children with autism and intellectual disabilities over 10000 children have taken part in the summer school in recent years the paper reports Officials are investigating expanding the programme to cover other children with special needs including Danson Drumm plans to bring children from disadvantaged backgrounds backing for summer schools run in previous years are also being considered a memo on the plans will be given to Cabinet in the next two weeks children in Limerick dyes as will be able to have their confirmation Communion ceremony in late summer sacraments which are usually held in may and June were put on hold or into the Corbett 19 restrictions Bishop Brendan Leahy and sacraments would resume in late summer be guided by what they learn from the resumption of public worship is quite you very much you know because for all Doctor follow obviously public health guidelines it that would be a big serve me Yeah that's what that's not how I want to be in turn reflected I imagine we figured we could be done in small groove Cork city Council issued a water safety message to

swimmers using the River Lee near the Regional Park Ballincollig two girls got into difficulty on Saturday last and emergency services and gardai were alerted city Council which manages the park is urging people not to swim in the river near the we are down river swimming signs previously been erected because of treacherous currents in the area a physical challenge to raise funds for breast Cancer Ireland getting under way today 100 gained 30 days for Breast Cancer Ireland will see people either run jog or walk 100 kilometres over 30 days 100000 euros already been raised for the charity organiser of the event now Carol has this advice if you want to get involved you log onto the website 100 k in pretty Deirdre Barry when you register for the when you open an account you pay 25 euro which goes towards funding back to Ireland you have a tent there you can log in and out of love with you I saw you let them walk 7 Thomas Ryan & look at over 4000 people have been arrested in cities across the United States over the weekend as violent protests continued a week on from the death of George Floyd the unarmed black man died at the hands of a white
officer in Minnesota the across your orders in place for 140 cities and army reservists have been deployed in up to 21 states Reverend Matt councils the civil rights leader who says that police officers must be held accountable most police officers are decent most of them just this chair with jobs they want to do women want to help but there are too many apples in these marches

Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, physical challenge, raise money, 100k in 30 days.ie, Niall Carroll.
are in this together supported by the Government of Ireland Our state was declared a Republic what got the word out and attention was diverted to the devices we held our hands he held strong rumours a video killed the radio star arrive never leave them in the moment that defined our past and present it in a Radio we trust because even in the most uncertain days there's always been one constant we tune in is island

listening to Australia choose Radio app weekly Super Super leader mean more money in your pocket and more delicious fresh products in your kitchen from Thursday Irish pork Loin Chops down from 3 99 to 3 euro Organic baby potatoes drop from one 29 to just 49 cent and a quick Cook bringing the burgers were 3 99 now only 3 euro meaning you considering upskilling this autumn Cork offers a wide range of courses in business and accounting media computing Pharmaceuticals management and law to find a course to fit your lifestyle visit Griffith ie heads clock very good afternoon I'm Barry O'Mahony magazine Road residents in Cork today's stage another peaceful protest today of the large number of young people have moved into the area recently trying blatant disregard for the Corbett 19 restrictions locals say they have no business in the area as colleges are closed and the students aren't working and residents lined streets in the facility yesterday said they intend doing the same this afternoon response to a series of house parties over the last 3 days and nights speaking to Cork's 96FM & C1 3News former Lord mayor of Cork and local resident Catherine Clancy says they want the student gone with Hume they argue very confined in trying to prevent the failed and think they find the right direction I have here is a sneak preview of the laugh and non-compliance and get the knack of keeping the finish of the 19 there are calls on the next Government to prioritise local economies and make sure the towns are equipped for social distancing Northern letters sent to on Taoiseach saying if imaginative thinking isn't used communities in rural areas will be failed 41 business groups want a taskforce to be established to oversee the transition for town centres around the country Cork County councils already implementing Project decked in 23 towns in Cork Ian Talbot Chambers Ireland says even more action is needed we really to our public grounds that's things like for example the that the footpath we ask people to walk so we may need to look to a significant increase of westernisation they also need to look at things like how we can better use public transport and now with yet more cycling dedicated cycling names for example another priority face masks should be compulsory for anyone using public transport according to the National Bus and Rail Union currently using face masks and bus and train services it isn't mandatory Last month the Taoiseach said sciences equivocal on the issue Dermot O'Leary of the NBRU said the union is recommending to Government that face masks on transport become mandatory should probably give you cancer society is what they do if they're to 3 for 5 and again look at that again that should be put into the committee can and that's the question that's because I have children it should do so the Central statistics office's calling on people to help them tell the story of how Corbett 19 is affecting society the office which usually carries a face-to-face interviews and his work has been forced to do so by telephone since the crisis began but the response rate has been far law that is affecting the quality of information they are getting now searching anyone was contacted to participate people are being asked to run jog or walk to raise money for breast Cancer Ireland today 100 km 30 days for breast Cancer Ireland getting under way To take part all have to do is now down to 100 k in 30 days staff i.e. the organising of the event now Carol says everyone can do their bit he stay within the 5 kilometre travel restrictions absolutely like this really make Ben inadequate talks and events you can do much within a 5 km radius of the ace but you know them feel relaxed during doing well hopefully will be so and it's a complete new virtual events which is the first time really in the country eat especially at this scale racing horse racing community in Ireland have a keen eye on events in Britain this afternoon racing's shut down in England comes to an end the Newcastle first place there was due off at one o'clock behind closed doors feature race of the 10 Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100K in 30 days, online fundraising.
Cork 96 FM @ 01-Jun-20 13:04 - (Cancer)

playing a massive ambition for the before two o’clock this afternoon ever gonna do some Post Malone for U2 and
We will also continue the course 96FM fantasy festival around about half past one this afternoon stand by for
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are all on a journey to brighter days that lie ahead at toyota or journey started more than 20 years ago with a
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Walk what's really like I know I made I didn't mean they bought it in the basket what I Yeah we had although nothing obvious springs to mind for wash like dry maybe wash dry air maybe a car anyway who cares we think we are Yes that's what we're seeing why Where's your forties your chance to win 5000 euro and joining us on the line today is Courtney Castle corning morning Mario a superstar name thank you we're currently it is a superstar name Ciaran Kilkenny today yet just that I wasn't aware what that their partner now they stuck with stirred with is a a bad bank the good thing about the GAA are needed the growers it's it's lovely according to Malaysia mind the time are you gonna join you get to enjoy the sunshine within the hurricane 30 days for breast Cancer Ireland I'm going to go for a big war up her entire brilliant Eireann I only saw it last night the 100 100 K in 30 days days of manager for Yeah Yes they're asking people for breast Cancer Ireland to do a 100 K a 30 day it's 100 K 30 days dot ie if people want to go on how looking register and maybe raise some money I think I 320 K already has 8000 people registered I did see that as much Dana your Koroibete what would you do if you won 5000 euro I be really boring and put it up towards a deposit for a house that's not boring it's reasonable and actually a Hurley after the pandemic settles you probably buy an entire house for 5 grand where property prices are gonna go good Ben Yeah Yeah carried out by a group of people when a bus passes very excited about might get a few more pay her she's a great girl she is very alert but he is never well she will now be with my words Yeah okay I is merely a box-room and the very best of luck according to EPA thank you for 8 earned the music OK I got from nearby ie rry according to do this Yeah OK just get my pizza in order here right Rock’ n’ roll were locked and loaded let do it OK it's the story Adler saw the Rio and Carlina a hyphenated word will take that so let's recap here we got a storybook feather pillow pencil case cereal box and Carl ow ice cream I think right when they're doing here I'm in a bit deep AEG all frames the pupils they are the real a to sell possibly think is am yeah we do text you're guaranteed to come back in the room and see what we can rustle up as while Cor nee Smith cast He watches EUR what is your man Do you often work nee Weir and Bank of Ireland and has he been working the whole time straight through Yeah we're still working we're in a hotel in Kilkenny and they were both working less fees but yet but we're in for a bit of and has a hotel what the hotel called that Pembroke Pembroke Ken Patrick Street the case then brilliant that I shared with us we're just getting the lowdown on the air I'm currently working life and as a hotel what I've been doing it you say you've been working as an open Yes it's me we're working behind closed doors kind of really just unimaginable things and things like that a confirmation of the stars but of course Yeah Leno reflect the new favour forwards of the 20 to deny a relative open so hopefully pick up Yes fingers crossed OK Yeah well look let's see if we can up the ante here a little bit there and Eurasia this iron and other papers in the Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100k in 30 Days.
Sports stars support 100k in 30 days

RAISING FUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER

By MARGARET ROODY

A host of well known sports personalities are lending their support to the 100k in 30 Days Challenge in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland.

Ireland manager and former Dundalk FC boss Stephen Kenny, rugby stars Rob Kearney and Robbie Henshaw, and professional golfers Paul Dunne and Leona Maguire are among those who have come on board.

The challenge is spearheaded by local businessman Niall Carroll, who has been organising the 100K as a fun community event since 2014. This year the event is going nationwide and, as Niall’s wife Cara was diagnosed with breast cancer last December, he wants to raise as much money as possible to help Breast Cancer Ireland support the many thousands of Irish women impacted by breast cancer by funding research into the disease.

Niall and Cara, along with his brother Brian and sister-in-law Louisa, and family friends Alicia Grant and her daughter Ellie, Shane O’Callaghan and Jessie Moneley, launched the initiative on Monday March 23.

Already over 7,000 have registered with people from every county in Ireland and many abroad signing up to take part.

Stephen Kenny, who lives near Niall and Cara in Blackrock, comments: ‘With everything going on, it is heartening to see Niall and Cara taking on the 100k in 30 Days Challenge and raising much needed funds to support Breast Cancer Ireland. Like so many people, I have seen the impact the disease and I think it is so important that initiatives like this ensure that research continues into the future.’

Niall explains that anyone who wants to support the campaign can run, jog or walk 100km within 30 days, with their progress tracked online. Participants can also challenge others to see who does the most kilometres, with several local GAA clubs already setting up their own leagues. There is a €25 registration fee and anyone who wants to raise more money can do so through a Just Giving page.

To join go to www.100in30days.ie
Ireland football manager, Stephen Kenny with Niall Carroll in Blackrock who are taking part in the 100in30days challenge.
‘It has been extremely tough for the last few months’

Blackrock businessman, Niall Carroll launched his 100k in 30 Days Challenge to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland in support of his wife, Cara McAdam, who was diagnosed with breast cancer late last year.

It’s only towards the end of his conversation with the Democrat that Niall Carroll takes a moment to reflect a bit on the past few months.

His passion for organising the hugely successful 100k in 30 Days event for June, has dominated his every waking moment for the past two weeks (more about how little time he had to set in motion the huge nationwide charity event in a bit!).

But, it’s the story behind the story that catches him for the briefest of moments.

The Democrat asks him what has it been like juggling everything that has been going on during the lockdown. His thoughts turn to his wife Cara, she’s the inspiration behind the event.

“Cara was diagnosed (with breast cancer) in December - on the 8th of December - she had surgery on the 14th. Then she started her chemo just before the Coronavirus hit and she was supposed to have 12 chemo sessions, (but) she only was able to have seven because the doctors said ‘look, it’s safer to leave it at seven, than do it (during the outbreak).’

The local businessman continues: “Then she was due to do the radiation and she has been up and down to Dublin every day for the last month and she only finished her last radiation on Monday there.”

With the end of those sessions on Monday, Niall has breathed a little bit more.

“It has been extremely tough for the last few months. We’ve two young kids - Jack and Nora - they’re only four and two, and I get up early in the morning, go to work and then come home at lunchtime. Then Cara goes up to Dublin (for treatment) on her own.

“We do have a childminder, but obviously she has gone now. Grandparents and family
aren't supposed to be coming over. Thankfully that's been relaxed a little bit, but it has been a massive strain on us since December.

"So it's tough. We're getting through it. We're delighted that Cara is going to be fine," he adds.

"That's the serious side of all this and I know there is the event, but there has to be a story behind why we got involved."

So, what is it that he is involved in organising exactly? Niall first organised the 100km in 30 Days Challenge, within his own community of Blackrock, in 2014.

With everything going on, he was thinking of not going ahead, this year.

"I organised it as a community event just for a bit of fun and that's all it ever was. I did it last in 2018 and I said I'd never do it again. Because it does take up a lot of time. I work for myself and I've young kids. But, since Cara came home from one of her radiation sessions a couple of weeks ago, and said 'why don't you do it for breast cancer?' So I said, 'if we're gonna do it, we're gonna do it large'. So, we got a team around us and it just took off.

"And in just three days we have over 1000 people signed up."

Getting Breast Cancer Ireland on board was the first port of call for Niall and his brother, local estate agent Brian Carroll.

"The two of us got together and the first phone call was to Breast Cancer Ireland and I spoke to the CEO there to see if it could happen. So I said this is who I am, this is what we're doing, this is what we've done in the past and they loved it and they loved the Zoom call we did with them and they loved Cara."

"There's a very important reason as to why Cara was an instant hit with them - she can help spread an important message about breast cancer, Niall explains.

"What they loved about Cara is that she's doing very well during her treatment. She's 40, she has two young kids, she's a schoolteacher and she's very fit. And she'd be the person you would think would get breast cancer

"We approached TodayFM with the idea and I did an interview with them and the response relating to people signing up and donating was huge. We've got a good few of their DJs signed up to do it and I'll be on with TodayFM two more times during the month."

"Then we said we needed a big name to back it. We approached Stephen Kenny and he said he would be delighted to come on board as the official ambassador."

"We're not finished yet, we hope to have a few more on board. We did a photo shoot with Stephen on the beach at Blackrock."

Living near to Cara and Niall, Stephen who came along to Priest's Beach, Blackrock on Saturday last for a socially distanced photocall, to help the couple launch the campaign, barely had to think about whether he would say 'yes' to Niall.

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How do people get involved?

"Go to the website and you sign up. It's a very simple form to fill out there. We're trying to get as many people as possible - from teenagers to cocooners - to sign up. People are out there walking anyway, so they can go to the website and sign up.

"When they are signed in, people can register now and
then their account page opens up and they can log in activities - any run or walk. When you log in, there’s a big button that says ‘add a run or walk’ and they update it there by putting in the amount of kilometres they’ve done and they can also upload a selfie or picture of themselves out there doing it.

“Then as they keep doing it the kilometres will increase and they can also see the total kilometers everyone has done. They can also see leagues. So people from Louth will go into a Louth league or we have the guards signed up, we have fire service, the ambulance service, the coastguard, and they’re all going to compete against each other.”

This competitiveness is spreading, Niall says with relish.

“I know that the physio department in the Lourdes have challenged the physio department in Cavan/Monaghan hospital to see who is going to do the most.

“And I know the Geraldines GAA team and Inniskeen Grattans are going head to head. SO I know there’s little challenges there - it’ll get very competitive, very quickly.”

Between now and the end of June it’ll be busy online just as much as on the roads, streets and fields of the country.

“We’ll have social media updates every couple of days. Letting people know how many kilometers we’ve done and who’s competing against whom and get a bit of craic and a bit of banter going. So, that’ll really kick off a competitive edge.

“I’ll call out people, if they haven’t done enough and all of that kind of stuff.

“We’ll be getting people to put up pictures all over social media and at the end we’d normally have a big party, that’s not going to happen. I don’t really know yet, we’ll have some sort of virtual celebration to celebrate that so many people took part and raised so much funds for breast cancer awareness.”

The idea behind the challenge is that anyone can either run, jog or walk the distance within 30 days, with their progress tracked online at www.looking30days.ie. Participants can also challenge others to see who does the most kilometres. The record so far is 471km in 30 days!

STEPHEN KENNY

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NIALL CARROLL

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98 FM @ 02-Jun-20 17:26 - (breast)

Reality we need all the help I might get a fair comparison disciples how deep is your love your edition of today's accelerator Bob Marley from stars lub sunshine for the had Kenny to allow only really a silver touch em cheap cards will makes only EU good tunes in the next day we do each and every day just after 5 please tell me there's a big right hand this is Brian Margot afternoon very happy here with

me people recover body and if there's one very small things good thing that's come out of cover 19 and all the travel restrictions on of the past few weeks as he met the people I've seen out jogging lately I don't think there's many people did before all this point with Jane's closed and all that stuff is definitely more people on the street said doing their 5 and 10 case and so on it's good that we have this on the show as well this week Niall Carol has organised the local community walking and

running events for the last number of years stoners 100 k in 30 days and it's on again this year for the month of June which started yesterday have seen today is due a second but don't let that put you off you could still get in I think works a bed 3 point something kilometres each day if you want to do with his wife Carol and she was diagnosed with breast cancer just before Christmas and she's a secular school teacher with two small children and has always been very fit and active

solutions coming to the end of her treatment he was to do something for breast Cancer Ireland to fund research and into why breast cancer is becoming so prevalent for the 15 to 45 age bracket so if you're interested you can sign up and 100 k in 30 days .ie to take part the be that enterprises are all sorts of stuff happened over a month with social distance guidelines in place of course but we have a fit bid to give way on the shelves today which is pretty

cool to celebrate the 100 k in 30 days with Carol and I know where this person but their sheer fun with their jogging earlier on about the deafening even new pair saving Intel which tune they were listened to what they read on the job they are if you now take the answer along with your details Oh 8.7 98 98 98 if we call you back you would fit this 98FM me breath then we ran back and Brandon on this morning's show we played what the question which was causing some sibling rivalry

might get your money on your car and he got and I'm a crap about luck OK what are cracking I'll tell you why it's likely to be very high tomorrow morning but what is the question will be worth 1300 euro and ease make sure you check out all the incorrect guess is made so far Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100k in 30 days challenge.
Today FM @ 03-Jun-20 12:27 - (breast)

Earnings and castles on today FM there's so many tax it away some form of a one two with a movie that Major cry a.m. I just read this one and a compact all of the tax but the blindside makes me ball every time I see that and steel magnolias but Brooklyn makes me Howell as someone is emigrated when he won his unexpected death happens and she's so far from home I was in floods it's a phone call every emigrant dreads that from Rachel in London via Limerick Hello to you and good afternoon to you Rachel and I said welcome back to all those now last week I spoke to Niall Carroll from Blackrock County Louth about the challenge that he is set to walk or run 100 k in 30 days for breast Cancer Ireland and Nyla join again he was an update on how the challenges are going now good afternoon them really thank you again well I signed up myself I am well aware this is day 3 I have done anything anything today but I've 9 K Dunne 91 kilometres to go But it's actually a lovely every evening knowing that no matter the State of the kitchen are which child is in bed which child has had a bath or whatever that I have to go and it's just it's actually lovely I really enjoyed last night just heading out on my own with my headphones and it's great good for the head it's great for the health and well done to you for doing that and everybody is saying that to me is that they feel that a commitment to go on Yeah and I'm just so many people have signed up to take part in this their response has been absolutely phenomenal way we planned for 2000 people we want 2000 aged and we thought we were really cross our fingers that but as of last night we have had over 10000 people on the website 100 here in 20 is done he and it's just it's amazing phenomenon and the good thing is the worry is that it's not too late to sign up and join the pain got me taking over the country who it it's just got to get a little bit harder he said 3 K did not have to import Caid du it thinking they had a job that's it that's it but a lot of people are calling us and ask us all as it is telling you more than 3 here they'll come in and do a good deal of Yes you can do that in the end I quit all right so you want to do it I know there's people out there is one person on 85 Camas done in 3 days I a.m. and get some people are really taking taking this a competitive weight and getting it from and get it done really early some people got distracted months so it's never too late to sign up Highlights: Niall Carroll, Blackrock, Walk or Run 100k, Breast Cancer Ireland.
the music from Mali and John Gibbons the errors once she steps really excellent lover turns a profit off topic breaking league Atlanta's no money and Oriana only earlier tunes in the mix this evening and the track list for eye on our Instagram night that was always one with everything it's like a lot done on fire at the moment but let me love you as well don't stuff we have a fit to give away each day this week on the show and encouraging you to get out get fit but also for a great cause and senile Carroll 100 k in 30 days does let that number scares you 100 k in the early days they were sent around 3 kilometres a day you can run you can walk it However you still need to get around the 100 k through June put he is doing it because his wife Ciara she you or carriage should say was diagnosed with breast cancer just before Christmas a secondary school teacher with two small children I was always very fit and healthy and thankfully coming to the end of her treatment plants want to do something for breast Cancer Ireland so you can find more info at 200 k in 30 days the .ie I do hope you can participate in take part in that but your chance to win this it will have a listen to this first I heard a jogging again if they really need to get you had fun so what can you tell what song was playing in his front line award was takes the answer along with your details are always 7 7 98 98 98 7 98 98 98 the text or WhatsApp just tell me what Sinn Fein in that person's head front for a chance to win a fit bit along the Naas card 100 k in 30 days in Dublin 98FM with you 3 covered 19 119 has caused a lot of uncertainty in everyone's lives one thing that is certain though The that airs gonna keep growing for a lot of people their regular hair cut the way to boost your mood and self confidence with my Amazon someone being closed it is not surprising that some bus might be feeling a little down on their appearance so before you pick up the clippers and years yourself Glen McGoldrick the director of men Byrd .ie has these tips for anyone to be self stylists loyal employee you doing really good product I met a lot share your hair at the moment and that really helps you get through those days were aired in place is that a good hairdryer because along with the product of good hairdryer really help the boiler of a more on the day's real have a little bit too much last the which painted him out to social media a lot of people of dollars this decision is to shave her hair in a person in my opinion I don't avoid anybody there's a real professional tool but if you fancy of the good that Labour's all down to one Lane and you know maybe a quick look around Yeah well so there you have it treated to maintain those lovely locks and hopefully boost your mood for more info videos tips just like this make sure the checkout 98FM .com this injustice seen it all now NCA's debt fell as the world continues to change and Ulster Bank were continuing to make changes in response that her new companion card and innovation for customers in vulnerable situations or extended is get online you can top up your companion kind of the phone by up to 120 euro every 5 days they give it to a trusted companion to buy essentials like shopping on your behalf it's simple safe and secure and we hope that it helps to learn which is called a priority 9 18 106.6 years they won Ulster Bank help for what matters Ulster Bank Ireland DAC is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland eligibility criteria limits apply not available for online purchases this afternoon to show every Electric Ireland customers how much we appreciate it to get exclusive offers and save on your energy bills using your Supervalu rewards points visit Electric Ireland awards .ie get your garden sorted for summer but get a gardener .ie with a brass trim the edges clear rock I'm clear of the way you can't do it at some time to do it I just think it's a pain in the crass posters Mark Gardner clean-up bundle specific Gardner and send someone a voucher for a fuss-free professional garden clean-ups Cert to get the garden done Heidi we start your journey towards a greener Ireland 3 to 0 two with high-end your eye and idea there is a ready answer your questions about her left eye and eco-friendly petrol and diesel models for to go to because high and I don't just want we have all the Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Ciara,
Creating good breast health habits is vital

Valerie Murphy, who runs Valerie’s Breast Care, writes about the impact on women whose mammograms have been postponed due to Covid 19.

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Eabha, Finn, Isla, Devan, Jack, Daniel and Niamh.
He was the much loved grand-uncle of Leila, Casper and Ru. He is mourned by his aunts, cousins and a wide circle of friends and colleagues.
Funeral in private: funeral ceremony took place on Tuesday (26th May) at 11am. Condolences may be posted on RIP.ie. If desired, donations may be made to the Irish Cancer Society.

KENNEDY: Nick Kennedy of Allenwood Middle, Allenwood died on Saturday (23rd May), peacefully in the wonderful care of staff at Parke House Nursing Home, Kilcock.
Nick is sadly missed by his loving son Jim, daughters Biddy, Sicken, Loretta, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends.
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DIGNAM: Ray Dignam of Clondalkin and formerly of Lucan died on 20th May, peacefully, surrounded by his loving children in Tallaght Hospital.
Ray was a beloved and devoted dad to Edward, Courtney and Melissa, and he will be forever loved and very sadly missed by his loving family, children, grandson Parker, brother Eddie, nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and neighbours.
Funeral in private: A funeral service was held on Saturday (23rd May) at 11am and shown live on www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-peter-apostle-church-neilstown-clondalk in.

Ray’s family asked that family and friends light a candle at 11am last Saturday in memory of Ray. Condolences may be posted on RIP.ie.

POWER: William (Billy) Power of Curryhills Park, Prosperous and late of Laragh, Kilcock died on Friday, 22nd May, peacefully surrounded by his loving family.
Billy’s passing took place in the loving care of wonderful staff at Mount Pleasant Lodge Nursing Home, Kilcock.
He was the beloved husband of the late Joan and his death is deeply regretted by his loving daughters Jane and Clare.
Their loss and sadness is shared by Billy’s sons-in-law Frank and Nat, grandchildren Seán, Lauren, James and Sammy, sister Mary, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral in private: Billy’s Funeral Mass on Tuesday (26th May) was shown live on www.prosperous-parish.ie. Messages of condolences can be posted on RIP.ie.

RUTHERFORD: Melanie Hill Rutherford of Lucan and formerly of Ballincollig, County Cork died on 21st May, peacefully, surrounded by her loving family after a long illness courageously and bravely borne.
Melanie was the beloved wife of Mark and adored mom of Naoise, Holly, Eabha and Rian.
She was too, the dearly beloved daughter of Sean and May Hill and much loved sister of Marion (Falvey), Jacqui, Liam, Trevor and Gregg.

She is sadly missed by her heartbroken husband, children, parents, sisters, brothers, mother-in-law, Merilyn, father-in-law, Cleveland, nieces, especially Sarah who was like a sister and her best friend, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, extended family, neighbours and her large circle of friends.

Funeral in private: Melanie’s funeral Mass was shown on Monday (25th May) from 11.30am on live stream on the St Patrick’s Parish Live online Broadcasting website www.youtube.com/channel/.
Her family asked that over the coming days everyone who knew Melanie would take time to light a candle or say a prayer in her memory.

DUNNE: Michael (Mick) Dunne of Downings, Prosperous died on 19th May, peacefully, at home.
His death is deeply regretted by his loving brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

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SHANNON: John Shannon of Lucan and Palmerstown, and formerly of Galway died suddenly at his home on 18th May.
Fondly remembered as a very hard-working, decent and generous man who loved to work on machines old and new, John is greatly missed and fondly remembers by his close friends and neighbours.

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O’CONNOR: Catriona O’Connor of Weir View, Lucan and formerly of Carnaross, County Meath, died on 21st May, suddenly.
Catriona was the beloved mother of Peter and sister of Marie, John, Padraig and the late Noelene.
She was sadly missed by her loving son, brothers, sister, nephews, nieces, especially Paul, Kelly, Conor and Kate, other relatives and friends.

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O’BRIEN: William J (Billy) O’Brien, of St John’s Court, Edmond Rice Square, Athy and formerly of Kilcock, died on Friday, 19th May.
He was predeceased by his brother Seamus and recently deceased sister-in-law Mary Nally.
Billy is sadly missed and forever remembered by his only daughter Sandra Jane, son-in-law Sébastien and grandsons Samuel and Sébastien.
He is also sadly missed by his brother Peter (UK), sister-in-law Mary, brothers-in-law Noel and Pat, nieces, nephews, extended family, relatives and friends.

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Many breast-related Facebook pages including my own Valerie’s Breast Care page creates a reminder post on the first of every month. www.facebook.com/Valeriesbreastcare

My advice is to pick one that works best for you.
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98 FM on the ride home with Bryan Ma and all this week with 9 cows 100 Kane 30 Day Challenge for breast Cancer Ireland we have a bit to give away the fact that Darren good evening it's Brian 98FM Darren not about helping every idea well done we're you today I'm just really walk Walkers brilliant OK any plans for the weekend for NAMA moral Authority for doing it well that's your turn back and work I did your fitness I started to walk into the hope of jogging then met excess well this is perfect with the Fitbit to give away played a tune someone run and pass with some dodgy hedge funds what was a tune playing in their advance Phil Lawless team abseil Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland.
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Is all yours and do check out 200 k in 30 days walk run cycle whatever you do just take part and to raise awareness for breast cancer Ireland 100 k in 30 days that we are very fortunate that none of us look work this weekend I think there left me breathless with a friend in the left corner with for himself and Kevin words good morning they're all good did you speak to a leprechaun when you first saw it first saw a 3D remake I was told I couldn't move on the moon can probably ignore ordinary and subsequently done by Government industry could see them again and one where the same green people could move and through a rights issue and pointed out that the years for Danzig will there's an image Kevin David black then we will then get a friend to Monday morning then why all my big idea or Yes there are lots of types of dad's Justice while Dunnes stores has lots of types of gifts for father's day when picnic baskets Cup choir of Kieran Belton slippers plus of course how an insurance and your dad the type she's his own kit this at Dunnes stores gift card so go online at dunnesstores.com and pick the perfect gift for father's day terms and conditions apply see dunnesstores.com for details Bombay Pantry award-winning Indian food is now available for contactless collection & delivery from 5 7 Dublin stories now on the Bombay Pantry app and get 50 % off your first order for the sure LSE New Balance sale just got even bigger you can now get up to 70 % off LFC new basket training and leisure wear for the whole family including this season’s home shares from just 54 EUR for adults and from 47 EUR 25 the Union the official LFC New Balance sale now on up to 70 % off Galway today Liverpool FC.com forward slashed law you were fully qualified electrician board due to qualify in the next 6 months but then came downstairs say has a job for you we're recruiting full-time electricians with residential and commercial experience to join our km Cersei Dublin team through training plus a company vehicle will be provided and benefits include generous salaries holiday allowance pension healthcare and the bonus the female your CV now two electricians km Cersei.ie that's OK Yeah erm CIA author CE T dot ie after months of hard choices it's time for something else the Hughes brighter choose to go to say that she used to take 3 month payment break choose an online discount voucher of up to 3000 euro used to pay zero % PCP Finance across our entire SUV range choose a 3 year service plan for just 9 euro 99 a month used to download your voucher the saia.ie and then visit your local Saorview retailer before June 30th choose to have it all I had to go to say that sales event Finance provided by way of her purchase agreement Volkswagen Financial Services Ireland trading said financial services subject to lending criteria terms and conditions apply this is a set of ie for further information I can hear this the world does this debate the 12 page guide will always 30 easy and simple recipes the funds started to play very very good use and delicious summer jobs Don't miss the biggest day realist the world the 98 the right we've Tesco we like to ask all our customers when shopping with us please only have one person And perch Valley where possible Yeah Yeah start this man is that he doesn't tell you things that got me know your baby see you in your tracks I saw you you you you OK I think this time the source Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland.
Sports stars support 100k in 30 days

Ireland football manager, Stephen Kenny with Niall Carroll in Blackrock who are taking part in the 100in30days challenge

A host of well known sports personalities are lending their support to the 100k in 30 Days Challenge in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland.

Ireland manager and former Dundalk FC boss Stephen Kenny, rugby stars Rob Kearney and Robbie Henshaw, and professional golfers Paul Dunne and Leona Maguire are among those who have come on board.

The challenge is spearheaded by local businessman Niall Carroll, who has been organising the 100K as a fun community event since 2014. This year the event is going nationwide and, as Niall's wife Cara was diagnosed with breast cancer last December, he wants to raise as much money as possible to help Breast Cancer Ireland support the many thousands of Irish women impacted by breast cancer by funding research into the disease.

Niall and Cara, along with his brother Brian and sister-in-law Louisa, and family friends Alicia Grant and her daughter Ellie, Shane O'Callaghan and Jessie Moneley, launched the initiative on Monday March 23.

Already over 7,000 have registered with people from every county in Ireland and many abroad signing up to take part.

Stephen Kenny, who lives near Niall and Cara in Blackrock, comments: 'With everything going on, it is heartening to see Niall and Cara taking on the 100k in 30 Days Challenge and raising much needed funds to support Breast Cancer Ireland. Like so many people, I have seen the impact the disease and I think it is so important that initiatives like this ensure that research continues into the future.'

Niall explains that anyone who wants to support the campaign can run, jog or walk 100km within 30 days, with their progress tracked online Participants can also challenge others to see who does the most kilometres, with several local GAA clubs already setting up their own leagues. There is a €25 registration fee and anyone who wants to raise more money can do so through a Just Giving page.

To join go to www.100in30days.ie
Thousands of people are doing 100k in 30 days for breast cancer research - here's why

How Cara McAdam's breast cancer experience sparked a nationwide fundraiser backed by famous names. "WE ONLY HAD the idea two weeks ago," says Niall Carroll, organiser of the 100k In 30 Days campaign to raise money for Breast Cancer Ireland. "We had planned for around 2,000 signups. Now we have 11,600 people signed up, and so far we have raised more than half a million euro… It's just exploded."

Niall's wife, Cara, was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2019. Six months later, and following treatment, she is well on her way to a full recovery. But the couple – who have two children aged four and two – decided to try and raise some money to thank those who had helped them. "We knew we wanted to do something to raise money to support people with breast cancer, and breast cancer research," says Niall.

The idea behind the 100k In 30 Days campaign is simple. Over 30 days through the month of June, everyone taking part pledges to run, walk or wheel just over 3k a day – or 100k in total. It's a way to exercise that fits with social distancing restrictions. Participants can track their progress on the official website, and even challenge each other to beat their distance (the record so far is 471km over 30 days).

Niall, a businessman from Blackrock, Co Louth, first launched the event as a local community fundraiser in 2014. "When we did it last time, I said I'd never do it again," he says. But then the idea came up to raise money for Breast Cancer Ireland, and he hasn't looked back.

Cara McAdam with Jack (4) and Laura (2)

Source: Lisa McCormack

"We just said, let's go for it," he says. "We grabbed a team together really quickly, we built the website and registration process and opened it on Sunday 24 May. By Tuesday there were 250 registrations."

A number of famous names have since thrown their weight behind the campaign, including rugby star Rob Kearney, Irish professional golfer Leona Maguire, Ireland football manager Stephen Kenny, and GAA legend Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh. Irish stockbrokers Davy are also supporting it as lead sponsor. But it was an interview with Mairead Ronan on Today FM that really caught the nation's attention, says Niall. Since then, numbers have rocketed.

"Once people heard where the money was going to, it really took off," he says. "Everyone that signs up gets a pink t-shirt, and we ordered 2,000 t-shirts thinking we'd be well covered. Now we need more! We had to send a lorry to France to pick up 10,000 pink t-shirts, and our printer is printing 2,500 a day."

But registrations are very much still open – and he's keen to emphasise that it's not too late to get involved. "This is for the 30 days of June," he says. "We really want to get the message out there that people can still register now. Someone has already completed the 100k in just a few days so there are lots of different ways you can approach it." Aside from the registration fee, participants can also do their own fundraising if they wish, using a personal JustGiving page that comes with registration.

So how does Cara, only recently given the all-clear from breast cancer, feel about how quickly this has blown up? "She's a bit overwhelmed," says Niall. "She's not big on the limelight part of things." But the couple have since met with Breast Cancer Ireland to understand where the funding will go, which was a huge boost, he says. "We started with a sob story, but now it's a positive one."

And is Niall doing the challenge himself? "Yes of course," he says. "Everybody that I know is doing it – they know if they weren't doing it I'd be straight onto them!" Even the kids are teaming up to complete the distance, he adds. "My son Jack is four and Laura is two. And between them and their cousins Anna, James and Tom – seven, five and three – they'll all be doing it together."

Beyond raising money, the campaign hopes to educate more women about breast cancer and encourage more people to check for lumps. "That's how this all started," says Niall. "If we can get more women checking, 15-40-year-olds, that's the time. Cara is a school teacher, she's very fit, she runs. If she can get it, anyone can."

To sign up for the 100k In 30 Days campaign, visit 100kin30days.ie. You can also check out the #100kin30Days hashtag on Instagram or Twitter. For more information on Breast Cancer Ireland, visit breastcancerireland.com
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still doing during lockdown. Welcome back. Since the start of COVID-19, people across the country have been getting involved in all challenges – and not just the TikTok kind. So today, we have a new one that's guaranteed to do some good. '100k in 30 days' challenges you to run, jog or wheel 100 kilometres within the 30 days of June, all with the aim of raising money for Breast Cancer Ireland. And joining us now on the line to tell us more about it is Niall and his wife Cara who is the man behind this year's challenge undergoing Breast Cancer treatment. Good morning to you, thank you for running. Good morning. I ask you first, when alarm bells started ringing for you? I mentioned you have personal experience of breast Well, last October or November I noticed a small lump and didn't think too much of it but there was another girl in our village that was undergoing treatment so I decided to get it checked out. As it turned out it was breast cancer, so I was told that on a Tuesday, had surgery on a Friday and I have been having chemotherapy and radiation therapy. It happened so quickly that I am at the end of it Doctors and nurses have been amazing so that is why this challenge has been set up. Great to hear you are doing so well, but at the time it must have been a devastating diagnosis for you.

Undergoing any sort of cancer treatment is stressful enough, at the time, and dramatic without bringing in a pandemic. How did COVID-19 affect your treatment? Did you get an altered schedule? Initially I was meant to have 12 sessions of chemotherapy but when all of this happened in about March it was reduced down to 7. But with everything is proceeding as normal, the radiation I have had all 20 sessions and none of that was interrupted. But, the screening would have been earlier on and that was long before when a delay would have happened. It must have been incredibly difficult for you both as a couple, when you think about it, newly married with two small ones at home. As her partner, you work for yourself and then the school and country shutdown, that is incredibly stressful thing to take country shutdown, that is an on as well as caring? It has been a busy year, to be honest. But when walking the kids, and at the start of the year we had amazing help with friends but then, when knock-down came it amazing help with friends and family was... We went on our own that we had much less help because we not leave the house or do any of that, it was tough not leave the house or do any of that, it was tough but we got through it. We are very tight, we are a tight-knit family and community. We managed to get through it. I imagine in lockdown it is the small things that you are able to do like me to PayPal for coffee and that impossible. --meet me to PayPal for coffee and that was impossible. --meet a pal. In terms of mentally handicapped your strength, how was that? The kids get me going, every day. In fact it was quite nice being locked in with them. On some levels, it gave us all a bit of time to unite as a family. But yes, on the days of treatment and things I needed to rest treatment and things like that, when I needed to rest after treatment, they were tough. I have a great network of friends who kept in contact, zoom became a good friend before everyone else was using it. So we have got through it, it is great. We are here today because one to highlight this challenge that you have taken on. The 100 K in 30 days has been a challenge that has been around for a few years but this it is to raise funds for around for a few years but this year it is to raise funds for breast cancer Ireland, can you tell us about the initiative? We have been running this since 2014 in the community fibre to fun and community spirit. I saw the last time I did it I would never do it again, because it takes a lot of my time. It takes time, and omitted why don't we do it for breast cancer, not even three weeks ago. And we said okay, let's do it and let's see if we can get the nation moving. So we grabbed...
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And joining us now on the line to tell us more about it is Niall and his wife Cara who is the man behind this year's challenge undergoing Breast Cancer treatment. Good morning joining us today on the Good morning to you, thank you for Running. Good morning. I ask you first, when alarm bells started ringing for you?

I mentioned you have personal experience of breast. Well, last October or November I noticed a small lump and didn't think too much of it but there was another girl in our village that was undergoing treatment so I decided to get it checked out. As it turned out it was breast cancer, so I was told that on a Tuesday, had surgery on a Friday and I have been having chemotherapy and radiation therapy. It happened so quickly that I am at the end of it. Doctors and nurses have been amazing so that is why this challenge has been set up. Great to hear you are doing so well, but at the time it must have been a devastating diagnosis for you.

Undergoing any sort of cancer treatment is stressful enough, at the time, and dramatic without bringing in a pandemic. How did COVID-19 affect your treatment? Did you get an altered schedule? Initially I was meant to have 12 sessions of chemotherapy but when all of this happened in about March it was reduced down to 7. But with everything is proceeding as normal, the radiation I have had all 20 sessions and none of that was interrupted. But, the screening would have been earlier on and that was have been when a delay would have happened. It must have been incredibly difficult for you both as a couple, when you think about it, newly married with two small ones at home. As her partner, you work for yourself and then the school and country shutdown, that is incredibly stressful thing to take on as well as caring? It has been a busy year, to be honest. But when walking the kids, and at the start of the year we had amazing help with friends but then, when knock-down came it amazing help with friends and family was... We went on our own that we had much less help because we not leave the house or do any of that, it was tough but we got through it. We are very tight, we are a tightknit family and community. We managed to get through it. I imagine in lockdown it is the small things that you are able to do like me to PayPal for coffee and that impossible.­­meet me to PayPal for coffee and that was impossible.­­meet a pal. In terms of mentally handicapped your strength, how was that? The kids get me going, every day. In fact it was quite nice being locked in with them. On some levels, it gave us all a bit of time to unite as a family. But yes, on the days of treatment and things I needed to rest...after treatment, they were tough. I have a great network of friends who kept in contact, zoom became a good friend before everyone else was using it. So we have got through it, it is great. We are here today because one to highlight this challenge that you have taken on. The 100K in 30 days has been a challenge that has been around for a few years but this it is to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland, can you tell us about the initiative? We have been running this since 2014 in the community fibre to fun and community spirit. I saw the last time I did it I would never do it again, because it takes a lot of my time. It takes time, and omitted why don't we do it for breast cancer, not even three weeks ago. And we said okay, let's do it and let's see if we can get the nation moving. So we grabbed...Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, COVID-19, 100k in 30 days, Niall Carroll, Cara McAdam, breast cancer.
Rules Oh classic beyond say that his IRA place about here are 98 FM listening to this Saturday's social with myself Rachel good morning to tell you about a really exciting event this morning it's actually been running for the past few years but it's happening again this year it began on the first of June It's called 100 k in 30 days and has been organised by Niall Carroll all in aid of breast Cancer Ireland is essentially the community the community walking and running event

that takes place for the entire month of June and just tell you a bit about Niall and his family Niall's wife Carol was actually diagnosed with breast cancer just before Christmas of Las a year She's a secondary school teacher she's got two kids and has always been really fit and active South thankfully she is coming to the end of her treatment so she wants to do something for breast Cancer Ireland to help fund research and find it a bit about why breast cancer has become so prevalent in the 15 to 45 age bracket though it's all amazing and brilliant work and if you want to find a bit more about what you can do to help out and also how to take part in the brilliant event it is running all this month you can check out www dot 100 k in 30 days the dot ie to find out how you can take part there's also be prizes involved of course all in line with social distancing and also told its it suitable for everyone young kids could schooners

and so it's a great way for everyone to take part get a bit of exercise and all in aid of the brilliant costs so to celebrate this amazing event I have an unbelievable prize to give away on the show this morning I have a sick bid up for grabs on the Saturday social right now Yes I always have to do if you wanted to get your hands up this morning and text me in 100 k in 30 days OK to attack me 100 k in 30 days text or WhatsApp to await 7 7 98 98 98 0 be picking

out a winner for an amazing prize in just a few minutes in the meantime though tunes Macklemore is on the way after Jonas brothers what a man's gotta do you're listening to 98 FM had about until I don't need to question their knees and the risk the is this is serious Mand I've not as big but not all of us and we know that their money is I during his stint on strictly but injury has come to this tour and given me and Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100k in 30 Days, Niall Carroll, Cara, breast cancer.
When I was in their graves at that was rather not go well as I can stray and some harm to his Russian them at bay she's like then you've loved girls since before 3 K sure anger she had a point when she went to a stereo signs song in my head and went with them and my Yeah I did a little League and we can see the idea of what it all meant but those are my the same sex had the characteristics you might win Conservatives think it's good leek curd with treatment really rewiring Weir

predisposition playing I feel we got out there could still be years well I don't know and God loves filming for some help but we hair Frazer 2030 100 years ago I was gay I would think Pat picks me tell you about the new tool comments lately and nsk gets trapped on the day of the week comes song nuns what we're saying culture down from a pressure your we don't have Acceptance Form College that it's me I think he's had a message for you I shall still the laws it is synonymous with them that's was from here that his skin colour the complexion of this saying my back out into human rights for everybody it is a different level and yourself when was searched the couple's something else if you prison service those words anyway and all the while this is somebody who is then when everyone else is not comfortable remaining voices whether minor breach had the right

me that's much more and for me that's Like the present for its progress more so with a bit of time on the clock among locals certainly not a lot what does around a mile away the bad pain in my heart sweet awesome dad dad and they are innocent people is gonna solve they are a good place to start change Yes we have just glad he will leave the company saying why did others same well raise

that is same Love here on 98FM you're listening to this Saturday's social with a breach now could you do a 100 okay in 30 days all for breast Cancer Ireland 12 that is the amazing event that is happening all June to raise money for such a brilliant cause is being organised by Niall Carol if you want to find out more on how you can sign up for that event it's suitable for kids it's suitable for older people of all fitness levels you can check out their website www dot 100

k in 30 days at DAA ie to sign up for it it's gonna be an amazing event and like this it's all for a brilliant cause well to celebrate it all this week we are giving away something that will help you with your fitness S 5th bit on the show this morning liqueur England soccer good morning good morning Lorne how are things gone up to now few bad breaker work plenary working very loud say

I'm not OK Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100k in 30 Days, Niall Carroll.
very good we are of course talking all things fitness this morning are you a runner Leo Correa Walker into a fit net well play sport playing football with local club where have really been keeping to belong with quarantine period but I know it's been hard we had to work hard at keeping said I think it but Yeah I need your bike you know that you're good at and how much snow we could help out their lead now 5th bears a clue it's all yours congratulations thank you very much great they might help you train for 100 k in 30 days on an aid of breast Cancer Ireland the very go fingers crossed that growth outlook listen look thank you so much for us in the morning and like said Checkout 100 km 30 days the DAA ie for more information about the event and how you can sign up to take part and help raise money for a brilliant call us now on the way free we're gonna be checking out bits even get up to in Dublin over the weekend and tunes from Savage Garden & Saint John on the way on 98FM they worked there through 98FM and Lazard banker and bred here hope you're having a lovely weekend will be back on Monday morning for Devon when what the question will be worth 1400 and 50 please make sure you check out all the guesses on 98FM .com forward that question because we really really want to give that money away weekday from 98FM breakfast TV watch whatever you're in the mood for work on live TV 98 the most of the race said Doors but the projector that transforms your back garden into an outdoor cinema at Littlewoods Ireland .ie we're committed to delivering what matters to you with flexible ways to pay lending criteria terms and conditions apply over 18s only shop direct Ireland Ltd during the shoot with Ireland is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland would see online for further details sterilisations system kills 99 % of viruses and bacteria in every good to know when I find an approved the school and a new range of Finance offer from 0 % and 3 months in Finance provided by way of a hire purchase agreement from Volkswagen Financial Services Ireland and subject to lending criteria terms and conditions apply think it's still red dot ie for further information stay was declared a Republic that is what got the word Ed and attention was diverted to the devices we held our hands he held strong to and rumours a video killed the radio star life you never believe them in the moment that defined our past and present it in a Radio we trust because even in the most uncertain days there's always been one constant we tune in island listening to Australia choose Radio our health service is working hard for everyone and our staff are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of cover 19 so if you're worried about health problem don't let fear of Corona virus stop you from getting help your GP is just a phone call away and if you are urgent symptoms like chest pain or signs of a struggle like slurred speech or weakness in your face Rams goatee euro emergency department or call 9.9 Oh one one to immediately stay safe and visit HSE ie for more information from the HSE and Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100k in 30 Days, competition.
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A series of talks on again and well that never actually actively was antic that we needed a mask adds a sense we live bodies Mass thence it up with another day no no side he never forget it is a fair bit of fog of cakes decorated giving up well for a now our next guest is organising another huge fundraiser for breast Cancer Ireland called 100 k in 30 days

so it's running walking or wheeling challenge simply to complete 100 planners the first to the of June and joining us on the line now is the organiser Niall O'Connor a nice welcome pumped up kicks flights are actually and thank you very much on the don't have you a.m. I tell us tell us about this may be achieved this is kind of a community-based event that's been going now for the last 6 years Yeah that's right we started it in 2014 just for

the fun in the community are just just for the Canaries where I was only maybe ever 152 the people doing it so that hospital was barely last year my wife and and he was diagnosed with breast cancer I think scored through the chain when she finished she said to me a few weeks ago why breast cancer I had absolutely nothing again bring it to a national level so we have done much

more and more Yeah I is a me as a seed somewhere your figures here are your plans for 2000 people but has over 12000 people of all fine now we're saying that he that's right we've just kind of a 13 member of the Leighton saw if it raised over 625000 euro for breast Cancer Ireland which is beyond our wildest dreams and for us was having an emotional connection to this then it you know knowing that you're making

such a worthwhile contribution to leg let's face the charity says that are struggling at the moment it's something as was steered to your heart and sunny we are very proud of Yeah Yeah I know is we are very proud of it I your thoughts then Ashley and breast Cancer Ireland not even 3 weeks ago and they thought it was brilliant and I and hoped it would be very successful and they

think very how we can help you get in all 9 getting more organised under if it's not on the for sure but for car and for everybody else is going through cancer treatment it's also about how the people are doing him loose with happening feel better help them create a bit of positivity around the place so many people have said that the last day but it's really

Yeah I Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100k in 30 Days, Niall Carroll.
Varadkar in the pink for charity

TAOISEACH Leo Varadkar gave his backing to the 100k in 30 Days challenge yesterday.

It is spearheaded by businessman Niall Carroll in support of his wife Cara McAdam who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year.

They have raised more than €500,000 for Breast Cancer Ireland in one week. Visit www.100kin30days.ie for more details.

€500k The amount of money that was raised by the couple in just a week: MEET&GREET Leo and Cara
Caption: UP FOR A CHALLENGE Niall Carroll, Cara McAdam with Leo Varadkar yesterday
The so well without me me me down enough Yes we like to bring Luke the good news some days we have a good musician folks Thank goodness for good news good news for good news here is a good news story and I think I love challenges taken off in 8 days see Yeah they raised over half a million to support breast Cancer Research Yeah lock down and have a positive everybody was walking and everyone's delighted it's to do for such a worthy charity this is an in Dundalk 100 K challenge in aid of breast Cancer Ireland Yes very good though Yes that's gone on at the moment actually my daughter was doing well as well so for me it was very impressive very impressive I think Gareth for saving that in there Yeah that's a good little Yes thank you thank you we can always start to think about barbecuing with friends Bobby Jean friends about securing your place after earlier made the announcement on Friday early hours of work were heading towards a hanging out with the people that you haven't hung out with months and months and months here S so my good news relates to a great idea please live barbecue sauce the sauce the putting about you Yeah Yeah they running a competition the moment we could have a drone deliver everything you need you with friends she you have trouble in your back garden all the sauces all allow heat DBU back to put any little tray If you don't have the action barbecue for the left back so this is all there we need to do was find money Instagram I have that I think it's hilarious that is the world's first barbecue drone delivery units have been here in Ireland I is a great idea fingers crossed will have everything will go out to play let's do it OK imagine so we share a narrow fairways on the way there is a God you shot down a drone know is everything that you liked they recorded when they drop into the backyard I'd say it probably weigh about your backyard would be quite interesting OK about really will be good news because a cure for baldness is deafening on the horizon OK this is absolutely gonna happen breakthrough now lean unlimited supply of locks from millions of them were follically challenged it is in the British journal and it says that they are now growing human hair on my ice's head what's your case this is a mad Massereene has the police has a mouse here to give you what help out there is a double here so it's got a sort of shave the pot and mouse the mouse ball's data and is where we got them really and use human stem cells onto the Mouse's head f saw this moment in time obviously the mask can get their hair cut because the lockdown the if there's a big hairy boy's turnaround Simon looks like Jon Bon Jovi the board they have human hair on their heads as they are Yeah so have a look at him look of the table with some revolting story first of none of the mice are harmless at all Firstly Secondly I've seen some moments some look damn attractive like them we say there's a mouse that's like banjo Yes absolutely they've put human hair stem cells into the heads of mice and growing here and now because this is working they can do the same thing in the bald men once they don't get confused and then end up with mice mice are saying jetted into their dairy meat and creative sectors where one spouse goes there’s a big ball of they will live down there and we'll show you where the sun don't shine he did not say where much anyway for the outfit from because of an awful lot of thought for the hair on there but for the player I think it might look like Bon Jovi is good news thank you good operation Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Dundalk, 100K Challenge.
Pink Bales Campaign for Breast Cancer Ireland

Agri contractor Paddy Foley from Callan, Co Kilkenny (pictured) has been a strong supporter of the Glanbia Ireland #PinkBales initiative.
Leo's in the pink for good cause

LEO Varadkar is thinking pink as he backed the 100k in 30 Days challenge started by Louth businessman Niall Carroll, to support his wife Cara who was diagnosed with cancer last year.

The pair have raised more than €500,000 for Breast Cancer Ireland in just one week.

Anyone can either run, jog, walk or wheel the distance within 30 days, with their progress tracked online at www.100kin30days.ie.

It has mobilised people in all 32 countries and overseas, bringing people together while keeping them apart for a fantastic cause. To register for the event visit www.100kin30days.ie.
Pension age deadlock stalls talks but parties optimistic

Philip Ryan

THE State pension age remains one of the key stumbling blocks in the government formation talks.

The three party leaders involved in negotiations met yesterday to try to resolve differences on plans to increase the age to 67 next year.

However, after a four-hour meeting between Micheál Martin, Leo Varadkar and Eamon Ryan, agreement had not been reached and their negotiating teams will have to find a resolution in the coming days.

A Fianna Fáil source suggested increasing the age to 67 could be delayed for a number of years in line with some other EU countries where it is not due to go up until 2028.

However, a Fine Gael source said this would be “too much of a fudge”.

The leaders have agreed to set up a commission on pensions which will examine a new auto-enrolment system and the contributions people will be expected to make to receive a State pension.

Mr Martin wants the age to remain at 66, while Mr Varadkar is insisting on it being increased in line with a long-running government strategy aimed at reducing State pension costs.

The Green Party campaigned in the General Election to stop the age increasing but it is not a red-line issue for it in the talks.

Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and the Green Party are understood to be close to reaching agreement on the national deficit.

The Green Party has insisted a programme for government should not commit to immediate annual decreases in the national debt because it believes it will lead to the introduction of welfare cuts and tax increases.

“It creates a programme for government that is built around language which says you need to balance the budget and reduce the deficit. That is the language of austerity and they know it is,” a Green source said.

However, a Fianna Fáil source said they were confident wording could be found to address the Green Party’s concerns.

They said they could see a “landing zone” on almost every issue after the talks between the leaders.

The parties have also agreed to review the Project Ireland 2040 National Development Plan as soon as they can form a government.

Mr Martin and Mr Varadkar insisted there are projects that must go ahead and said the new plan should focus on job creation as the country faces into an unprecedented economic slow down after the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Green Party has insisted on more investment in cycling and walking.

The three leaders also discussed how to address a commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 7pc per year.

Last night, Fine Gael was insisting there must be a guarantee in the programme for government that income tax and the USC are not increased in the coming years.
It was also pushing for a new jobs initiative to set out how employment can be restored in tourism and retail in the first 100 days of office.

The party also wants some of the revenue generated from carbon taxes to be ring-fenced for a grant scheme for farmers who invest in biodiversity.

The parties are aiming to have a programme for government completed before the end of the week.
 Taoiseach backs special challenge

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar (right) has backed a special 180k in 30 Days challenge — set up by businessman Niall Carroll in support of his wife Cara McAdam who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. Niall and Cara have raised over €500,000 for Breast Cancer Ireland in just one week, with an idea that anyone can either run, jog, walk or wheel the distance within 30 days, with their progress tracked online at www.100km30days.ie.

Participants can also challenge others to see who does the most kilometres. A fully socially distanced event, it has mobilised people in all 32 counties and overseas.
We're gonna lose the run of ourselves altogether some maybe you're planning some physical retail therapy from today or maybe just said God visit your mum or dad who may have seen in the last 12 weeks or so is has set up to 6 people are allowed to visit each other's homs with social distancing and that includes people who work at cooling so maybe it will be an emotional day for you

Leo Varadkar in the pink in the newspapers today wearing T-shirts supporting the 100 k in 30 days challenge which is being posed by Louth businessman Niall Carroll to sport his wife Cara who was diagnosed with cancer last year they've already raised half a million for breast cancer Ireland in just one week and if you want to take part can register online 100 K M 30 days

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colleges.ie city colleges professional education state was declared a Republic Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Leo Varadkar, 100k in 30 Days Challenge, Niall Carroll, Cara.
FORMER FAUGHS PLAYER CLOSING IN ON TWO DECADES AT KILMACUD CROKES

COLM SHALVEY

Páraic McDonald made his name as a multi-talented sportman in Castleblayney and a winner of multiple titles with the Faughs, but he has now spent almost two decades as a full-time coach at Kilmacud Crokes as the Stilorgan club has grown into one of the biggest in the country.

Monaghan GAA Games Development Manager Paul O’Connor (CIRCLED) called on his former team-mate to deliver a webinar on developing youth club coaching programmes last week and speaking to The Northern Standard this week, Páraic said they were pleased with the reaction: “We were happy with the numbers tuning in and the feedback. Paul O’Connor was happy with it so that was the main thing! I actually coached him when he was a minor in one of my early roles in coaching. He later followed me to Dublin, he was working with Cuala for a couple of years and with the Dublin county board. We kept in touch and I’ve watched from afar the programme he has implemented with Monaghan to great success.”

McDonald had no shortage of role models growing up in Blayney at a time when the Faughs were in their pomp and he went on to help them win their second Ulster Club title in 1991, which remains the last time that provincial title was won by a Monaghan side: “I had a lot of influence in my family. My own father was my biggest influence early on, he was heavily involved in the club. While he never played himself, he was treasurer for 30-something years from the ’60s all the way through. I had two uncles who played and one of them played for Monaghan and Ulster as well, Liam McGrath was an overarching figure in the club around good teams in the ’60s, ’70s, ’80s. I would have been brought to matches when I was very young and I saw ‘Nudie’ coming through and Eamon McEnaney and the likes of Éamonn Tavey, so there were plenty of role models to look up to in Castleblayney when I was coming through.”

“I know that there’s a huge amount of good work going in at underage. It fell off a bit in terms of competing for Senior Championships, which is one thing that Blayney was always able to do. There was a great rivalry with Scootstown over the years and while that has fallen back, I know the likes of Brian Sherry is doing a lot of work with the underage teams and I keep in contact with Brian.”

Páraic admits he “fell into coaching” after cutting short a stint stateside to help Blayney and what was then, by their high standards, a “famine” of four years without the Mick Duffy Cup in 1995. “I did engineering in college and was at a loose end for a couple of years, I
ended up going to America in '95 on a green card. I went to play football in Chicago, I moved out lock, stock and barrel in early March of that year. I enjoyed the time I was there and the football probably more than anything else, getting the chance to play with some very good footballers. It finished up in mid-August and I got a call from the club at home after they got to the county final against Clontibret. It had been a 'famine' of three years since they were in a county final and they asked if I would come home. I packed the bag to be home for ten days, but we drew with Clontibret and they asked would I stay on for the replay. We won that and I stayed on for the first round of the Ulster Club against Carrickmore three weeks later and we won that. We were beaten in the end by Mullaghbawn, who had Kieran McGeeney, who I had played with that summer on the same team in Chicago.

"At that stage, I was home for a couple of months and Chicago was shutting down for the winter, so through that I started coaching in Monaghan on a CES scheme in the local school just to keep me ticking over. I enjoyed it and realised I had a bit of a love of it. It combined my hobby with getting paid for it as well.

UCD had started a sports management course, so I applied for that and spent a couple years studying in UCD and working with the county board. When I qualified there, I got a job with the Dublin county board and I was with them for nearly three years. I got a call from Kilnamocud when they were looking to appoint their own coaching director in late 2000 and I've been there ever since."

Kilmacud Crokes are one of the biggest sports clubs in Ireland and McDonald oversees a huge amount of work as coaching director at the two-time All-Ireland club champions. "From the outside, it's the one thing that people can't get over, that you have 150 boys at one age group and how that can be pulled together.

People wonder do people fall through the cracks or does everyone get a chance to play, but I suppose while that's a challenge, it's one of the things the club has been very good at it. One of the things to take pride in from a GAA point of view is that there's no trial to get into; anybody who wants to try out Gaels games is facilitated. Whether they're a Paul Mannion on the 'A' team or whether they're on a 'B', 'C' or 'D' team, the club and all GAA clubs facilitate that and don't turn anybody away, which is the essence of what community and sport is all about."

"Player retention is a hot topic across sports and it's no different at Kilmacud, despite the scale of the numbers going through their junior groups: "I talked (in the webinar) about how important the nursery is and how that is used as a recruiting tool. So many kids come into the club through the nursery and through contacts with local schools. We work off a long-term development plan, which is not just geared to here and now at U-12 or U-14 but at trying to bring them through to minor and then into adult sides. There's always some fall-off when you transition from primary to secondary school, because kids get exposed to more activities and their interests widen, but by and large, we have three panels every year at U-13 and U-14 and a couple of years ago, we had an U-15 'D' team, which was the first time there was ever a fourth team put into underage leagues in Dublin. That meant there was 80 boys playing at that age group, so to still have 80-plus playing from 100-plus that started out is a testament to the coaches who brought them all the way through."

The funding of Dublin GAA and the influence of Games Promotion Officers (GPOs) across their clubs has been much discussed as the Dubs' senior footballers have become record-breaking five-in-a-row winners.

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Former Faughs player closing in on two decades at Kilmacud Crokes

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Having also been involved with development squads in the capital, Páraic McDonald is well placed to give his opinion on how the Jim Gavin era developed. “Outside of my work with Crokes, I would have been involved with Dublin development squads and that would have given me a good overview of what was happening on the ground across the county. There was a development squad that I managed in 2003 and I brought them through to minor in ’06 and I remember thinking that kids were coming to trials and there was a noticeable drop-off in skill levels at the time outside of the top clubs like Kilmacud, Ballyboden, Na Fianna, St. Brigid’s. Kids weren’t getting exposed to the same level of coaching as you went down the divisions, but I went back in 2012/13 with another development squad, maybe nine years into the games development programme where most clubs in Dublin had access to their own GPO. It struck me that the overall skill level was way higher than what I had seen previously. That influence of clubs being lucky enough to be able to tap into a full-time coach, to develop players, to get participation rates up and to upskill club coaches, better coaches make better players.”

The man known as ‘Ducksy’ hears plenty of compliments for Monaghan’s standing in Gaelic football over recent years. “With a doubt, when people hear you’re from Monaghan and they know you’re into GAA, they always remark that Monaghan are great. They’re aware of where we are in terms of population in comparison to the rest of the country, so they say, ‘You must be doing something right’. I know there are some very clubs and there’s a lot of good work going on. The games programme is very strong in Monaghan in terms of knowing when you have fixtures. There’s also the work that goes on in schools, competing at MacRory Cup level over the last number of years and then you have the development squads feeding into the minors and the couple of successful minor teams that have come through recently.”

McDonald admits that the sudden shutdown of on-field GAA activity “took a bit of getting used to”, but the work continues remotely in Kilmacud. “It took a bit of getting used to and there was a bit of trying to get a handle on what was happening, but I’ve been lucky in that I’ve been able to throw myself into work. We’ve done a lot of online coaching sessions with various teams. The main aim now is to try and keep kids connected with the club and keep a level of engagement and to help their parents bring a bit of regularity to their life. We’ve been coming up with a few different initiatives to keep the kids involved in the hope that we can get back on the pitch in the not too distant future.”

“The response has been great. 500 names signed consent forms to be involved in online coaching sessions. The club did a big sponsored walk last weekend and were hoping to do a circuit of Ireland and by the time the kilometres were added up, they’re on the fifth lap and there’s over €40,000 raised for Pieta House, Laura Lynn Children’s Hospice and Breast Cancer Ireland. While the numbers are huge and the club has over 4,000 members, people remarked at the weekend that everyone was going around in the club colours, it brought home the importance of the club in the community.”
Dublin footballer Conal Keaney, pictured right, Parsle McDonald, Director of Coaching, Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club, and Declan Moran, left, Vhi, speak to young players at a GAA Vhi Cul Camp.
### iRadio @ 08-Jun-20 17:14 - (breast)

the advice some many times over the years and it’s so obvious exercise is a great feel but when you're in a position like you were in breakfast Radio one it's fat score on pace you'll might necessarily had that time you have the time now but to go from as he said no exercise to run up a mountain when that decision com that I want to do this for myself Yeah like it was definitely I just felt like I have to fear for my a period of them been telling me that I needed time for dinner with a self way my thoughts and I know we are so proud of myself but I finished a little jog around the neighbourhood here you know give the bird crawl so my husband Jamie came home last November he said I always found them in a ruthless and and they roared up the Swiss Alps and would keep your and I like are you mad flesh if I’d be able to see that and

Jamie’s great my husband he always like encourages me and held me and the things that I write myself of luck we're gonna have to train for it but you will be able to do he will be well able for it so we started training crowd Wood Wicklow and we go and eat kilometre Reuters him they wanted to practice on the same course every time so I could see a fight with improving and you know on the way up to maybe the first time my stuff 10 times and the second time he got not in time and

really able to see that well with the hard work has paid off it’s still I still struggle with it all the time and I so nervous why not the land January but you know I think when you have an amazing support network around you people tell you to believe in yourself and you can’t is something that gives you so much when you're out there to the documentary’s gone digging deep it’s on the RTE player and for the scenery and lawn that he kept watch also a lot of positivity from yourself your husband Jamie you mentioned your friends that were with you as well there’s a lot of positivity radiating from the documentary even though it came about I suppose ultimately from such a difficult experience and just on maturity because anytime at the moment were obviously cancer screening has Unfortunately been suspended because of that the times that were in I suppose as a young woman who has gone through breast cancer your message I assumed would be two women to still keep checking themselves no screening is there and hopefully be back up and running soon and unassuming as well maybe that's something you'll be calling for to get back up and running quite soon every day when I wake of I need I pray he that CervicalCheck and BreastCheck will get up and running again because I was so blessed in life and

my lumps because of where it was is a had been deeper my breast I don't know if I have offended them I don't know how late Mai can’t hear what is being by the time they found it very is that had spread so I gave myself watching guy he could think that is people out there with lumps in the breast that it's getting me and make you think that it's a time where Yes these routine and the Greens are taking place we need to be high but are aware of our own health

in the lead up to my diagnosis I kept looking in the mirror and say that I didn't recognise the person staring back at me the nails were breaking my hair was different I was kind of me and I just kept ignoring that and I think we all need to now especially now to be a paper aware of are a health and if there is on the evening around you you can ring the gp you me to flag breast Cancer Ireland have an amazing app called breast aware that killed the how to check your breath properly and it's the most terrifying thing in the world people are looking in your breath for something at the North marks but checking your breasts could save your life and GPs are taking calls from people if you find something that's not in your breast read your GP and you will be sad for her for a mammogram whatever they think is appropriate but in

I don't ignore it because the fact that I went to the GP the morning after I fell my lump could save my life and I’m so grateful that I did Yes Georgie thank you for sharing your story with us today and hopefully will encourage some I know are in a very difficult situation as it is bought it might enter someone’s mind to check themselves and if they are concerned get in touch with their GP and delighted that

the good your podcast is absolutely flying in for you and you have your own time you can make it 7 hours long we can make it 15 minutes long you have your own Editorial on that and also I would encourage people to go and watch your story run hop demand and rather you than me that's all I'll say judges dig deep on the RTE player

Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Breast Aware app, Georgie Crawford.
€700,000 for breast cancer

BY MARGARET RODDY

A hundred thousand Euro a day! That’s how much the 100k in 30 Days challenge has raised for Breast Cancer Ireland so far. Since launching just three weeks ago and getting underway last Monday, the fund-raising campaign initiated by Blackrock businessman Niall Carroll and his wife Cara, who has recently finished treatment for breast cancer, has raised a whooping €700,000 with more donations coming in every day.

Over 13,000 people around the world have signed up for the challenge but special mention has to go to Blackrock resident Eamon O’Muicheartaigh who walked his 100km in one day. Son of the legendary sports commentator Micheal O Muicheartaigh, and physio to the Louth Senior Gaelic team, Eamon completed his astonishing walk on Sunday. Having started his walk at 2am on Sunday, he was greeted by an enthusiastic band of supporters when he arrived weary and footsore at the sundial on the promenade just before 9pm that evening.

‘Eamon approached us and said he wanted to do this but hadn’t time to do it over 30 days so he took on to do his 100km in just one day,’ explains Niall. ‘He got great support along the way and we are so grateful for him in taking on such a difficult challenge.’

During the week Niall and Cara met with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar at Leinster House and explained to him the importance of raising funds for research into breast cancer - a disease which affects one in eight Irish women during their lifetime.

The Taoiseach was very impressed with their campaign, which grew out of the fun challenge which Niall has organised in Blackrock for the past six years.

Several well known sports personalities and celebrities have given their support to the campaign, including Manchester City players Sergio Aguero and Bernardo Silva who posed with the challenge’s iconic pink t-shirts.

It’s not too late to join the challenge or give it your support - check out www.100kmin30days.ie
Couple raise over €500k

The initiative spearheaded by local couple Cara and Niall Carroll to raise badly needed funds for Breast Cancer Ireland has really taken off in a big way locally, not to mention nationally and even internationally.

This month has been designated as the 100k in 30 Days Challenge, with participants invited to walk, jog, run and if you like cycle to generate money for the charity.

In the space of a few days 11,000 signed up for the challenge, bringing in over €500,000 for the charity.

Rock Celtic has put its weight behind the campaign, the latest local sports club to pledge their wholehearted support for the cause.
RUNNING MATTERS ONE:2:ONE WITH RACHEL MCKEVTIT

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE AND LEAST FAVOURITE TYPE OF TRAINING AND YOUR FAVOURITE RACE DISTANCE?

My favourite race distance is still 5km, but I find a great sense of achievement when I crossed the 10k finish line, on the occasions I have done them. Training wise, my favourite bit is the local parkrun on a Saturday morning, as the people here are just so friendly and encouraging. The parkrun is not just for runners, but walkers as well and it’s all about getting a group of people to get out and get moving.

My least favourite part of training is often just putting on the runners to get out the door, but once you go, you never regret it. I am not always the best at doing the (light) weight and core training plan. Overall I enjoy the different aspects of running training, including the socialising.

WHAT RUNNING ACHIEVEMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF AND WHY?

The biggest achievement was putting on the runners and going for the first run, but race-wise it would have to be the Lough Bora 5km, in April 2019, my first public race and I crossed the finish line alive! Galway Bay 10km was my first 10km and I went to it by myself. It was wet, windy and generally tough to move in, but I didn’t give up as I am a fighter. I can proudly say I kicked the wall in Galway Bay – oh and the soup after was to die for!

This was also my test or trial run, for the 10k Breast Cancer Ireland’s Great Pink Run. It is a cause I wanted to raise money for, as I normally hold a coffee morning in October each year, but I run this the 10k, 10 months to the day from my first run, in my sister’s name.

List your PBs for the following distances.

I’ve never said I was the fastest, but slow and steady gets there.

5k: 35.01 - Mullingar parkrun,
September 14, 2019
10k: 53.53 - Galway Bay, October 2019

Half marathon: To be completed!
Full marathon: In my dreams (or nightmares – we’ll see which at some stage I’m sure!).

HAVE THE CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AFFECTED YOUR TRAINING OR RACING PLANS?

I had skipped a bit in my training before Covid-19 struck, as I had started a new job with a longer commute. So in February, I had got back into planning and had booked four runs to work back up to – however, all but one of those has been cancelled. Covid-19 has me working longer hours, so I have less time to get out and about, or even the energy to get out and about.

The biggest thing at the moment that my husband and I are missing is the Mullingar parkrun on the Saturday mornings, as this was a great start to set us up nicely for the weekend and any plans we had.

WHAT ADVICE OR TRAINING TIPS WOULD YOU GIVE TO ANYONE WHO IS NOW LOOKING TO TAKE UP RUNNING?

Aim small, start slow and build it up. You will not run a marathon overnight. Mind your feet and invest in good runners. (Brooks are my choice).

I suffered with blisters when I started and it took a while to get on top of them, but good running socks are also important.

Pick a time to suit that you work it into your daily pattern and don’t forget to take a day off from

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When did you start running and what motivated you to take it up?
In January 2019, I had decided that it was going to be a year with something different every month. I also wanted to lose weight and asked my brother-in-law to help me develop a plan. My first run was in the dark on the canal line, at the Green Bridge, where there are some street lights. I thought that starting that way no one would see me huff and puff, but I soon learned that anyone who sees someone out running is actually going ‘fair play’ and not ‘oh look at them’. I think everyone appreciates the individual efforts put in, especially fellow runners and fitness enthusiasts.
running, if not two days, in the week.

Finally, I'd say stretch before a run, and especially afterwards.

**WHAT ARE YOUR LIFETIME GOALS AND/OR PB'S FOR THE FOLLOWING DISTANCES (WHERE APPLICABLE):**

- Going through them distance by distance I'd say:
  - 5k: break the 35-minute barrier, as it seems to have been there for ages,
  - and then I'll aim for 32 minutes.
  - 10k: 75 minutes and see how that feels before making plans!
  - Half marathon: I will be just happy to cross the finish line some day.
    - I have also done 6k and 4 mile races in the past, but I can't remember the times I posted, so I'll start a fresh on those races if they arise in the calendar.
    - Apart from the above, just to stay healthy and to keep enjoying the running scene.

  - My favourite running quote on my hoodie is from Siggy, 'outrun the dark'. (Google it, maybe.)
  - I don't run in win races or to get places. I run to quiet my mind, I run to feel strong and I run to be free.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE POST RACE MEAL?**

- I don't really have one, but what hasn't been beaten yet was the soup I had after the 10k Galway Bay race, as I was so wet and cold at the end of that. Generally I don't eat for a while after hard runs or races, except the obligatory banana and to rehydrate on the magic water.

Rachel and her husband Jason McKeVitt before the start of the Great Pink Run.
Rachel with her mother Olwyn (Williamson) after the Great Pink Run, Phoenix Park, October 2019.
Mark cure all then quickly cure all is poured down the the simple America I Sasana Thomas Morrin gave the people of Ireland do not see a project that will cure you were obviously your yours bright Coolock the lyrics to look at Ark because we need to make sure they do like you’re only here and there for years

we are indeed proud to play Irish music and everyone on the way for you and this is especially for Kate also in Drogheda in his her birthday today happy birthday to Katie that's coming in from McGahern's and this is especially for you it's picturesque the back of strong songs trying your players to relax up the job done a lot to us and

a serious risk to see the shoot-outs Yes these things are you sure Yet it's this and one 9 especially for Katy in drag who is celebrating her birthday to day now it's not one night but for one day but over 30 days this is fantastic I saw this popping up the other day and social media have to find out more and Niamh Carroll from Blackrock

County Louth he is the organiser of this it's 100 kg in 30 days and it has just swept the nation altogether it's all to raise money for breast Cancer Ireland an apparent denial only had the idea about two or 3 weeks before this actually kicked off and it's just absolutely exploded see what it is essentially was triggered by the fact that Niles wife Carol was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2019 6

Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, social media, Niall Carroll, 100k in 30 Days, Cara, breast cancer, fundraiser.
The death has taken place of Eddie Boles, (late of Templeogue, Dublin 6W and formerly of Kildare Town) – 7 June 2020, peacefully surrounded by his loving family and in the exceptional care of all the medical team in the Ruttle Ward, Tallaght Hospital. Predeceased by his parents, brothers and sister. Beloved husband and best friend to Phil for 64 years. Devoted and adored father to Sharon, Andrew, Denise and Ed. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, sons-in-law Jim and Allen, daughters-in-law Becky and Fiona, beloved grandchildren Catherine, Hannah, Daniel, Matthew, Jack, Harry, Lily, James and Lauren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, neighbours and friends. May he rest in peace. A private funeral will take place due to government advice regarding public gatherings. Eddie’s Funeral Mass will be available to view online Friday, 12th June, at 10 am using the following links – https://watchcmnmedia.tv/camera/st-jude-the-apse2

Those who would have liked to attend the funeral; but due to current restrictions cannot, please leave your personal message by selecting https://www.masseybrosfuneralhomes.com/funeral-notices.

The death has occurred of Michael Crilly, (Newry and St Catherine’s, Maynooth, Co. Kildare) Peacefully at Our Lady’s Hospice, Harold’s Cross, Dublin. Michael, dearly beloved son of the late Paddy and Madeline and cherished brother of Martina, Rosaleen, Marie and the late Paddy and John, formerly Corry Square. May he Rest In Peace.

Michael’s remains will repose at the Heaney Keenan Funeral on Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm. Funeral for immediate family only on Thursday at 12.30pm in St Catherine’s Church, Dominic Street, Newry. Burial afterwards in St Mary’s Cemetery. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines.

He will be sincerely missed by his sisters, nephews, nieces, family circle and friends.

The death has occurred of Michael Derek Jeffares, ‘Brantwood’, Geraldine, Athy, Kildare. Suddenly and peacefully at home, sitting under the sun. Loving husband of Lys, father of Alan and David, brother of Jackie (Weaver) and Nikki (Carslaw). Will also be deeply missed by brothers-in-law David, James and Brian, sister-in-law Mary, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A private funeral service will take place, due to government advice regarding public gatherings. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Breast Cancer Ireland & The Irish Heart Foundation.

The death has occurred of Annie Martin (née Bracken) 65 Preston Brook, Rathangan, Kildare. Formerly of Main St., Rathangan. Died in the loving care of St. Catherine’s Nursing Home, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick on Tuesday, 9th June 2020. Predeceased by her husband Billy and her eight siblings. Very deeply regretted by her loving daughters Ann and Claire, devoted sons-in-law Peter and Phil, her dear grandchildren Colm, Emma, Sarah and David, their partners Antonieta, Alan and Eric, Neal and partner Janine, Owen and Robin and adored great-grandchildren Sophie, Ella, Sadie, Marley, Benjamin, Esme, Ollie and Lara, sisters-in-law Mary and Rena and loving nieces and nephews. She will be very sadly missed by her large circle of friends in Kildare and her special friends in Newcastle West.

May She Rest In Peace. Removal is on Wednesday, 10 June, from St Catherine’s Nursing Home, Newcastle West for funeral mass at 12 noon in the Church of Assumption, Rathangan, Co. Kildare and burial afterwards in St Patrick’s Graveyard, Rathangan.

The death has taken place of Peter McCreevy, (Senior), Sherlockstown, Sallins, Co. Kildare and formerly of the 14th Lock, Killeenmore, Co. Kildare, 9 June 2020, suddenly at his home. Son of the late Charles and Eileen. Sadly missed by his brothers Charlie and Hugh, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and a very large circle of friends. Rest In Peace

In accordance with government directives and in the interest of public health, a private family funeral will take place for Peter. Peter’s Funeral Mass can be viewed on Thursday morning at 10am by clicking on the following link https://www.naasparish.ie/our-parish/naas-webcam/


A private family funeral will take place due to government guidelines on public funerals. The family thank you for your co-operation, understanding and support during this sensitive time.
The death has occurred of Tom Carroll Springhills, Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare, 8 June 2020. Peacefully, at home, surrounded by his family and those who cared for him. Husband of the late Angela and father of Ann, Mary and Paul. Will be dearly missed by his family, daughter in law, grandchildren, sister Brigid, brother in law, nieces, nephew, extended family, relatives and friends.
PICTURE OF THE WEEK

With silage season 2020 well underway Glanbia Ireland are proudly supporting Breast Cancer Ireland again this year with their #PinkBales initiative. A donation will be made to Breast Cancer Ireland for every single roll of the limited-edition pink Mastercrop Agristretch silage wrap purchased on www.GlanbiaConnect.com or across all Glanbia Ireland Agri Branches and Glanbia CountryLife branches. Agri contractor Paddy Foley from Callian, Co Kilkenny (pictured) has been a strong supporter of the Glanbia Ireland #PinkBales initiative.
€7 of extra grass for €1 of lime to bring soil pH to correct level

Take your opportunities to get lime out during the spring and summer, because conditions don’t always suit in the autumn, and you’ve missed another year.

Lime plays a major role in improving the three fundamentals of soil health namely,

- Soil chemistry (fertiliser use-efficiency).
- Soil physical structural quality (drainage).
- Soil biological functioning including earthworm activity etc.

Maintaining the correct lime status of your soils will improve overall soil health and fertiliser use efficiency, and in turn improve your crop yields and farm productivity. Increased grass and grain yields of at least 1.5 t/ha are common when soil pH is brought up to the correct level.

This represents a return on investment of almost €7 in additional grass yield for each €1 invested in lime, or a 7:1 return.

Planning your liming programme

Using every opportunity or window throughout the season to spread lime, if required, is important.

As we sow last year, waiting until October to spread lime is risky, due to poor weather and un-trafficable soil conditions.

Take advantage of low grass cover after silage cuts, and plan to have the paddocks that need lime grazed out at the same time, so that lime can be applied to both areas.

Develop a liming programme for the individual fields on your farm.

This can be as simple as:

- knowing which fields require lime, ideally based on soil tests.
- knowing what rate of lime is to be applied (t/ha) on each field.
- organise your grazing rotation to have paddocks that need lime grazed out at the same time as silage is cut.
- have this information to hand, ready to call your lime supplier when the opportunity/conditions are right.

Impact of lime on fertiliser/slurry

Queries often come up about the interaction between lime and slurry or fertiliser, here’s a quick guide.

- CAN Fertiliser — no issue.
- Urea before lime — leave 10 days between applications.
- Lime before urea — avoid urea for three months.
- Protective urea — no issue.
- Slurry before lime — wait 10 days for slurry to wash in.
- Lime before slurry — avoid slurry for three months.
- P & K — no issue.

For further advice please contact your local Glanbia Ireland Business Manager.

GlanbiaConnect.com
Pink bales call to raise awareness of cancer sufferers

NIALL O’CONNOR

Breast Cancer Ireland and Glanbia are calling on farmers across The Avondhu region to show their support by using pink bales as they gather the silage.

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To raise awareness of breast cancer, farmers are encouraged to share photos and videos of their pink bales on social media, using the hashtag #PinkBales for the 2020 silage season.

‘Bale Watch’ is also back, where we encourage farmers to place their pink wrapped silage bales in visible locations on their farm for people who are passing by to see.

RAISING AWARENESS

Aisling Hurley, Breast Cancer Ireland CEO, called on farmers to help spread the word of the fight against the killer disease.

“Now more than ever we need our farming community to once again get behind this super initiative. Numbers presenting with breast cancer are scarcely down at the moment due to Covid-19, yet breast cancer has not gone away!

“We need the country to be flooded with lovely pink bales, as they will act as a beacon, raising awareness; because early detection of a diagnosis is key to ensuring a positive treatment.”

Glanbia Ireland’s retail marketing manager, Grace O’Dwyer, said the company is proud to support a cause that was dear to the heart of farmers across the country.

“Breast cancer is unfortunately present in communities right across Ireland and as a community-based organisation, we are really proud to support this worthy cause.

“Our #PinkBales campaign not only raises vital funds for Breast Cancer Ireland, but also gives a very visible platform to increase awareness.”
East Coast Radio @ 11-Jun-20 11:25 - (cancer)

Morning show these ghost and certainly a lot of discussion about racism and the symbols of racism if you’ve got a viewer should people in Greystones be changing the names of places that are to do with little to show family that is a question Oh 7 77 11 one Oh 3 now those with breathing problems says Kathleen Kelleher from masts could try face shields from cult dynamics in Kilcoole I have won it's very easy to use says Kathleen so maybe that sell for are listener to trouble breathing through a

face-covering are amassed thanks for that Kathleen cult the dynamics in Kilcoole the company there and Kate in Arklow says removing statues of slave traders from all villages towns and cities should really be sufficient changing Street names would be ridiculously expensive says case morning should discuss now the clinical director of BreastCheck says it will be months before the screening services back to normal Professor Ann O'Doherty says there are huge challenges and resuming services and that is still possible to give a timeline of when they'll be back up and running cancer screening has been on hold since March because of the Corolla virus pandemic on the line and John Bass CEO from breast cancer Ireland Aisling Hurley hi Aisling morning how are you good morning to you and on a related matter I see that in the UK they are talking about 10 million this is not just cancer checks errors arse whatever just was specifically but 10 million people on a waiting list in the national health service at the moment that they reckon there's got to be there we're building up a backlog of everything and certainly on BreastCheck that can be worrying situation so tell us how you view what actually is going on well it is very worrying the reason being that I ate predicts that we're going to have a lot of cases that went to flood the system if people feel that it is safe to go to hospital I have to assure them that if you spot any abnormality during this restrictive faith they should contact their GP the GP are open and willing and will see them and they will be referred on to the Hospital system Hospital for taking huge precaution and have very strict protocols now similar to like William Rollo system where not to patients with the INEC in waiting at any one time the film of one patient leaves the building of a patient will be called into the car park they getting through them and not some magic not the same amount that they used to get so and Prix coverage so things are are how happening they are saying people people themselves Women in particular needs to be breast aware they need to be vigilant and if they detect anything they need to get in touch with the Chieftains because as we all know early detection saves lives but that has moved along the detection doesn't because BreastCheck is for people undiagnosed such and and maybe don't even know that they might actually have something there d’you think at the moment it's been moved to spot something and if you're worried get in touch well I tell you that the most important thing is that we have free to download app which is called West where it's very simple to downloads across all of the devices it offers the 8 signs and symptoms to look out for it our very best and Related video guide on how to perform proper breast examination and it and and on that he penned a reminder that your monthly aware he had been if you know what's normal today sure that normality regarding the screening you go to your gp and your gp will wait for you and you will be seen within at and your weekly that's reassuring so you're saying about the backlog and things and but at the same time screening been done so what do in Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, CEO Aisling Hurley, screening services, clinical director of the BreastCheck programme, Professor Ann O'Doherty, cancer screening, Coronavirus pandemic, National Cancer Control Programme, Beaumont Hospital.
Ireland at present Of course Holly area of cancer in the breast cancer differently hasn't got away with that in mind Lam we are and what you have allowed this pink bail full raising initiative and tell us all about this initiative which should be such a huge success his brace O'Dwyer cheese Glanbia Ireland's retail marketing manager Grace welcome to the programme I Ciaran Parker for Archer Frank grazed his pink bear fundraising initiative has been a fantastic us says Over the years a great buying by the farmers only by Glanbia Mike outlined the background of this and why he decided to go again this year Yes prepare and I hope I can do there is something us as an organisation I think it's very hard and 29th the organisation for a book on the island and all the wider campaign group Dino Candy or anything it's very much a community organisation and we are in communities right across the country to our branch network and literature the like that of the farming community and by there is something that affects every community in Ireland so in that respect we feel it's a very worthy cause for to get involved Weston something that we know that all farmers I feel passionately about so we've been involved in some way off being finished 16 all and I'm happy to report in conjunction with our farmers we raised over 40000 euro I think that's something to be very proud of them and if you take that 40000 euro that Represents 15018 billion since 2016 all very much not just about a funny feeling I think it's also about the wearing nothing but pink think I don't think they will light up the countryside it's a crazy talk ability and conversations range birth and there which I think it's really important and definitely have been at a presentation at supply over the past number of years indeed the representatives of breast cancer are are so appreciative lawn of the hand the cheque but as you say this all visualisation and the promotion of the pink bail out farmers I really got into that people worried initially we found was buying my God have they bought into it in their thousands and I think we have to be really thankful of that hearing because we're just really quite imperative that the farmers that are coming in or going online and I think they'll be doing the work with their contractors not have the think they'll light up the country and I think it's very important action now more than ever we're hearing from our nation Brits can't burn then that the numbers of people presenting at birth and third at the moment because the 19 life but people just aren't comfortable maybe you don't come forward but it's still really important person can't there have not gone away and we can't we have to be careful in that respect and we have to continue to try and drive awareness and talk when it's your round trip though some that this fear now more than ever and that those think bail out the country's banks will help but I can't turn the gender question on achieving that a very simple protocol really want to push your pink baby you're contributing to the overall funding measure say or 40 told raised over the last number of years of course the pink bill initially isn't joining Glanbia Ireland the exam is a group has been well embrace some of the series' funds within the company itself or Glastonbury for breast Cancer Ireland Rabbitte said that the terror bird can burn and it's really something that United the organisation from our colleague in Glanbia group they've been running quite think on those in Ireland and then to stay and fight me think that in within Glanbia and understaffing for your get a fathers' day card I actually peaks challenge for a 100 employees head down to Kerry for and over the course of two days to go until peak and we have another initiative called cycle 300 and where chief caves in over 300 metres I can then pick 17's I got up here you've had none of that scale very incurred in 19 in 100000 on a free transfer then so I suppose that's something that we're really proud of you and say look for an urgent issue for supporting Ben super fantastic got it once again remind are listed as is obvious the email read all Agri branches and and Limerick Country Life stores shawls more information that we collect.com would that be the best route Yeah Yeah or on 52 branches but also available online through the morning but the country can go online or call into your local branch with any more if they want so not function Chris Edwards Amir Ireland retail marketing manager Grace listen to you and all involved in Zambia and the exam is well done and Congress on the fantastic money raised in the past I'm sure this year farmers will be found wanting for European bailout fund raising initiative praised thanks for talking us with talking the future but before
we go a reminder of the farmer Marcus indeed country Marcus writer across the city and county this Saturday and every Saturday morning

with water Farmers market John Roberts Square also on Saturday morning course would disrupt the markets now also trading a $ while on Thursday morning with Dungarvan farmers' market every Thursday morning Grattan Square on Friday morning with Watford country Matthew pinsent is running from 9th until one and for horse lovers don't forget the beet field sport horses and ponies summer leagues are running every Thursday and Saturday competition from 70 centimetres right up

to one 20 that time and Thursdays 5 pm on Saturday morning it's 10 o'clock every Saturday morning for more information you can look up to Facebook of the field performance horses well that's it for this Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Glanbia Ireland's Retail Marketing Manager, Grace O'Dwyer, pink bail fundraising.
KCLR FM @ 11-Jun-20 19:39 - (breast)

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Paddy Foley, agricultural contractor from Callan, supports the Glenbe Ireland #PinkBales initiative.
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Look and keep us posted a weekly updating our list was as we go along throw the summer time to call a 19 very much the focal point of everybody in Ireland at present Of course Holly area of concern the breast cancer differently hasn't gone away with that in mind Lam we are and what you heard the announcer Pinky bail full raising initiative and tell us all about this initiative which should be such a huge success his Bruce O'Dwyer cheese Glanbia Ireland’s retail marketing manager Grace

welcome to the programme I can't raise this pink base fundraising initiative has been a fantastic cross says Over the years a great buying by the farmers only by Glanbia Mike outlined the background of this and why he decided to go again this year Yes OK I hope I can see there is something that as an organisation I think it's very hard and 29th at the organisation for a book on the island and all the wider Cumberland group and you know can be earning it's very much a community organisation and we are in communities right across the country to our branch network and literature the fight for the farming community and birds and there is something that affects every community in Ireland so in that respect we feel that the very worthy cause for to get involved with and something that we know that our farmers are passionately Zionist we've been involved with this think they'll finished 16 and I'm happy to report in conjunction with our farmers we raised over 40000 euro I think that something to be very proud of that and if you take that 40000 euro that represents 15000 think Bale since 2016 all very much not just about a funny feeling I think it's also about the wearing of the Green I think think about those I think they'll light up the countryside and it does create the talk ability and conversations range birth and there which I think it's really important indefinitely have been a presentation at supply over the past number of years indeed the representatives of breast cancer are are saw priest of a lawn of the hand the cheque but as you say this all visualisation and the promotion of the pink bail out farmers I really got into that people worried initially we found was buying my God have they bought into it in their thousands and I think we have to really thankful of that hearing because we're just really quite imperative but the farmer that are coming in or going online purchase thinking they'll be doing the work with their contractors not take the think they'll light up the country and I think very important action now more than ever we're hearing from the patient's breast cancer burden that the number of people presenting at birth and for the moment because 19 life with people just aren't comfortable maybe come forward but it's still really important for cancer have not gone away and we can't we have to be careful in that respect and we have to continue to train driver awareness and talk that he arranged it so that they feel are now more than ever and that those paying to bail out the country's banks will help but I can't turn the gender question on achieving that a very simple protocol really want to push your pink baby you're contributing to the overall funding measure say or 40000 raised over the last number of years of course the pink finish of isn't joining Glanbia Ireland examines the group has been involved in the race some of the series’ fun within the company itself or Glastonbury for breast Cancer Ireland are I can turn and it's really something that United the organisation from a dark Alley and Glanbia group think then running the Great Pink Run course in Ireland I think stay and fight me think at the end within Glanbia Ireland nurse staffing for the are getting I think what we've got a few peaks challenge for a 100 employees head down to Kerry for and over the course of two days to go until peak and we also have another initiative called cycle 3 on Jersey where she stayed for 300 and I'm sure I can then about 17 I got involved in that but your dad all that I think that in 19 100000 on the rates for breast cancer Ireland so I thought that something we're really proud of you I will thankfully Hamas an issue for a sporting event super fantastic got it once again to remind are listed as is obvious the email read all Agri branches and and Limerick Country Life Stories a source more information damage click .com would that be the best route Yeah Yeah or are those available at one 52 branches but also available online through a defect that the country can go online or call into your local branch in Waterford if they want so they are recent words and the Ireland retail marketing manager Grace listen you are involved in Zambia and
the dam is well done and Congress on the fantastic money raised in the past I'm sure sure the farmers won't be found wanting for European Fail fundraising initiative praised thanks for talking the future thank you very much before we go a reminder of the farmer Marcus indeed country Marcus writer across the city and county this Saturday and every Saturday morning with water Farmers market John Robert Square also on Saturday morning of course

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commercial heart that doolally back and break my heart I love you enjoyed be the business so if you're a small to medium-sized business and listening in and you like the Senate to anyone get involved all to do is tell us a little bit about your business what you do where you are and the price you would offer up and send it off to parade at Today FM .com and we can do the rest but now in a world of bad news and it's full of bad

news lately we thought will be some ice here are some good news we asked and you answered so with your good good news Here's Today FM's knock Roberts thanks raid good good afternoon Brian and count us made cannot contain his emotions this afternoon as he says he's going to see his parents today for the first time since the start of March it's all hitting him just how long and how hard it's been the last few months and is absolutely so great for his mum and dad are bored well and

healthy fair play to Cassie Aisling and feeling who have signed up for the 100 km 30 Day Challenge for breast Cancer Ireland they've already clocked up 30 kilometres so far and loving it the keeper little ladies Nell is happy proud mum today she just received her daughters Kate O'Sullivan's report card from school and she's done brilliantly she's going to get a special treat today to celebrate and start enjoying the summer together

Simon is preparing for a possible celebration now that Liverpool are in with their best chance ever of winning the Premier League say you'll never Walk alone there Simon Jean and Donegal as Ireland's newest bird Whisper after full year trying to gain as budgies trust snowy flew into his hand on prompted the budget finally budged now on to the next of kin double congratulations to an end Ballyporeen in

County Tipperary not only did she just gave birth to her 5th baby a little girl called Aisling she also managed to achieve a first class honours degree in I don't even know what that is actually right now a raid of the Paddy power may there's no stopping 6 all taxing Cork after she learnt to cycle without stabilisers yesterday weighed Godot All says Dad Stephen Landon Kim Abbey are spoiling

their dog Millie Rotten today as she celebrates her second birthday well that's her 4th 18th birthday in dog years so they've been baking dog treat for all day and jockey friends are coming over to celebrate too later on Alice wants to wish her friend Jane all the best congratulations as Jane has been offered an amazing job analysis saw happy for wishing her the best of luck

and cannot wait to celebrate this absolutely wonderful news and that's good news raid for today FM I you can't rule in Ballyporeen her 5th child this child Yeah and fair play and are still happy my goodness my goodness you stop calling yourself in your absolutely left I g's fair play absolutely fair play and then the budgie

the would seek a snowy listen everybody in there thank you so much for sharing the good news with us there we needed and Niall needed this week anybody selling meat chicken meat Yeah and here you're happy now Niall Alison thanks a million will talk to you on Monday aimed at them and I with the Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 30-day challenge.
Couple raise over €500k

The initiative spearheaded by local couple Cara and Niall Carroll to raise badly needed funds for Breast Cancer Ireland has really taken off in a big way locally, not to mention nationally and even internationally.

This month has been designated as the 100k in 30 Days Challenge, with participants invited to walk, jog, run and if you like cycle to generate money for the charity.

In the space of a few days 11,000 signed up for the challenge, bringing in over €500,000 for the charity.

Rock Celtic has put its weight behind the campaign, the latest local sports club to pledge their wholehearted support for the cause.
€700,000 for breast cancer

Niall Carroll takes a selfie with his wife Cara when they met Taoiseach Leo Varadkar at Leinster House last Wednesday.

A hundred thousand Euro a day! That's how much the 100k in 30 Days challenge has raised for Breast Cancer Ireland so far. Since launching just three weeks ago and getting underway last Monday, the fund-raising campaign initiated by Blackrock businessman Niall Carroll and his wife Cara, who has recently finished treatment for breast cancer, has raised a whooping €700,000 with more donations coming in every day.

Over 13,000 people around the world have signed up for the challenge but special mention has to go to Blackrock resident Eamon O’ Muicheartaigh who walked his 100km in one day. Son of the legendary sports commentator Micheal O Muicheartaigh, and physio to the Louth Senior Gaelic team, Eamon completed his astonishing walk on Sunday. Having started his walk at 2am on Sunday, he was greeted by an enthusiastic band of supporters when he arrived weary and footsore at the sundial on the promenade just before 9pm that evening.

‘Eamon approached us and said he wanted to do this but hadn't time to do it over 30 days so he took on to do his 100km in just one day,’ explains Niall. ‘He got great support along the way and we are so grateful for him in taking on such a difficult challenge.’

During the week Niall and Cara met with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar at Leinster House and explained to him the importance of raising funds for research into breast cancer - a disease which affects one in eight Irish women during their lifetime.

The Taoiseach was very impressed with their campaign, which grew out of the fun challenge which Niall has organised in Blackrock for the past six years.

Several well known sports personalities and celebrities have given their support to the campaign, including Manchester City players Sergio Aguero and Bernardo Silva who posed with the challenge's iconic pink t-shirts.

It's not too late to join the challenge or give it your support - check out www.100kmin30days.ie
right here like what I think if we can we will we will keep the link there anything like it put it that way there's only been involved with it for 7 years but it was empty I a.m. actually you're Egan Enda Kenny Leo I love that Peacock from Harlow that started all this movement before we get involved like Enterprise Ireland saw the opportunity in this budget for the sector and for the Agri technology and Agri Engineering sectors and the year battered body of people that the Ploughing not get that 300

house some people they share what we're hoping to do is few like yourselves talk about innovation on the website and do it much social media and video footage of the participants as we can what we were born to represent the award we will still keep the award's announcement on until the first day of the Ploughing we might we might have to do quite well because we're a little bit big yawn and agreed with them beforehand great

We have to adapt as you go along and deafening hopefully by September the last things might have changed anyway so hoping for better as our entry lab guys listen to us a lot of people would bloody ID body and buyers as well as the established companies how can the enter and what the time frame as well as closing date open now hear me open the competition for the few and it would on the 10 metre line and you can apply for online at www dot the arena that I

E if you put that in any Google search for bringing up fear not thought to think that things are safe well come across the Innovation Arena .ie and that's the course I want to correct of course the most wrong we think big music technology amazing cutting-edge ideas or less obvious have come from this let's talk this year will be no exception and hopefully within the Hall cover 19 there might be some very interesting suggestions

and as finally just to clarify again as regards the am the prize fund is a total of 10000 it is a 5 for reach best actor and best overall that the breakdown Yeah we're doing here is where we checked around and one is for the best start-up will receive a cash prize 5000 and then for the overall winner of the innovation across all categories mentioned earlier on and they will also receive a cash prize the face

well James this I am delighted that the go-ahead well done T and the and present and of course the National Ploughing for staying involved in this difficult time Enterprise Ireland Innovation Arena Awards Twenty20 more information you can have to Innovation Arena dot ie Killarney James thanks for talking us but to look and keep us posted a weekly updating are stars as we go along throw this summer thanks to will call

a 19 very much the focal point of everybody in Ireland at present Of course Holly serious concern the breast cancer differently hasn't gone away with that in mind Lam we are and what you heard the announcer Pinky bail fundraising initiative and tell us all about this initiative which should be such a huge success his brace O'Dwyer cheese Glanbia Ireland's retail marketing manager Grace welcome to the programme I Ciaran Parker for Archer Frank grazed his pink bear fundraising initiative

has been a fantastic says Over the years a great buying by the farmers only by Glanbia Mike outlined the background of this and why he decided to go again this year Yeah where cancer is something that as an organisation I think it's very hard and 29th the organisation for a book on the island and all the while your company grow and you know can be earned I think it's very much a community organisation and we are in communities right across the country to our branch

network and literature the like that of the farming community and birth and there is something that affects every community across Ireland so in that respect we feel that the very worthy cause for to get involved with and something that we know that all farmers and I feel passionately about so we've been involved with this think they'll finished 16 and I'm happy to report in conjunction with our farmers we raised over 40000 euro I think that's something to be very proud of

and if you take that 40000 euro that represents 15008 billion since 2016 all very much not just about the Clonskeagh I think it's also about the wearing of the Green I think think about those I think they'll be nice not the country I know that's crazy talk ability and conversations range birth and there which I think important and definitely have been at a presentation at supply over the past number of years indeed the representatives of breast cancer are

are saw priest of a lawn of the hand the cheque but as you say this call visualisation and the promotion of the pink bail out farmers I really got into that people worried initially we found was buying two Oh my God how they bought
into it in their thousands and I think we have to be really thankful of that hearing because we're just really provide an imperative but the farmers that are coming in or going online purchase thinking they'll was doing work with their contractors not take the think they'll light up the country and I think it's very important action now more than ever we're hearing from our association with breast Cancer Ireland that the numbers of people presenting at birth and they were down at the moment because of the 19 people to start Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Glanbia Ireland, Pink bale fundraising Initiative, Glanbia Ireland Retail Marketing Manager Grace O'Dwyer.
Waterford Farmers Turn Countryside Pink for Breast Cancer Ireland.

Farmers in Waterford are turning the countryside pink for Breast Cancer Ireland as the pink bale initiative gets underway as part of the 2020 silage season.

The initiative sees farmers wrapping their bales in pink plastic and for every roll of the limited edition pink silage wrap purchased Glanbia will make a donation to Breast Cancer Ireland.

Farmers are also being urged to embrace the ‘BaleWatch’ drive by placing some of their pink-wrapped silage bales in visible locations on the farm to help raise awareness of breast cancer with those who pass by.

Grace O’Dwyer is Glanbia Ireland’s Retail Marketing Manager. She told WLR’s Kieran O Connor that so far they have raised 40,000 euros.

“That represents 15,000 pink bales since 2016. Its very much about the awareness that we are bringing. When you think about those pink bales lighting up the countryside it does create a talkability and a conversation around breast cancer which I think is really important.”

They are also asking social media users to get involved also by sharing their photos and videos of the bales, using the hashtag #PinkBales.
available from your local branch and online at Glanbia Connect back half acre agri finance from Dungarvan tell Lismore and Cappoquin credit unions the beginning of a farming career can be challenging we want to help we can support you by providing credit for cashflow and working capital and succession planning with acres of benefits of Finance up to 50000 euro Let us help you to get your foot on the ladder check out our Facebook page acre agri finance for more info I refinance caring For are rule community clubs is subject to approval terms and conditions apply if you do not meet the repayments on your loan your account will go into arrears this may affect your credit rating which may limit your ability to access credit in the future credit unions are regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland was very glad to see it it is better for everybody if we had this conversation now Julie comfort I T T have to think about her future plans are talking about a call for such treatment and a trusted person safe it also helps healthcare professionals to have their wishes respected plan your future with better for everybody to safeguard the rights of its the right price tiles and moorings 70 % off sale up to 70 % of all child up to 70 % off all flooring add up to 70 % of all Bath where everything is reduced in store and online right price tiles & Wood flooring 70 % off sale stores nationwide now its 10 o'clock at the newsdesk Kyne 18 Alan government formation talks could see significant progress today after discussions on key issues Fianna Fail's Thomas Burns said the programme for Government is to close after talks went on late last night yesterday the Taoiseach said all sides could possibly reach a deal over the weekend Thomas Byrne agrees with that assessment made late into the night last night for a number of key areas that there is progress being made I have to say and indeed in relation to helping to Stoke I become a significant story with a further plenary meeting with various parties such will update the country's largest teachers union says it would be unacceptable if any solution to reopen schools deviated from public health advice A new report shows the current two metre rule means primary school students only attending class one day a week and secondary students twice a week yesterday the education Minister said that would be a non-runner the Department now planning for return without the practice ASTI president Deirdre McDonnell says the announcement came as a surprise the winner Sir that's been speaking out to the sides of his mouth but everybody in back to support education were wonderful absolutely but also then about maintaining and the community so we are not think yesterday we know know an ambition I would love that we have 3 months on and that will be my ambition for the summer but how do I get it travel agents Meanwhile says there's no reason why foreign travel restrictions can be lifted once proper precautions are in place the Irish travel agents Association claims it doesn't make sense not to welcome in non-domestic tourists given the number of covered 19 cases here 13 cases were announced yesterday the Taoiseach says a decision on easing the current restrictions won't be made for another two weeks spokesperson Paul Hackett says there's always going to be risked reopening the only opening up from the first of July some of their their beaches on their hotels and resorts knocking the credit it's not gonna be your typical summer it is always in the context of having a health and safety of passengers and holidaymakers to the front providing a safe and secure environment the risks are minimal we can't live in a zero risk society we don't live in a zero risks Meanwhile prolonged thunderstorms have been forecast for Munster today met Eireann weather advisory is in place from midday today until 9 pm tomorrow rain in southern counties is expected to persist throughout the day and into this evening Alan O'Reilly from Carlow Weather says we can expect a warm wet weekend up into 21 maybe 22 degrees in some parts over the weekend but unfortunately while there will be some sunny spells there will be some thunderstorms are really with locally downpour is causing possibly even some flash flooding and thunderstorms are very slow to move And farmers in Waterford turn in the countryside pink for breast Cancer Ireland the pink bail initiative is underway as part of the 2020 silage season it sees Glanbia making a donation to breast Cancer Ireland for every role of the limited edition pink silage wrap purchased Greece O'Dwyer as Glanbia Ireland retail marketing manager to me she spoke to Dolores Ciaran O'Connor on fire view this morning happy her award think conjunction with farmers to be freed over 40 I enjoy it I think that's something to be very proud and if you take that forward he said insurers that represents 15018 Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland,
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for the greatest sporting you have your say is due on WLR thanks the flag of their winning way a historic order to support local shop local is always so important she faced sharp is a Waterford-based family write an online store with free next day delivery specialising twice about fintech for kids especially youth For early learning and development as well as fun stuff to encourage all ages in all stages they also supply while major private sphere has children died

as well as cars and expensive smart phones and related accessories become official offer you the job that I love online shopping days are here again but nothing beats the feeling area like a breeze across your face at a day at the beats are clear for for the taste of the East pier freshly landed face freshly cut to gas some salt and vinegar leave him full summer pleasures East pier the harbour in Dunmore East now open Ethiopia always fresh always local

on the Road back for many of us it's been a while since we face the morning commute put safety first take vehicles including your tyres Boyle and lights your mind in gear for driving again and was more people on the road don't forget to look out for vulnerable road users so that the Road back is a safer place

for everyone message from the Road Safety Authority and An Garda SÃ¡ochÃ¡na its 11 o'clock at the news desk I'm leaving Phelan government formation talks could see significant progress today after discussions on key issues Fianna Fail's Thomas Burns's programme for Government is close after talks went on late last night yesterday the Taoiseach said all sides could possibly reach a deal over the weekend Thomas Byrne

agrees with that assessment made late into the night last night a number of key areas of progress being made I have to say and indeed generations have been getting so I would be confident that it will have a significant story with a plenary meeting with Burial and pattern and update your 0 people aged between 10 and 24 are the most affected by the Corona virus lockdown research in

the Lancet journal has called for more awareness of this effect social distancing has had on young people and their relationships However says social media may have played a role in easing some of their exile city health expert Dr Amy Orban says the pandemic has affected differently different young people in different ways teenagers need clear contact you and build their social networks to build a sense of self and Sarah are he were saying that adolescence

there is between the ages of 10 and 24 there were probably being affected by that the rapper appeared contact that they have during the lockdown Meanwhile there’s fears of a second wave of covered 19 in Beijing parts of the Chinese capital are in lockdown following reports of new locally transmitted cases the first in 50 days skies south-east Asia correspondent Siobhan Robbins has the details 11 residential areas now in lockdown because of a new class that has been linked to the wholesale market these in the south of Beijing the wholesale market is being investigated for or is at the centre of this investigation is called she in fact the market here no prolonged thunders storms have been forecast for Munster and south Leinster today met Eireann weather advisory is in place from midday until 9 pm tomorrow rain in southern counties is expected to persist throughout today and into this evening Alan O'Reilly from Carlow Weather says we can expect a warm wet weekend not tinted 21 maybe 22 degrees in some parts over the weekend but unfortunately while there will be some sunny spells there will be some thunderstorms activity with locally downpour a cause and possibly even some flash flooding and thunderstorms are very slow to move and farmers in Waterford are turning the countryside paying for breast Cancer Ireland the pink bail initiative is underway as part of the 20 Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Glanbia Ireland, Pink bale initiative, Glanbia Ireland Retail Marketing Manager Grace O'Dwyer.
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itself but I still will be a little bit careful enjoy the rest of your weekend optimism but by cars Waterford are delighted to be back they are offering a massive one euro of every used car is a dark with no exceptions to welcome you all that Volvo cars Waterford showroom and Here's to all title and providing contactless transactions of sales and service to assure you Safety Volvo cars water very hollow 5 one
double 3 7 900 today some of us have to go home and feeling very lonely connected with friends and family can help for advice on minding your mental health and information on support services good glove daughter he slashed together an initiative of the Government about high David Keeling here now more than ever that partner charity Childline Donations help these are unsettling times Caroline Flack inundated with more calls texts and online chats than ever before but most vulnerable children
cut off from school and society that's why right now we're donating 10 cent from every punnets of Keelings berries salt to help keep these lines open 24 hours love her first personal donation policies in store today Keelings love to grow at SuperValu we have everything we need this week White SuperValu fresh Irish Sirloin Steaks save 33 % mix and match their delicious like Grange barbecue meats any 3 for 10 euro this week’s 7 offers like iceberg lettuce only
49 cent and Casillero del Diablo Cabernet Sauvignon 9 euro rest assured at SuperValu we are therefore you enjoy alcohol responsibly from and face these news of the year a 12 Clarke the newsdesk Kyne 18 Alan further Government formation talks will take place this afternoon with all sides saying saying good progress was made last night yesterday the Taoiseach said he is hopeful that agreement could be reached on a deal this weekend
issues including housing in Agriculture were covered last night Fianna Fail's Thomas Byrne doesn't expect any further stumbling shouldn't prevent any particular difficulties I don't want to prejudge the outcome of the discussion to be had but clearly moving class of these negotiations I think everybody put their shoulder to the wheel and tried to get agreement with drink taken a big side will have met a year ago if we get the Government over the line the
direction the country stability was because he needed update your big travel agent has accused the Government of kicking to touch when it comes to making a decision on travel restrictions in and out of the country yesterday the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar said that its decision on easing the current restrictions won't be made for another two weeks John power from Harvey travel in Waterford says this message is
very confusing for consumers he said we seem to be following Europe on every other aspect of covered 19 when it comes to travel restrictions there are mixed messages as well I think from the first of July the quarantine arrangements and lots of countries in Europe I’ve been so I think the first of July will be a real mandate to start the summer I suppose because 3 months performance would have been lost
already people want to go on holidays till that very difficult to understand the thinking behind young people aged between 10 and 24 are most affected by the Corona virus lockdown research in the Lancet journal has called for more awareness of the effects of social distancing has had on young people and their relationships However it says social media may have played a role in easing some of the anxiety health expert Dr Amy Orban says the pandemic has affected different young people in different ways and teenagers need clear contact your bill were social networks to build their sense of self and Sarah are he were saying that adolescence there is between the ages of 10 and 24 are they were probably the team is affected by that the rapper appeared contact that they have during the lockdown there are fears of a second wave of covered 19 in
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all child but with 70 % of all one flooring and up with 70 % of all Bath where everything is reduced in store and online right price tiles of wood flooring 70 % off sale stores nationwide now the last few weeks we've all been playing their powers by staying together making a positive impact is needed we've come a long way from where we started but we've still got some way to bed crying 18 Extended break mortgages for an additional 3 months

for those customers who need it it's just one of the ways we're working to support you through this time because together all making the difference visit AIB ie forward clashed with 19 trimmed more details subject to approval of Allied Irish banks PLC is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland I had a great the family had I come from that green that lovely food of killed I had a yard for 3 long days in the traditional way I have always care for one

real Ham I have a gay bar for anything and everything sandwiches pasta dishes salad this here I have somehow for the Brady family Ham it's your only half introducing the chequered flag special edition range from Jack you are a world class saloon in FTBs and now even better than ever with enhanced interior and exterior design features and savings of up to 10000 euro across the range prices start from 37870 your only accept the exception of giving the chequered flag special edition range at Aldi Boland Jaguar Jaguar and a high delivery and related charges apply from Waterford and Donegal face is is the one o'clock news desk I'm 18 fell and a programme for Government is expected by tomorrow at the latest as the main Government party's meet this afternoon to thrash out a deal with Fianna Fail Fine Gael and the Green party discussion discussing issues such as housing and agriculture after talks went into the early hours of this morning our

political correspondent John Afoa says the leaders will sign off on the proposals before they are presented to party now embers for approval the general prediction is that at some point tomorrow the programme for Government after the team's plenary teams assigned often it does need to go upstairs to the party leaders for final approval for any kind of outstanding issues if there are any less looks like a certainly not tomorrow than by Monday we have a programme that they could look to put their party's a Waterford travel agent says customers could be out of pocket if a decision is not made soon on travel restrictions in and out of the country yesterday the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar said that a decision on easing the current restrictions won't be made for another two weeks John power from Harvey travel in Waterford has accused the Government of kicking the issue to touch and says

this message is very confusing for those who already made travel plans Yeah well I think we have a lot of people already do like a lot of people in July and if we in the whole and not but the guerrillas operating the people are going to lose money because of the element operating a new dawn it's your decision

saw you know it is difficult for all involved a group representing parents of children with special needs says it's worried about the availability of a new summer education scheme announced by the Government under the plan students will be able to access support at home or in school through July and August However it's dependent on the number of teachers SNA staff members and schools that sign up Lorraine Dempsey of the Special needs parents Association says the fact that its voluntary is a concern I doubt that many schools that they would take part and it will be in a position to actually take part because of the logistics that they may have to put in place and they don't actually proper guidelines themselves Yes I'm how they can open safely for the month of July and August Meanwhile young people aged between 10 and 24 are the most affected by the Corona virus locked down that's according to research in the Lancet journal

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you want a job long enough so and that was so shocked it rethinks saw you can't really complain too much about where we want to ensure there were no of course not it's it's looking reasonably positive from a low base obviously in international dairy markets should be hopping for stability and maybe a price increase he does believe the media which we get an extra two

reasons why should be under way but as with everything else that is their choice in addition to the welcome bonus decision awaited finale before things start of an offer that it will make a big difference it was thought she would want to be putting forward tells me he wouldn't be Paul got some of these which are regarding these prices because Dragon and announced that they are maintaining their milk price for the month of this might have hoped for an increase but but than a decrease back after this break farm show on KCLR with Matt O'Keeffe he would gladly do them proud I am of the together re-start stronger at a hard slog why invite And centre discover are a great tool to offers including low-cost finance options starting from 2.9 % APR purchase contributions of up to 3500 euro and leasing plans including servicing with 0 deposit call Oh 5 6 double 7 5 visit us on the Waterford Road Kilkenny or C La hearts that I ie lending criteria terms and conditions apply grief is a lonely road but no one should have to walk at a launch the Irish Hospice Foundation bereavement line offers you connection comfort and support call freephone one 800 between 70 77 Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to one p.m. this is Enda Kenny supporting the Irish Hospice Foundation farm show on KCLR with Matt O'Keeffe he with a glam the island's biggest farming itself and for farms dairy good talented fella life that failed on a personalised dad trades seat there every Tuesday and cattle there every Friday Oh 5.9 1.1 and one 4th seed without being concerned with other issues as the main health threat in recent times but of course there are other in part in health matters breast cancer being one of them and in that regard the pink pills that we see dotted around the countryside serve a very useful purpose Chris and EUR retail marketing manager with Glanbia what is the purpose of that pink wrap Yes explains that this is something that we've been very proud to be involved with engine 16 league so I thought what attracted you to encourage families to purchase think well from me the correct .com online find each or any of your Bank and then the funds raised from the hostel we make a donation to breast Cancer Ireland we like it and now they said since 2016 and in that time with the far-right Tory he's done all the good work if we were aged over 40 outlets and with that Facebook was not only way to waste that kind of money but also we have some great work in terms of weight well let's get around by cancer in Ireland so in that time over 15000 with the thing itself have been seen dotted around the countryside I think from his point of view that is really fantastic for cancer awareness and Ireland's I think it's the kind of initiative that raises curiosity and awareness as much as it raises money in equally important Yes Yes absolutely I would like to leave the bank thank you weren't they have faced a lot of people presenting with I can direct them to cope with and he we all know about countries have not gone away and I would that quite concerning so I think now more than ever it's really important that we get a deal and ChinaHR its ability and awareness we encourage families to good hits crutches to think big if they are for sale online using the hashtag think they'll be there to watch last acting is being watched here if they do a great photo and video that they might have a plan from the Yeah there is that hiatus where are the matters were start pact and early detection from cancer and other diseases hugely impact and stuff but the bottom line is Hamas by choosing the dead the dead the pink wrap is not costing them any more suppressing a very worthwhile cause Yes absolutely we make the donation and of the half backs but I think what's really important is that we're seeing you again the figures that we have a box in my kind I eventually falter lot of research Highlights: Glanbia Ireland's Retail Marketing Manager, Grace O'Dwyer, Covid, breast cancer, pink bales, Breast Cancer Ireland, donations.
Newstalk @ 14-Jun-20 09:06 - (breast)

I was in town on Monday was covering inherent Monday saw in town on Monday the 8th as all the shops are reopening and i had a lightbulb moment that the reason it's okay because we were in lockdown for so long it's so obvious but it took me a while pretty much everything was closed for 3 months so it does actually makes sense that we would have less virus about as we take a tentative steps forward and if you

real Wenger business this week health when Welsh year and that it continues to go in that way and during the week I interviewed Professor Arnold Hill he's chairman of breast Cancer Ireland and leading breast surgeon for their Instagram page and while I'm sure it's been a worrying time for many during the pandemic was heartening to hear that clinics have been ongoing in emergency cases have stay in still been seen now what would have been 40 to 50 people a day was reduced to 15 are 9 other still much discussion as to screenings and when the national screening programme will roll out again but it's the questions that came in were from Instagram followers and chat is still there in the highlights and breast Cancer Ireland Instagram page for anyone who might need it but the message from Professor Hill was the same as here all the time if you do you find are either

long or you have any health issue or query do always go straight to your GP Don't put anything off and they will pass you on then wherever it is that you need to go and my half marathon training continues see my remember Roz Purcell and John O'Regan around the show to tell me about the virtual half Marathon together apart we run that they had organised and I said Yes go on I'll do it too and I've enlisted my wife my best friend Alison who was a seasoned marathon runner herself I've cheered on from the sidelines in Dublin and new York but this time I've gone from the sidelines and running alongside her Well we have our two metre distance mainly done because the guidelines because I carry keep up their mind no slowing down but she deftly makes me run further than I would do without her and she checks of me and says have I done my long run during the week and she judges me

if I haven't so we also get to catch up A causal chats so it's a win win depending on what way you look at it and I do love her but I'm not sure I'll ever read I love running your listing to alive and kicking with Clare McKenna on Newstalk you can email alive and kicking at Newstalk that calm now some of us are barely survived the last few months some of us are still barely surviving in the throes of working from home with no childcare and home schooling but some have been trying new recipes baking banana bread training for marathons and using things on the back of cupboards long since forgotten somewhat food writer Susan Jane White well I over her Instagram She's been growing herd in the garden I do definitely like to look for a coffee ice cream and cookies she is on the line now Hello there

good morning thanks for having me what a shame you can't be in front of me offering me a and cookie and all sorts as you as the last little while your head has been well I've been up and ran like everybody guess is a really good game and then a really bad but I'm baking like a mad yoke and cooking

And not more than I ever have been because this is my my professional cooking writing anything for I do for a living but it's different because my pace has been invaded I tried to find a way through now with the consistent Les and a dearth of my kitchen I'm having all my family in there constantly and the things that I've come to rely on in the last 3 weeks something I get a pandemic of force

me to reconsider and recalibrate my value system and solely relying on back to cooking and growing my own valid leave and fresh herbs because I think I and you're listening you can probably relate to the you don't really know in the middle of a pandemic want to run around the store for two reasons why you can get that he'll face value time being one of the and Secondly

he joining any unnecessary and bugs and viruses so a lot of fresh food had moon it has been hard to come by and I allow my readers writing in and saying what can we do to do balance the lack of fresh food in our lives because we did not shopping every week we're getting deliveries once every 3 weeks and so I've really got into fermentation my kitchen is my the Cumberland mini Hogwards and

I've turned into the store for of of bubbling from key to the kitchen to try and preserve the threat that comes in and then and growing wealth of the Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland Chairman Professor Arnold Hill, pandemic, breast
surgeon, national screening programme, Instagram.
The week's best interviews

Elaine Crowley is a fountain of honesty: a TV star refreshingly devoid of any ego, she'll happily divulge details about herself from her accidental mullet, to her problem hormones, to her mad family get togethers with her nine - yes nine! - siblings and not give two hoots what anyone thinks. Why? Because Crowley's approach to life is simple: tell it like it is and don't pay any heed to the whole fame thing or, for that matter, get notions about yourself.

Oh, and off, air Crowley is an open book and a delight to interview in that she does not take herself at all seriously. Is it any wonder then she's one of Ireland's most adored stars of telly? And her enduring likability is not lost on Virgin Media bosses pinning the success of her daytime TV show firmly on Elaine's star status by calling the programme after her. On Elaine, it's Crowley's straight-talking take on the big topics of the day, along with some anecdotal offerings from her eclectic and vocal panel, that makes the show a daytime TV hit.

Flying solo
Strict safety guidelines implemented at Virgin Media Towers due to the pandemic; however means Elaine is now in studio alone communicating with her panel by virtual means.

"I miss them dreadfully, it's just not the same," she says with an exaggerated sigh. "I'm talking to the wall every day and I'm sick of it. Although it's a new wall, it's a new set and it's all very fancy and all that. At least I can still have the bunters with my panel and we're still having the croses so I don't think that spark is gone. If that had been lost I don't know what I would have done. We're still having good fun!"

That said, with the entire show now dependent on good speed Wi-Fi, Elaine - who is also the

INTERVIEW: Deborah Neville

The stunning broadcaster on her eponymous daytime show and the personal sacrifices she's made for lockdown

Daytime
Elaine
Weekdays, 3pm, Virgin Media One
We have to think of the most...
Wowzers! Talk about stunning!

“I haven’t seen them for four months now it’s a bit of a pain in the ask.” Her sister Mag is a specialist midwife and Elaine is so proud of the work she does. “She delivers stillborn and premature babies. It’s a tough old job for her, I’m very proud of her.”

Sadly, Mag’s twin died when she was just a couple of weeks old from birth defects. “Technically there was 11 of us and Anne-Marie died when she was a few weeks old. And that’s why I think Mag’s does what she does. Even on her days off she’ll go in and check on some of her patients – she really cares, she’s a good egg.”

Personal sacrifices
Elaine is especially close to her mum also and has not seen her since February as her mum cocoons at home in Cork. “Yes it is sad but at this stage she’s mocking me,” Elaine laughs. “She says, every time I open the newspaper it’s Elaine missing her mummy, taking the absolutely piss out of me, she thinks she’s hilarious. We speak every day, though.”

Not physically seeing her family though is starting to take its toll on Elaine. “This week I’m finding it really hard,” she admits. “It’s gone on so long now and you want some sense of normality and it’s not there and sometimes all you want is a hug. I was saying it last night to my sisters in our group chat and I said yes I do realise I have a very attractive boyfriend but I’d like a hug from someone else apart from him!”

The kids I miss a lot, I’ve 20 odd nieces and nephews that I’d be quite close to, you just miss human contact.”

Elaine is in lockdown in Dublin with her beau Keith, and while she spends the evenings virtually chatting to her sisters outside in the garden Keith is relaxing his time on the couch bingeing on car shows in the vein of Top Gear. And having sacrificed so much personally thus far Elaine stresses that it’s imperative to keep with the health and safety guidelines in order to stop a second wave of the virus.

“Just think, my mother has cancer and COPD and I’m involved with Breast Cancer Ireland so I know loads of people who are going through chemo and I know loads of people with diabetes, and it’s those people you have to think of, it’s not a joke. And it’s frustrating for people but just because there’s not somebody in your family that could be affected badly by this doesn’t mean it won’t be somebody else’s family. All it takes is one person to cause a surge and if that happens, god only knows when any of us can see our loved ones again, I think we have to think of the most vulnerable in our society in everything we do now, it’s for everybody’s own good.”

Elaine is actually an ambassador for Breast Cancer Ireland and urges women to be breast aware in that should they find any abnormalities to go see a GP. In fact, appearing on Elaine’s show on the day of our interview, breast cancer survivor Teresa Costello warned of a rising trend in women not attending their GP with breast concerns out of fear of being a burden on medical services but she said early detection is crucial.

Elaine suggests for more support and information to see Teresa’s Facebook blog on Teresa Costello Breast Friends Ireland. “There could be a second wave of deaths,” Elaine worries, “and not from Covid, it will be because of cancer!”

TEA OR COFFEE?
“I’m drinking both during lockdown.”
FAVOURITE SPOT AT HOME FOR A HOT DRINK?
“At the moment, I’m not going to lie to you my favourite place is to sit out in the back garden, in one of two deck chairs we have, because that’s where I talk to my sisters with a glass of wine in the evenings.”

ELAINE’S HOME BREW FACTS
Eamon’s 100km walk in one day

As the 100k in 30 days fund raiser in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland edges closer to the €1 million mark, there have been many stories of personal bravery and heroism, from people doing the walk while undergoing cancer treatment or in a wheelchair.

However in terms of sheer physical endurance, it's unlikely if anyone will surpass the achievement of Blackrock resident Eamon O Muircheartaigh as he completed his 100k for Breast Cancer Ireland not in 30 days but in one day.

A pink army turned out to support the Dingle native as he walked ten loops of the village on Sunday June 8, starting at 2am and completing the blistering endeavour at the sundial around 9pm.

Eamon, who is physiotherapist to the Louth Senior Team, opted to do his 100k in one day due to work commitments although he quickly adds that it's not something he would recommend people to do.

'I knew what to do and how to look after myself although I couldn’t put my feet under me the next day,' he says.

His father, the legendary GAA commentator Michael O Muircheartaigh, sent his message of support urging people to get involved in the 100k in 30 days in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland.

It's a charity which Eamon has raised funds for Breast Cancer Ireland previously through the Pink Ribbon Tour which saw cyclists take on the eight stages of the Ras na hEireann at the same time as the pros were competing.

'It was really tough, cycling five or six hours a day at full tilt,' he says. 'I always enjoyed testing myself so I thought I'd do the 100k in one day. I didn't realise what the after effects would be - the kids said my feet looked like Hobbit feet and that was not a compliment.'

However, he has no regrets about doing it. 'It was my little way of helping out.'

He says that when his wife Breffnie Carroll, whose late husband Stephen died for cancer, was organising a charity cycle in aid of the hospice Niall Carroll, who along with his wife Cara, is organising the 100k in 30 days, helped her out.

'It was a easy decision to help Niall and Cara by doing this.'
Pelican Promotions set the pace as walkers hit the roads in Blackrock for the 100km in 30 days.

Eamonn O Muircheartaigh refuels, with Ken Norton (right).
Time for a chat on the way.

Jamie and Jenny Lally.

Rebecca Kenny and Derek Mernagh.
Q&A WITH: Senator John McGahon

How are you getting through the day in the present COVID-19 conditions?

It’s going well and life has started to return to some degree of normality as restrictions are easing. The 2K restriction was probably the most difficult but I found that exercise was a great way to try and maintain some sort of structure on your day. So I was doing a lot of running throughout and now I’m taking part in 100K in 30 Days which is being organised by Niall Carroll and Cara McAdam from Blackrock to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland. In terms of affecting daily life, it did make my job more difficult. A lot of the time you need to meet people face to face to get a full grasp of the issue they are coming to you with, but like everyone at the minute, you learn to adapt and thanks to technology I was able to hold Zoom Constituency Clinics for people who wanted to see me about an issue.

What is your favourite memory of Dundalk growing up in the town?

I remember Bill Clinton coming to Dundalk in 2000. I was 10 years of age and there was a real buzz and excitement around the town in the week leading up to his visit. Another memory would be playing in the Marist growing up. There was a group of us who grew up together in SeaTown and we are all still friends today, but every summer day would involve climbing the Marist wall first thing in the morning and stay there all day playing football until it started to get dark.

Where is your favourite public place in the town and why?

It’s slightly outside town, but it would have to be Salterstown Pier outside Annagassan. I do a lot of sea swimming in my spare time and there is honestly no better way to start or finish your day than going for a swim. It’s got an incredible view of the Cooley and Mourne Mountains. The South Coastline is a real hidden gem that our County has and the Council and local businesses already have a lot of plans about promoting it.

What is your favourite shop in the town?

Pinstripe Punk and Tony McDonnell’s

What is your favourite café/restaurant in the town?

23 Seats is my favourite café, Alan and Ulrike have done an excellent job with it over the years. Favourite restaurant would be The Townhouse and again the Manager there, Grace, does an excellent job.

What is your favourite takeaway in the town?

Kieran’s in SeaTown. It’s the best chicken burger in Dundalk.

As life returns to a new normal what are you most looking forward to doing in the town?

Getting back to playing rugby, I’ve played rugby with Dundalk since I was nine and I had to stop playing last November as I just didn’t have the time with an election on the horizon. So I’m really looking forward to just getting back to being on the pitch and playing.

What advice have you for our readers?

The Country has done unbelievable in work in not only flattening the curve but completely crushing it. Because of the decisions people made, thousands of lives were saved and our health service was not overrun. However, the danger still exists, and a second wave is more likely than not. We still have to follow the public health advice and that has now moved on to wearing masks when on public transport, shopping or just out and about. We simply cannot afford to get complacent.
EVEN though Elaine Crowley's dad, Sean, was her school principal too, she wasn’t always teacher’s pet. But he did have a pet name for his daughter.

"Dad’s pet name for me was Lainey!" says Elaine.

"He never showed me any favouritism in the classroom," adds Elaine, aged 42.

"I remember once, he caught me cheating on a maths test, passing notes in class," says Elaine, who hosts the daytime talk show, Elaine, on Virgin Media, and who is from Newtowncote.

"Dad reprimanded me when he caught me cheating and I thought, I’m in for it when I go home," she recalls.

“But that was the end of it. Dad never brought his work home or any school issues home with him." When he brought his daughter home from school, father and daughter cooked dinner together.

"Cooking was something that we both enjoyed doing," says Elaine.

"We were both real foodies! And we were like two peas in a pod. My mother was a teacher too and I come from a family of 10 children, I am number seven, so there was a lot of cooking to do!" Elaine remembers her dad as a great storyteller.

"He loved history and he was the local historian, instilling the love of history into his pupils. He appeared on a history documentary on RTÉ television. He was a great storyteller.”

With Father’s Day looming this weekend, Elaine is reminded of how much she still misses her dad, who passed away age 62 from a rare cancer, Liposarcoma, when Elaine was just 23.

"I remember every
Father's Day, growing up, I'd make him breakfast in bed. He loved Silvermints, "says Elaine.

"When I sat on his knee I'd steal the mints from his pocket.

"Later, on Father's Day, I'd make him a sandwich with a smiling face decorated with Silvermints on the top of the sandwich.

He was chuffed.

Sean died before his time.

"My dad was snatched away prematurely. He went before his time," says Elaine. "It was very tough.

Elaine's star was in the ascendency. TV was her destiny. After studying in the Institute of Technology Dublin and working in a radio station in Cork, she joined TV3 in 2000, working as a newreader and presenter of Morning Ireland AM, before heading her own TV panel show, Elaine.

"I had just started reading the news when dad was diagnosed with cancer," says Elaine, whose glittering career spans over 20 years.

"TV was still in its infancy. Dad was very ill at home in Cork and I was getting a second opinion from the oncology team in the Mater Private Hospital, in Dublin. We hoped his life could be prolonged."

"Sean could connect with his daughter from his hospital bed.

"Dad used to watch my news first on TV3 and then he'd watch the 'real' news on RTÉ at 6pm. He only ever thought the real news was on RTÉ! I remember I'd do the 11am news update on TV3 in studio and then I'd fly over to the hospital to see dad.

"Did he live to see Elaine's amazing success in the media?"

"No, he wasn't around when my career started to progress," says Elaine.

"He was alive and well when I first started work on TV3. And I know he was very proud of me."

Sean Crowley always championed his daughter.

"As a teenager, I was quite sporty and athletic," says Elaine. "Dad always came to my basketball matches. Would you believe I never had basketball boots! One Saturday I scored a rake of points in the match for the team. At the next match the following weekend I was going on court and dad took hold of my hand and handed me a brand new pair of basketball boots."

Elaine says her dad was a pivotal role model in her life.

"When he died I went to pieces," she says.

"I struggled for a while in my thirties. Dad was my role model.

He and my mother were very happy together all their married life."

"They really were a stunning couple. I look back at old photographs of my parents. They were just like movie stars, a real Hollywood couple, who were very striking. My mother was devastated after she lost dad. She was very lonesome after him."

Elaine says when she first began working in Dublin, it was a lonely place to be.

"It was pretty horrific," says Elaine. "But that was where the work was. Having come from a big family and coming from Cork, enjoying the homely banter as only you can do in North Cork.

Elaine became a familiar face and more from Cork, enjoying the homely banter as only you can do in North Cork."

"I missed home dreadfully. I know no-one at all in Dublin and it was a very lonely time for me."

Now that she's famous on our TV screens, and is ambassador for Breast Cancer Ireland, and has another amazing man in her life, boyfriend Keith Condron, Elaine is never lonely.

"That is for sure!" she says.

But some things never change.

"I still love going home to Cork. I love the banter and the craic there!"

And she is grounded in her home ground of North Cork.

"I was never one for noticing. Notions are soon knocked out of you in North Cork!"

Often, through coincidence, daughters find the traits of their dad's in their partner. Is Keith like Sean?

"He is a hard worker and he has a good family," says Elaine. "And he is a bit alike."

And like her dad, Keith is handsome too.

"Yes he is!" says Elaine, laughing.

She is fortunate to have known true love throughout her life.

"My dad was really precious to me. We had a unique relationship. He was my anchor who cannot be replaced," says Elaine.

"It would be hard for anyone to measure up to dad."

Sean and Elaine looked alike.

"Yes, in my 20s we were Cork mirrors of each other, with red hair and green eyes."

In lockdown Elaine used her own traits she learned growing up in the busy household in Newtowphouse to keep herself busy.

"I did a lot of cooking, cleaning and hoovering."

Like thousands of others around the country, Elaine just couldn't keep up with the work."

"I started walking to work every day, which is based at the Red Cow Inn on the Naas Road, Dublin," says Elaine."

"It is a fair walk from where I live in Rimmage. I am walking the ass off myself!"

"Is that why she is looking so well lately?"

"Honestly, I really think walking is the way to get fit and healthy."

Elaine is looking forward to travelling to Newtowphouse next month to see her mother and to do a bit of walking nearer home."

"My mother was diagnosed with lung cancer last year but she is doing well, having responded to treatment," says Elaine.

"She is a strong lady. I can't wait to see her. I haven't seen my mother since February. It seems like ages ago."

With sons and daughters getting ready to celebrate their dads on June 21, Elaine says she will miss hers terribly.

"I'd give anything for one more hug from my dad," says Elaine.

"Everyone should cherish their dad. And anyone who hasn't seen their dad, or who has fallen out with them, they should address that straight away."

"When that time is gone with your father, you can never get it back. That is the reality."

"Does Elaine, one of 10 children from rural North Cork, ever pinch herself knowing the reality is that her daytime Virgin Media programme called after its host is one of the most popular shows on TV?"

"You know, I never think of it as 'Elaine'. I know I host the pro-
gramme and I produce it. But, then, that is what I do.”
It is what she does best.
But then, Elaine Crowley was never one for notions.

“When he died I went to pieces. Dad was my role model.
I’d give anything for one more hug from my dad. Everyone should cherish their dad. And anyone who hasn’t seen their dad, or who has fallen out... they should address that straight away.”

Elaine Crowley, front, with mum Mary and dad Sean, back row, with her sisters Veronica and Maggie.

Elaine Crowley with TV colleagues. Picture: Brian McEvoy
Elaine Crowley hosts TV show, ‘Elaine’. Picture: Evan Doherty
ATHBOY
Returning to Mass
From 29th June, celebrating Mass with a congregation will resume in Athboy. Volunteers, who are not cocooning, are urgently needed to: set up a rota of cleaning; stewarding - men and women - to assist as ushers and to supervise entrance and exit from the church. If anyone can help they should contact the Parochial House.
Returning to public worship, is a source of great joy and hope, however, public health considerations require changes to the way it celebrates its liturgies. Under current social distancing restrictions (two metres apart), there are 60 spaces in Athboy Church for 60 individuals or 60 couples or households. (Rathcoole only accommodates 20 and Rathmore even fewer).
For the time being and because of its larger capacity, mass will be celebrated in Athboy Church only. A weekday schedule will be announced later and this will be reviewed as times go on.

BOHERMEEN
Recruiting for Church Helpers
It is expected that mass in the parish will resume on 29th June and it is recruiting for people to join in. If people can sing, clap their hands, play drums or guitar then they should get in touch via www.bohermeenparish.ie.

BROOMFIELD
Sincere Sympathy
Sympathy is extended to the family of Christy Thompson, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, brother of Seamus Thompson, Starinagh, Collon, who died recently.

Broomfield Mass
A Mass for the Living and Deceased Members of Broomfield and District will be celebrated on Thursday next, 18th June at 10am in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Ardee. The link to view the mass is at Church of the Nativity of Our Lady at mcnnmedia.liv
This Mass is to correspond with St Columcille's Patron which is a nine day Patron from 9th to 18th June. In previous years, a Mass was held during the Patron. Due to the covid-19 restrictions, there was no Patron this year.

COLLOIN in the ('Rare Ould') Irish Times
In an Irishman's Diary on Thursday 4th June last, Frank McNally presented a very worthwhile article on Collon Village, which he said, 'Like many other Irish villages, Collon, Co. Louth is built around a simple crossroads.' In the article he refers to the Russian Orthodox Crosses in the Church of Ireland Cemetery, and follows on with a little bit of significant history around this. He mentions the Tolstoy and Couriss Families, and their place in Collon life. An interesting read!

CARLANSTOWN
Thrift Shop
The Community Thrift Shop in Carlanstown opened again last week. Everyone is asked to support it if possible. It is open Saturday 10am to 5.30pm and Sunday 11am to 3pm.

CARNAROSS
Blessings of the graves
As it is not possible to have public gatherings for Blessings of the Graves this year, Prayers for the Dead and Blessings at the scheduled times will be streamed live on the Carnaross Pride of Place Facebook page. Scheduled times are as follows: Saturday 20th June at 2pm, Loughran at 3pm and Castletiernan at 4pm. On Sunday 21st June in Dulane at 5pm and Holy Family Cemetery Carnaross at 7pm. Families are encouraged to make private visits to family graves in their own time.

BELLEWSTOWN
Step Challenge
Scoll Naomh Treasa Bellewstown is running a Step Challenge fundraiser, ‘5 million Steps for 5 Million Bytes’. The school is trying to raise funds to buy new laptops and iPads for the school. More details on www.bellewstownns.com or check out the Facebook page Bellewstown NS Parents.

KILDALKEY
16th Meath Kildalkey - Scout Group
A group of the 16th Meath Kildalkey - Scout Group - cubs, scouts and a rover have been working hard on
flower beds in the village

with weed barrier and stones put on and planting done. After that it will be finishing the beds. Everyone will be really looking forward to the finished product. The scout group is very appreciative of those in the community who have supported them with donations and lots of "likes". This is the magic of scouts and community together.

KILMAINHAMWOOD
Get Active Charity Event
Kilmninhamwood GFC is running a charity event on the weekend of June 20/21 in aid of the Nobber Cancer Support Group and Kilmainhamwood Meals on Wheels. The club is asking as many people to get out and run, walk, crawl and donate for these great charities. It is asked that everyone sends in a screenshot of time and distance and of themselves at the end of the walk. To donate, people can find the link at gofundme.com.

KILTALIE
Walking Track Open Again
The Walking track at Kiltlale opened again on Monday 15th June working under strict guidelines handed down by Croke Park. All users of the track must be a member of the club - social membership is available for €25 for the remainder of 2020. It will be €50 for a full year in 2021.

There will be supervisors on duty - if anyone is not a member they should pay them directly and provide them with a name, mobile phone number and email address for registration. The club is awaiting delivery of wristbands. Once they arrive (hopefully next week), everyone will be required to wear it so it is known that they are a member. Wristbands can be collected from supervisors at the track once the club has them. The track is permitted to open for four hours only - from 5pm until 9pm - the first hour will be for cocooners ONLY. All other areas of the ground are strictly off limits, including pitches and hurling walls; No group training or similar group activities is allowed; Social distancing must be adhered to. Enjoy everyone!

Fundraiser
Kiltlale 24-Hour Relay
This year's fundraiser will be a relay run involving all of the adult players both hurling and camogie and the footballers from sister club Moynalvey but everyone is welcome to participate.
Club Chairman Stephen McCormack says: “I hope you are all keeping safe and well in these unprecedented times. It has been heartening to see the people of our community and parish pull together to support each other in numerous unseen ways. There is now light at the end of the tunnel and Kiltlale Hurling and Camogie Club are ready to embrace the new normal.
Due to COVID 19 we are unable to have our annual "The Walk and Talk" fundraiser. This fundraiser was our biggest funding for the year, which covers costs of running the club and keeping the extensive grounds. The grounds are used extensively by teams from age six to senior across the parish.
With no income from our clubhouse, and traditional fundraising initiatives, we need to get creative to generate funds to keep the grounds and overheads covered until next year. Most importantly, we need to pay the remainder of our public liability so we can open our grounds for all teams to get back training, and of course opening up the walkway for all our members to enjoy a walk or run. There are also a number of infrastructural projects, such as the walking track extension, dugout renovations and netting we would like to progress.
The fundraiser is going to be a relay run starting at the clubhouse, taking in some parish scenery, and ending at the clubhouse. The distance is 12km and each runner will run 3k or 6k click elbow and next runner will run the subsequent leg.
All of our adult players both hurling and camogie and the footballers from our sister club Moynalvey will be taking part and anyone within the parish is welcome to give it a go. We aim to have 100 plus runners and at the end of the nonstop run we will have achieved 600km in total, which may even be an Irish record for longest relay!!
There will also be an opportunity for those less ambitious to participate by walking the track, and those with more agricultural inclinations to join a tractor run on the route.
Watch out for the details of a GoFundMe that will be set up for everyone to support their friends, family and the club. It will take a huge effort by all involved as the run will take place over 24 hours non-stop from Saturday, June 20th through to Sunday 21st. Thank you for all your support in the past and we look forward to your continued support for the
**NAVAN**

**Virtual Run for Claremont**  
Registration can now take place for a family 2km fun run and a virtual 5km to help raise funds for the new Athletic track at Navan. The track has been used by the local community, clubs from all over Meath and further afield for over 20yrs and is in need of repair. Registration can be completed at MyRunResults.com. Entry is €10 for over 16s and €5 for under 16s with a family option for 2 x adults, plus 2 x under 16s for €20.

There is an option to donate further during registration and purchase a bespoke t-shirt / medal including postage. Following registration all that is left is to run your distance and then go back to MyRunResults.com from 1st to 8th July and download your finishers certificate.

**Alzheimer’s Society Raffle Winners**  
The Meath Branch of The Alzheimer’s Society of Ireland, Whistlemount Day Care Centre would like to announce the winners of its recently held raffle: First prize, Louie Bourke, Navan; second prize, Grainne Smith Muldoon, Cortown, Kells; third prize, Nora Wayte, Dunshaughlin; fourth prize, Stella Conlon, Kilmessan.

**Navan Church Reopening**  
In order to reopen in an attentive and correct manner on Monday 29th June, priests of the parish are seeking volunteers to help with stewarding and other necessary duties in order to prepare churches. Any expertise which anyone might be able to offer or propose would be most welcome.

It is thought that perhaps some groups from clubs in the parish or parents of sacramental classes might be willing to volunteer once a fortnight. This would mean that St Mary’s Church and St Oliver’s Church can be kept sanitised and stewarded to a high standard. To volunteer, contact the parish via Facebook or phone the parish on (046) 902 7518 or drop an email to office@navanparish.ie or send a private message to this account.

**SKRYNE**

**Blotto Re-commencing**  
The Blotto in Skryne GFC is due to restart on Sunday 21st June at 7pm with a jackpot of €8,200. Everyone should be sure to get their ticket in Swans or from local sellers. People can play online by visiting SkryneGFC.ie

For annual and online players that have contributed during the COVID lockdown period, it will draw ten names that will each win €40. Anyone can purchase an Annual Blotto starting at €100 per year via Standing Order from €10.50 per month by filling in the Blotto subscription form and returning it to secretary. skryne.meath@gaa.ie or giving it to any member of the Skryne GFC committee.

**Contact Ross Phillips**  
(087) 979 8822 for more information. All continued support is appreciated for the Blotto.

**TRIM**

**100 km for Breast Cancer**  
Trim GAA are about halfway through their 100km challenge in 30 days for Breast Cancer Ireland, accumulating over 900km to date. People who want to donate can do so at Justgiving.com under Teamtrim.
Support for #PinkBales on Kilkenny farms

With silage season 2020 well underway Glanbia Ireland are proudly supporting Breast Cancer Ireland again this year with their #PinkBales initiative.

Paddy Foley, agricultural contractor from Callan, supports the Glanbia Ireland #PinkBales initiative, as you can see above!

A donation will be made to Breast Cancer Ireland for every single roll of the limited-edition pink Mastercrop Agristretch silage wrap purchased on GlanbiaConnect.com or across all Glanbia Ireland Agri Branches and Glanbia CountryLife branches.

To raise awareness of breast cancer, farmers are encouraged to share photos and videos of their pink bales on social media, using the hashtag #PinkBales for the 2020 silage season.

Farmers are encouraged to place their pink wrapped silage bales in locations on their farm for people who are passing by to see.
€7 of extra grass for €1 of lime to bring soil pH to correct level

Take your opportunities to get lime out during the spring and summer, because conditions don’t always suit in the autumn, and you’ve missed another year.

Lime plays a major role in improving the three fundamentals of soil health namely:
- Soil chemistry (fertiliser use efficiency).
- Soil physical structural quality (drainage).
- Soil biological functioning including earthworm activity etc.

Maintaining the correct lime status of your soils will improve overall soil health and fertiliser use efficiency, and in turn improve your crop yields and farm productivity. Increased grass and grain yields of at least 1.5 t/ha are common when soil pH is brought up to the correct level.

This represents a return on investment of almost €7 in additional grass yield for each €1 invested in lime, or a 7:1 return.

Planning your liming programme

Using every opportunity or window throughout the season to spread lime, if required, is important.

As we saw last year, waiting until October to spread lime is risky, due to poor weather and untrafficable soil conditions.

Take advantage of low grass cover after silage cuts, and plan to have the paddocks that also need lime grazed out at the same time, so that lime can be applied to both areas.

Develop a liming programme for the individual fields on your farm. This can be as simple as:
- Knowing which fields require lime, ideally based on soil tests.
- Knowing what rate of lime is to be applied (t/ha) on each field.
- Organise your grazing rotation to have paddocks that need lime grazed out at the same time as silage is cut.
- Have this information to hand, ready to call your lime supplier when the opportunity/conditions are right.

Impact of lime on fertiliser/slurry

Queries often come up about the interaction between lime and slurry or fertiliser, here’s a quick guide:
- CAN Fertiliser — no issue.
- Urea before lime — leave 10 days between applications.
- Lime before urea — avoid urea for three months.
- Protected urea — no issue.
- Slurry before lime — wait 10 days for slurry to wash in.
- Lime before slurry — avoid slurry for three months.
- P & K — no issue.

For further advice please contact your local Glanbia Ireland Business Manager.

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Annette Hahessy nee Ryan, Clerihan and Dublin

Ashlawn, Clerihan, Clonmel and formerly of Templeogue, Dublin. + Due to Government restrictions, a private Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 11.30am in St. Michael’s Church, Clerihan.

+ This can be viewed on www.churchservices.tv/clonmelpeterpaul followed by clicking on the tab ‘Annette’s Funeral Clerihan’.

+ Burial immediately afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

+ Family flowers only. Donation, if desired, to Breast Cancer Ireland.

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Louth couple's breast cancer fundraiser nearing €1m

Louth couple Niall Carroll and Cara McAdam's 100km in 30 Days challenge for Breast Cancer Ireland is nearing the €1million mark.

Mr Carroll organised the fundraiser in support of his wife Ms McAdam following her breast cancer diagnosis last year.

The challenge sees participants aim to run, walk or wheel 100km during the month of June.

Now 18 days in, they have raised over €900,000 and Mr Carroll said the amount tends to increase by "about €25,000 every day".

Over 14,500 people have registered to take part in the challenge from 34 countries around the world.

Niall Carroll on his daily run as part of the challenge

The idea for the challenge came from a similar event Mr Carroll has been running in Blackrock, Co Louth that usually sees around 100-150 people take part.

"It's really positive what's come from this, initially we didn't think it would grow legs like this," Ms McAdam said.

"For me, I'm a runner, I would've run through my treatment when I'd energy, not at the level as before, but exercise made the side effects more tolerable, it's kept me going, and it's nice that the initiative is tied into that."

Niall Carroll, Cara McAdam and their two children run on Blackrock beach in Co Louth

Ms McAdam hopes the money raised will help lead to breakthroughs in treatment options.

"Surgery was fine, chemotherapy was really tough, it's just so toxic, that's the area of research I would love a lot of the money to go towards because that will make a difference," she said.

"That's what changed my life, the treatment is what changed my life, feeling so bad for the days after, not being able to engage fully with my children."
Agri contractor Paddy Foley from Callan, Co. Kilkenny who has been a strong supporter of the Glanbia Ireland #PinkBales initiative.

Pink Bales Campaign for Breast Cancer Ireland

WITH silage season 2020 well underway Glanbia Ireland are proudly supporting Breast Cancer Ireland again this year with our #PinkBales initiative. A donation will be made to Breast Cancer Ireland for every single roll of the limited-edition pink Mastercrop Agristretch silage wrap purchased on www.GlanbiaConnect.com or across all Glanbia Ireland Agri Branches and Glanbia CountryLife branches.

To raise awareness of breast cancer, farmers are encouraged to share photos and videos of their pink bales on social media, using the hashtag #PinkBales for the 2020 silage season. ‘Bale Watch’ is also back, where we encourage farmers to place their pink wrapped silage bales in visible locations on their farm for people who are passing by to see.

Commenting on the initiative, Breast Cancer Ireland CEO, Aisling Hurley, said: “Now more than ever we need our farming community to once again get behind this super initiative. Numbers presenting with breast cancer are scarcely down at the moment due to Covid-19, yet breast cancer has not gone away! We need the country to be flooded with lovely pink bales, as they will act as a beacon, raising awareness; because early detection of a diagnosis is key to ensuring a positive treatment.”

Glanbia Ireland’s Retail Marketing Manager, Grace O’Dwyer, said: “Breast cancer is unfortunately present in communities right across Ireland and as a community based organisation we are really proud to support this worthy cause. Our #PinkBales campaign not only raises vital funds for Breast Cancer Ireland, but also gives a very visible platform to increase awareness.”
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Local couple’s 100k in 30 days challenge nearing the €1 million

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Niall organised the fundraiser, which encourages people to clock up 100km of walking, cycling or running throughout the month of June, in support of his wife following her diagnosis with breast cancer last year.

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Over 14,500 people have registered to take part in the challenge from 34 countries around the world with the sight of the pink t-shirt being worn by participants regularly seen on local walking routes at present.

You can support the cause
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I’d love one more hug with dad

Ahead of Father’s Day this Sunday, June 21, CHRIS DUNNE talks to TV presenter Elaine Crowley about her beloved dad, who died of cancer, how her mum is now battling the disease and why the Cork woman will never have ‘notions’

EVEN though Elaine Crowley’s dad, Sean, was her school principal too, she wasn’t always teacher’s pet. But he did have a pet name for his daughter.

“Dad’s pet name for me was Lainey!” says Elaine.

“He never showed me any favouritism in the classroom,” adds Elaine, aged 42.

“I remember once, he caught me cheating on a maths test, passing notes in class,” says Elaine, who hosts the daytime talk show, Elaine, on Virgin Media, and who is from Newtownpethouse.

“Dad reprimanded me when he caught me cheating and I thought, ‘I’m in for it when I go home,’” she recalls.

“But that was the end of it. Dad never brought his work home or any school issues home with him.”

When he brought his daughter home from school, father and daughter cooked dinner together.

“Cooking was something that we both enjoyed doing,” say Elaine.

“We were both real foodies! And we were like two peas in a pod. My mother was a teacher too and I come from a family of 10 children, I am number seven, so there was a lot of cooking to do!”

Elaine remembers her dad as a great storyteller.

“He loved history and he was the local historian, instilling the love of history into his pupils. He appeared on a history documentary on RTÉ television. He was a great story-teller.”

With Father’s Day looming this weekend, Elaine is reminded of how much she still misses her dad, who passed away age 62 from a rare cancer, Liposarcoma, when Elaine was just 23.

“I remember every Father’s Day, growing up, I’d make him breakfast in bed. He loved Silvermints,” says Elaine.

“When I sat on his knee I’d steal the mints form his pocket.

“Later, on Father’s Day, I’d make him a sandwich with a smiley face decorated with Silvermints on the top of the sandwich. He was chuffed!”

Sean died before his time.

“My dad was snatched away prematurely. He went before his time,” says Elaine. “It was very tough.”

Elaine’s star was in the ascendency. TV was her destiny. After studying in the Institute of Technology Dublin and working in a radio station in Cork, she joined TV3 in 2000 working as a newsreader and presenter of Morning Ireland AM, before head-lining her own TV panel show, Elaine.

“I had just started reading the news when dad was diagnosed with cancer,” say Elaine, whose glittering career spans over 20 years.

“TV3 was still in its infancy. Dad was very ill at home in Cork and he was getting a second opinion from the oncology team in the Mater Private Hospital in Dublin. We hoped his life could be prolonged.”

Sean could connect with his daughter from his hospital bed.

“Dad used to watch my news first on TV3 and then he’d watch the ‘real’ news on RTÉ at 6pm! He only ever thought the real news was on RTÉ! I remember I’d do the 11am news update on TV3 in studio and then I’d fly over to the hospital to see dad.”

Did he live to see Elaine’s amazing success in the media?

“No, he wasn’t around when my career started to progress,” says Elaine.

“He was alive and well when I first started work in TV3. And I know he was very proud of me.”

Sean Crowley always championed his daughter.

“As a teenager, I was quite sporty and athletic,” says Elaine.

“Dad always came to my basketball matches. Would you believe I never had basketball boots! One Saturday I scored a rake of points in the match for the team. At the next match the following weekend I was going on court...
and dad took hold of my hand and handed me a brand new pair of basketball boots.”

Elaine says her dad was a pivotal role model in her life.

“When he died I went to pieces,” she says.

“I struggled for a while in my thirties. Dad was my role model. He and my mother were very happy together all their married life.”

“They really were a stunning couple. I look back at old photographs of my parents. They were just like movie stars, a real Hollywood couple, who were very striking. My mother was devastated after she lost dad. She was very lonesome after him.”

Elaine says when she first began working in Dublin, it was a lonely place to be.

“It was pretty horrific,” says Elaine. “But that was where the work was. Having come from a big family and coming from Cork, enjoying the homely banter as only you can do in North Cork, I missed home dreadfully. I knew no-one at all in Dublin and it was a very lonely time for me.”

Now that she’s famous on our TV screens, and is ambassador for Breast Cancer Ireland, and has another amazing man in her life, boyfriend Keith Condon; Elaine is never lonely.

“That is for sure!” she says.

But some things never change.

“I still love going home to Cork. I love the banter and the craic there!”

And she is grounded in her home ground of North Cork.

“I was never one for notions! Notions are soon knocked out of you in North Cork!”

Often, through coincidence, daughters find the traits of their dads in their partner. Is Keith like Sean?

“He is a hard-worker and he has lovely traits,” says Elaine. “He and dad are a bit alike.”

And like her dad, Keith is handsome too.

“Yes he is!” says Elaine, laughing.

She is fortunate to have known true love throughout her life.

“My dad was really precious to me. We had a unique relationship. He was my anchor who cannot be replaced,” says Elaine.

“It would be hard for anyone to measure up to dad.”

Sean and Elaine looked alike.

“Yes. In my 20s we were Cork mirrors of each other, with red hair and green eyes!”

In lockdown Elaine used her own traits she learned growing up in the busy household in Newtwopothouse to keep herself busy.

“I did a lot of cooking, cleaning and hoovering!”

Like thousands of others around the country, Elaine did a lot of walking too.

“I started walking to work every day, which is based at the Red Cow Inn on the Naas Road, Dublin,” says Elaine.

“It is a fair walk from where I live in Kimmage. I am walking the ass off myself!

Is that why she is looking so svelte lately?

“Honestly, I really think walking is the way to go to get fit and healthy.”

Elaine is looking forward to travelling to Newtwopothouse next month to see her mother and to do a bit of walking nearer home.

“My mother was diagnosed with lung cancer last year but she is doing well, having responded to treatment,” says Elaine.

“She is a strong lady. I can’t wait to see her. I haven’t seen my mother since February. It seems like ages ago.”

With sons and daughters getting ready to celebrate their dads on June 21, Elaine says she will miss hers terribly.

“I’d give anything for one more hug from my dad,” says Elaine.

“Everyone should cherish their dad. And anyone who hasn’t seen their dad, or who has fallen out with their dad; they should address that straight away.

“When that time is gone with your father, you can never get it back. That is the reality.”

Does Elaine, one of 10 children from rural North Cork, ever pinch herself knowing the reality is that her daytime Virgin Media programme called after its host is one of the most popular shows on TV?
“You know, I never think of it as ‘Elaine’. I know I host the programme and I produce it. But, then, that is what I do.”

It is what she does best.

But then, Elaine Crowley was never one for notions.

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Covid 19: We all in Aughnamullen GAA hope you are doing well and are adhering to Government and Health Guidelines this is very important if we are to beat this pandemic.

Walking Track: Following Government announcement the country has moved into Phase 2 on the road to recovery the GAA produced a roadmap on Friday last in relation to this. First up is the Return to opening of our walking tracks to our club members. Some of the guidelines are as follows every person using the track must sign the log in sheet at the entry to the track. There must be a clear one way system of walking and the track is used for recreational purposes only. Up to 4 people can use the track together provided they adhere to the present social distancing rules. Our other facilities i.e. Football Fields, Dressing Rooms, Gym and Social Centre are to remain closed. Designated toilet will be open. Our opening hours are as follows are 9am -11am for the elderly and vulnerable only and from 6.30pm - 8.30pm for anyone else who wishes to use the track. The track is for Club Members only.

Return to Training: As part of the Safe Return to Play it is hoped that our playing fields will re open on the 29th June on a non contact basis only and from 20th July providing that everything is going according to plan for contact training with competitive action commencing the 31st July. More details of the clubs plan in the coming weeks.

Lotto: The Lotto was held on Sunday night last the numbers drawn were 09,12,13 & 26 there was no winner. Next weeks jackpot is €8,300.

Lucky Dip Winners
Angela Keenan
David Geoghegan
Kathleen O’Connell
Seamus Quinn
Philly Duffy
Michael Geoghegan
Roisin Duffy
Gabriel Duffy
Many thanks to all those who support the Lotto each week.

Field Maintenance: Many thanks to all those who have assisted the club in some maintenance around the GAA Complex i.e. painting of the walls around the track and the installation of new turnstiles and gates entering our football fields. It shows that in time of need our club members will always assist when called upon.

Sympathy: Sympathy is extended to Georgina Keenan Crieve on the death of her grandmother Laura Fitzpatrick Lutton may god have mercy on her soul.

Congratulations: Congratulations is extended to Sean Brady Formill who celebrated his 50th Birthday last weekend.

Fundraisers: There are at present a number of local fundraisers and we hope our members can support them if you can.

100km in 30 Days in Aid of Breast Cancer Ireland

Millys Marathon change of heart which is in aid of young Milly Byrne from Magheracloone
Monaghan2mizen Virtual Walk organised by Noel Duffy
Drumhovan All funds raised go to Irish Heart Foundation & The Acute Stroke Unit Our Ladies of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda.

Monaghan GAA Senior Team “Shave or Dye” Fund Raising Campaign

Please check their social media forums for further details.
A kind when we used in and higher love on Today FM we dedicate that to a Sarah she said I really hope we can read the text out for me my name is Sarah my fiance Jamie is stuck in Saudi Arabia since Christmas he never made it home at least because the cover 19 and her two boys Noah and Oscar really miss them and we want to wish him a huge Happy Father’s Day we love and loathe we miss you loads and we really hope we see him soon Oh my goodness where I will be seen soon to and I’m worried since listened that Lady from my lovely horse I’ve donated and it couldn’t have been easier I live near a Derry and I’ll be paying a visit to the shop as soon as it reopens best wishes and that’s from Sinead enough clean thank you so much to anybody who has donated so far we hope we make a good news story out of this and that leads me nicely onto in a world of bad news we thought will be some nice to hear some good news we asked a new answer so here’s Stephen Murphy on the day we do care Medica Irish made the HSE approved hand sanitiser Medica.ie Ivory 8 Aisling can’t wait for this evening as she is getting ready to celebrate her Mum’s 81st birthday also locked down her mum would regularly say that she really missed her sitting in a pub with a lovely pint Aisling has gone all out and build a bar in her garden for her mum complete with roof and window boxes she just has to pick up 6 bottles of SATs and rail on the way home such a ladies Robbie from Tipperary cant believe the little boy Josh is growing up so fast today he’s getting measured for his first pair of shoes a big solution thank you to post man Christy he just heard about the 300 euro voucher that he and all his colleagues receive from on paused for their service over the last 3 months is gone above and beyond and onesies say that he really appreciates it and it’s been a pleasure working for everyone in his community he also has 6 weeks holidays coming to him so he’s having a very happy Friday Happy Father’s Day to Nile bacon OK lay Lane Callie say that he’s the best dad because he doesn’t write stuff for them he tells a very bad dad jokes that make them laugh and makes up ridiculous songs about them Sally in West Cork is over the moon after getting a first in her master’s degree she studied so hard over the last two years and can’t believe she’s made it through she is looking forward to a summer of chilling out before diving into the real world and a real job and finally congratulations and in new Ross County Wexford he just finished 100 k in 30 days for breast Cancer Ireland she wants the tanker causing a WhatsApp group for donating money as well as a workmate from Thomastown and walking bodies Brian Stasi Rita Trisha and share she crossed the finish line yesterday in Kennedy Park and it was a very special moment as and herself went through breast cancer treatment last year and she wants to wish good luck to all going through their cancer journey and through good news for today FM are stealing that was brilliant thank you I feel so much better for that and off so I can believe and new in new Ross in Wexford she’s finished the underpaid 30 days I’ve gone are the Government’s 40 kg still to go think of like me about the year ahead anyway we appreciate you stepping into not cupboards very big shoes thank you very much I didn’t do it I hope that justice you and you’re really we have the backing of the time a lovely honour to have a great weekend Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, event, fundraising, donating money.
Georgie Crawford: "In my recovery running became my saviour"

Before Georgie Crawford was diagnosed with breast cancer at 32, she says she had never exercised before. Crawford, who worked as the Entertainment Editor on Spin 1038, was wrapping up her maternity leave after the birth of her daughter Pia when she found the lump in her breast. The presenter of the Good Glow podcast detailed her journey online, sharing the highs and lows equally.

Two surgeries, five months of chemotherapy and four weeks of radiotherapy later, she stunned audiences with her strength on The Late Late Show, sharing her story and her message of endurance.

But that show of endurance was nothing compared to what she had planned: a 12km mountain run through the Swiss Alps as part of the Swiss Snow Walk & Run in Arosa.

Here, she speaks to RTÉ Lifestyle about the journey from cancer diagnosis to trekking through the Swiss Alps, what keeps her going and the reality of those months after "going back to normal".

Where did the title Digging Deep come from?

The phrase 'digging deep' has always been a big part of my journey over the last couple of years. I first heard it when a fellow cancer survivor was describing how you have to 'dig deep' to get up and face the world every day. It really spoke to me and captured exactly what you have to do when you are faced with such a challenging time in your life.

Crawford with Shannen Joyce and Mary Cullen on The Late Late Show in 2019

When you are in the depths of chemotherapy digging deep is sometimes your only option. When I said it on The Late Late Show I didn't imagine it would get such a reaction but I heard from so many people that week who were suffering who told me that's it, that's exactly it, thank you for saying that because it describes it perfectly.

Where did the idea to challenge yourself with the 12km run come from?

I surprised myself last year after completing some 10km runs. I did the VHI Women's Mini Marathon and Breast Cancer Ireland's Great Pink Run in both Dublin and Chicago. I didn't exercise before my cancer diagnosis and in my recovery running became my saviour.

So I started small, one kilometre at a time and soon I was doing the parkrun on a Saturday morning. It became one of my healthy habits and I loved doing them. My husband Jamie found the Arose Snow Run which is a 12km run in the Swiss Alps.

When he suggested it I thought there was no way I would be able for it. But we trained for 7 weeks in Chrone Woods in Wicklow and in January we set off for Switzerland. It was the most amazing experience and I was so proud of myself when I reached the top of the mountain.

What was training like for you?

It was very tough. I had never experienced trail running before I started training for the Alps so it was difficult. We were also training in November and December so sometimes the wind would take my breath away. But it was the perfect conditions to train in to get prepared for running in freezing temperatures in Switzerland.

But I have to say those Wicklow training sessions were often tougher than the Alps. Trail running is so challenging but very rewarding. You cannot beat the feeling of getting to the top of a mountain and knowing the hard work is done and you can enjoy the descent. I can't wait to get back to it this summer.

What was the experience of filming it like?

Our friends Jack Lowe and Audrey Hamilton have studied filmmaking in LA and only recently returned to Ireland having spent a couple of years there. Jack is a very talented producer so himself and Jamie sat down and planned everything from start to finish.

Jamie suggested we film it because the scenery would be so beautiful, it was also my biggest challenge yet so I wanted to bring my followers and my Good Glow [podcast] listeners along with me on the journey. So the four of us set off for Switzerland and we had so much fun filming it.

Where did you get your strength to keep going and keep climbing those mountains?

When It gets tough I think about how far I've come since 2017. I was at rock bottom when I was told I had cancer, I
was so scared that I wouldn't see my baby [daughter Pia] grow up and go to school so she gave me a lot of strength during that time.

So when I'm out there and it gets tough, I do it for her and for our future. If I invest in myself and keep healthy and fit, it's better for us all.

There is a lot of advocacy for people with cancer and cancer prevention. Do you feel enough consideration is given to breast cancer survivors?

I never thought it would be so hard to go back to my job after having cancer. I couldn't wait to go back to work and see all of my brilliant radio colleagues who were so supportive to me when I got sick. But when I went back everything had changed and sometimes I would sit at my desk and wonder what on earth I was doing there.

I felt like an entirely different person and would often have panic attacks. My friends Kim, Brendan and Susan would sit with me and calm me down and I'm so grateful to them for that.

But I think more needs to be done to support people in their recovery from cancer and understand how difficult it is to 'go back to normal'. I stayed for about 8 months but I felt like I was on a different path so I decided it was best for me to move on to concentrate on The Good Glow. But who knows, maybe someday I will go back to radio. I will always have the best memories from my 12 years in the industry.

Recent months have brought their own unique challenges, some more extreme for others, and we may not see the end of the pandemic for some time yet. What would your advice be to others on how to stay positive?

It's definitely about taking one day at a time. I think we are all on a rollercoaster of emotions at the moment. It has been challenging at times for us but I really appreciate the time together as a family.

Spending time in nature really helped me in my recovery from breast cancer so I've been reconnecting with that side of myself and using this time to rest and take a step back. I'm really lucky that I could continue to record my podcast and have sparked some pretty interesting conversations.

What are you most looking forward to after things "go back to normal"? Do you have any new goals in mind?

I've some really exciting projects in the pipeline as I grow The Good Glow brand. I'm enjoying exploring the world of wellness and self care. I'm excited to get back to trail running when Pia goes back to Montessori and see what challenges we can take on next.

Watch Digging Deep on RTÉ Player here or on Georgie's IGTv.
Eamon's 100km walk in one day

As the 100k in 30 days fund raiser in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland edges closer to the €1million mark, there have been many stories of personal bravery and heroism, from people doing the walk while undergoing cancer treatment or in a wheelchair.

However in terms of sheer physical endurance, it's unlikely if anyone will surpass the achievement of Blackrock resident Eamon O Muircheartaigh as he completed his 100k for Breast Cancer Ireland not in 30 days but in one day.

A pink army turned out to support the Dingle native as he walked ten loops of the village on Sunday June 8, starting at 2am and completing the blistering endeavour at the sundial around 9pm.

Eamon, who is physiotherapist to the Louth Senior Team, opted to do his 100k in one day due to work commitments although he quickly adds that it's not something he would recommend people to do.

'I knew what to do and how to look after myself although I couldn't put my feet under me the next day,' he says.

His father, the legendary GAA commentator Michael O Muircheartaigh, sent his message of support urging people to get involved in the 100k in 30 days in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland.

It's a charity which Eamon has raised funds for Breast Cancer Ireland previously through the Pink Ribbon Tour which saw cyclists take on the eight stages of the Ras na hEireann at the same time as the pros were competing.

'It was really tough, cycling five or six hours a day at full tilt,' he says. 'I always enjoyed testing myself so I thought I'd do the 100k in one day. I didn't realise what the after effects would be – the kids said my feet looked like Hobbit feet and that was not a compliment.'

However, he has no regrets about doing it. 'It was my little way of helping out.'

He says that when his wife Breffnie Carroll, whose late husband Stephen died for cancer, was organising a charity cycle in aid of the hospice Niall Carroll, who along with his wife Cara, is organising the 100k in 30days, helped her out. 'It was a easy decision to help Niall and Cara by doing this.'
Couple on target to raise €1 million for breast cancer

By MARGARET RODDY

WHEN Blackrock businessman Niall Carroll launched the 100km in 30 Days challenge in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland at the beginning of the month, he set himself a target of raising €100,000. Now the initiative is within a whisper of raising an amazing €1 million.

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Niall admits that he is surprised and overwhelmed with the fantastic response commenting: ‘It’s incredible what has been achieved together and we cannot thank everyone enough for getting behind the campaign and for helping Cara and I to make a difference to women diagnosed with breast cancer.’

‘When we started out we thought getting €100,000 would be outrageous and that it would make a big difference,’ he continues. ‘But this is going to make a massive difference.’

While the plan was to get one thousand people walking or running, over 14,500 people from every county in Ireland and from 34 countries around the world have registered to take part in the challenge which sees participants aim to run, walk or wheel 100km during the month of June.

With just a week to go, the Pink Army has already raised over €900,000 and all monies raised will go directly to Breast Cancer Ireland to fund research programmes in the hope that it will lead to breakthroughs in treatment options. It will also fund new state-of-the-art imaging equipment at the new Breast Research Centre which is due to open at Beaumont Hospital in the Autumn of 2021.

‘Cara is a biology teacher at the De La Salle and is big into science and research so it was important that the money will go into research which will eliminate the need for women to go through really harsh treatments involving chemotherapy,’ explains Niall.

Both Niall and Cara, who celebrated their wedding anniversary last week, have been donning the distinctive pink t-shirts which all participants get when they sign up, and cleaning up their kilometers. There are over 3,200 people who have already completed their 100km and are still going as they are enjoying it so much, while the rest are well on the way to logging their 100km by the end of the month!’

The couple, who have two young children, Jack (4) and Laura (2), are overwhelmed by the support they have received, especially in their native county, where 3,500 people are taking part.

Cara is also keen to raise awareness about breast cancer and credits another young Blackrock woman Donna Farrell, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. It was thanks to her sending out a reminder on social media to her friends about the importance of being breast aware, that Cara decided to go to her GP and ask for a mammogram.

They are also moved by the amazing stories being shared by the participants, by the many cancer survivors as well as by those going through treatment who are doing the challenge.

While Eamonn O Muircheartaigh set an unbeatable achievement by walking his 100km in just one day, there...
have been other remarkable stories.

Roisin Soraghan (nee O’Hanlon) ran from Blackrock to Carlingford at the weekend, while Mark McDonnell, an advanced medical technician, walked 35km home from Castleblayney so that he would complete his 100km,’ says Niall. Blackrock resident Geraldine Rogers, who had 72 years of age is one of the oldest diabetics in the country, is also doing her 100km.

It’s not just the walkers and runners who deserve credit, as a band of over 50 volunteers are busy packing the pink t-shirts in a warehouse off the Coe’s Road.

With a host of famous sports stars and celebrities giving their backing to the challenge, most recently Liverpool FC players Steve Gerrard and Gary McAlister, the fund raiser is hitting the headlines, with Niall and Cara being featured on RTE and Ireland AM, while Niall has done interviews for Newstalk and Today FM.

With the challenge finishing next Tuesday, June 30, Niall says that in normal circumstances they would have organised a big hooley in Blackrock to mark its success.

Now, inspired by a photo sent to them by the Stafford family from Wexford, featuring eleven women, three of whom are breast cancer survivors, in their pink t-shirts, they are asking participants to get together in groups of not more than 200, keeping their social distance, and take photos to mark their achievement.

Naturally, the remarkable effort of Niall, Cara, and all their supporters is greatly appreciated by Breast Cancer Ireland.

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You cannot miss the pink t-shirts for the campaign which it seems are being worn by almost everyone in Blackrock in particular. Every second person out walking, running or cycling seems to be wearing a pink t-shirt.

Their efforts are incredible, their drive and selflessness amazing.

Having the awareness, motivation and courage to be front and centre of highly public fundraising campaign, while in the middle of fighting cancer is so commendable.

Their positivity and energy compelling.
€1MILLION THANK YOUS

COUPLE BLOWN AWAY BY SUCCESS OF BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

By MARGARET RODDY

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While they initially dreamt that the event might raise €100,000, they never imagined that it would snowball to become the success it is. Their efforts have resulted in a sea of pink T-shirts being seen on the highways and byways of Ireland and the campaign has got the backing of leading sport stars and celebrities at home and abroad.

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fundraising, Niall Carroll, pink tshirts, compete virtually, real challenge, social distance restrictions, Fund Research
Programme, Breast Cancer Research Centre, donate.
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patients and you know some of these things that are coming to light now out I do know we made a submission also this week to the expert panel on nothing and expressing these concerns and obviously there are those report will feed into an article of faith going forward but also into the European Commission which I believe has a role to look at how the thing is that there right

throughout Europe this is something that can never be repeated OK well we've had actually expected to be speaking to you as a Siptu rep this morning because you're stepping down from the role I take it this is one of her last duties appearing before the Oireachtas committee yesterday and will assume the role with the Workplace Relations Commission in due course absolute like a place you would market place OK thank you indeed Paul Bell who

is outgoing divisional organiser with Siptu health trade union now let's go to the look at the papers this morning because as always when you get to Wednesday during the weekend the papers are available to you we have them in front of us Emery clearance has some of the stories making front page news this week OK good morning to you morning I think we got started in Drogheda Fri right we are indeed warrants issued for the arrest of 3 John men that May's for the lead story of the

dried Independent has reported that the pair were facing serious charges including false imprisonment have effectively gone into hiding because of the threat to their lives the plight of pub owners is also featured on page one and Collette new deal the president of the loud Vintners Federation tell the public Kids across loud been deeply disillusioned as they attempt to navigate the guidelines issued over the last week

OK questions then making the front page story of the Dundalk relating to DKIT Spanish doubts about a dog I'd tease ability to achieve Technological University status does from page to jury of the dog Democrats after a source at the Institute claimed that all of the institutes of technology in the country have or are about to announce mergers and the fear is that it will leave DKIT effectively on its

0 However responding to the claims DKIT says that active consultation around TU designation is currently ongoing and that DKIT expect to be able to make an announcement by the end of June 2020 we are moving away from that story then there's also Lovely tribute inside the paper Michael to the late Terry Brennan the for led Fine Gael Senator who sadly passed away on Friday and was described by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar as a great public representative he of course won 5 consecutive local

elections and was a councillor for a total of 26 years be informed before being elected to Seanad Eireann in 2011 current Senator John McGahern told the Democrat he was a meticulous and devoted constituency worker and also had such a massive personality that it was impossible not to leave his company without a smile on your face a rest in peace Harry Marais and further Terry's family larla singer like to let them know that I'd like to send

my best wishes to them at this very sad time I was very sad to learn of Cherry Brandon's death I have to say I spoke to Terry many times over many years as a local councillor he then of course to get a seat in the Shannon and with a bit of a falling out I think it would be silly to say otherwise I was never sure why but that Unfortunately was the case but nonetheless very good public representative and as you say may he

rest base onto the yard % Michael one million thank you is is the heading of the lead story in the Argus and this really is a remarkable story highlights how simple fundraising initiative can really spiral into something major Blackrock couple night Carol and Karen McAdam can't quite believe the success of their 100 kilometre in 30 days Challenge which looks set to raise at least one million euro for breast Cancer Ireland NI launched the challenge in support of his wife Carol who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and while initially hoped might raise 100000 they never imagined in a snowball to become the successor is capturing the imagination of people not just around Ireland but in 34 countries worldwide who have just signed up to walk or row are run 100 k in the month of June for unlocking the economy the firm Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, fundraising initiatives, Blackrock Karen McAdam, Niall Carol, 100k in 30days.
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Learn more
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Kyle Patton and the soothing chemotherapy I hectic the talking but like I was very lucky I am coming up in 8 years' time the 3 and you know I a.m. very lucky like that I know after being at all for 10 months but I think them I am very very I feel very very lucky that I I mean why not keep the understand like that these thoughts are with but they continued to check themselves to be can they make and the actual all know what they're looking for and it's not just the number at their ease and others find to eat I just want and where can people get that information by the way just might take a look all 9 I worked for breast Cancer Ireland myself than a Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, breast check examination, Minister for Health Simon Harris, cancer screening services, Breed O'Connell, Juliet O'Connell, breast cancer, HSE, long term treatment, early detection, radiotherapy, chemotherapy.
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what you know because they are involved in tourism themselves represent all residents on the island they decided 
you know we better take a survey and see what people want their opinion is and 92 per cent said they wanted to 
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Charity 440km fundraiser this Saturday

Castletownroche GAA Club have organised a charity fundraiser for two worthy organisations. Breast Cancer Ireland and Pieta are the two that the club decided to fundraise for. This great cause is taking place this Saturday, June 27. It is a Dawn Until Dusk relay that begins at 4.30am and finishes at 10.30pm.

The aim of this fundraiser is to complete a total distance of 440km either by walking, jogging or running. Why 440km you might ask? Well it was one of our club officers Mick Sugrue that came up with the idea that this was the total distance travelled by our junior B hurling team of 2019 to the five pitches en route to winning the county title. These five venues were a trip to Ballyhlea/Blarney (which was visited twice due to a replay), Inniscarra/Kilbrit, and finally the big trip to Páirc Uí Rinn.

This fundraiser is open to everybody. You can choose to walk any road or route that suits yourself. Take an account of how many kms you have clocked up no matter if its 1km or 20km and send your total to Mick on 087-0735447 or any club officer that you may know of. So get on your walking or running gear and if you have any club colours to wear please do and support these two great causes. Donations can be made online at https://www.idonate.ie/CastletownrocheGAA-Chub.

TRAINING RESUMES

After many weeks of no activity on the GAA grounds it is with great delight for the players to get onto the sod of grass once again from Wednesday night onwards. Every player to their credit have been doing their own bit of running during lockdown, so now it’s time to sharpen up on the hurling and football skills. Every player and anyone involved with any activities or duties within the club must now complete a Covid-19 education learning module.

Please contact Bobby Hazelwood 087-9263267 if you need to complete this module. We as a club encourage all of our players to abide by all the necessary regulations regarding the prevention of Covid-19 while attending training and games.

CLUB LOTTO

The club lotto has been put on hold since the beginning of the lockdown. Our last lotto was held on the 2nd March. It is hoped that the lotto will commence in the next few weeks. Anyone who purchased a yearly subscription for the fortnightly lotto will have their ticket extended to cover the number of draws missed in the past few months.

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The Hill Stop Inn.
Seamus Hennigan, chairman of North Cork Primary Schools Board pictured presenting the cup to Owen Noonan, captain of Casteltownroche National School after their 1991 North Cork Primary Schools football win. (The Avondhu Archives)

over many years as a local councillor he then of course to get a seat in the Shannon and with a bit of a falling out I think it would be silly to say otherwise was never sure why but that Unfortunately was the case but nonetheless very good public representative and as you say may he resting place and the largest them Michael one million thank you is if the heading of the lead story in the target and this really is a remarkable story highlights how a simple fundraising initiative can really spiral into something major Blackrock couple night Carol and Karen McAdam can't quite believe the success of their 100 kilometre in 30 days Challenge which looks set to raise at least one million euro for breast Cancer Ireland NI launched the challenge in support of his wife Carol who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and while initially hoped might raise 100000 they never imagined in a snowball to become the successor is capturing the imagination of people not just around Ireland but in 34 countries worldwide who have just signed up to walk or row are run 100 k in the month of June for unlocking the economy though left for the main story for the Dundalk leader that's right it's back publishing this week and a return to the story of positivity and its front page report in the sense of optimism optimism even for the local economy Paul Berne is right that the streets around the town centre are looking more familiar these days as businesses around job begin to open the doors and that there's a real sense of relief amongst dog traders as life slowly but surely returned to some sort of normality with some pubs restaurants and hotels of course expected to reopen this Monday evening Removal from for further they chronicle of reporting on a cancer patient who was going very important medication that's right this is it a Dunboyne dad has been given the Green light by the HSE to get vital life-prolonging drug 56-year-old Pascal Murphy can never smoked in his life was given a diagnosis of terminal cancer lung cancer two years ago and was devastated by the Government and HSE's failure on turnout to fund the proven drug which increases both life Inspector Si 8 Inspector Si and quality of life he had been paying my bills of 5270 euro a month himself you can imagine his delight and relief that that's going to be paid by the HSE OK thanks for letting me and if people listen to want to come and hear their stories as always with love to hear from the telephone numbers waiting 57.5 9.8 read at school to shin Fein to TD for Meath West Johnny girl whose arm El the line and is calling for more charging points for electric cars should be installed around the country over good morning to you John McGuirk and thanks for joining us how do you drive an electric car yourself there's gives them both Chada spent around one of them got a good blood a query from people electric cars and that the infrastructure is not a player I am sorry we couldn't hear the other starter problem that are just too good to be back on the first question is do you drive an electric car yourself no I don't like them but to maybe something that I would look at it the infrastructure was in place then there's there's an awful lot of there's a huge push across them can change everything for electric cars the the lowest CO2 emissions and reduce knives and air pollution and climate action really are talking about 936008 charged by 20 talking to quickly we need that they could infrastructure and twisted and people can charge your scars and and soccer at the moment isn't it well it is but you take and the like me like me I think we have 22 charging points across the whole of the County and maybe too fast charger so when it When you might let you know him if you are currently run by 2022 a pub and 75000 each parish also always tourists coming to the area might you talk about the old Norse mead areas that have not charging when you could go chatter that by the summer and are too long much and you're lucky all those Justice Michael don't have charging points so you know it's it's very hard to push for electric cars we don't have that basic infrastructure in place but we have the plan under the National development plan to provide for these points have Attorney Michael but it's like a lot of land that needs to be implemented it needs to be pushed and the Taoiseach put in place at the moment Michael M I know several people around me who have electric cars and they would be on me like about you Holly you can always in my mind and go where you want get a charging point like the sort that infrastructure needs to be in place before people will consider buying these electric cars and that that's what I'm here in my everyday week long but the plan as I say is to roll them out on a Grand scale under the National development plan and
Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100 kilometre in 30 days challenge.
Promoting breast cancer awareness in schools

IVAN AHERN  
Director, Cornmarket

A newly expanded education programme from Cornmarket & Breast Cancer Ireland aims to help women spot breast cancer early.

Cornmarket has teamed up with Breast Cancer Ireland to expand their awareness and education programme and help women recognise the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

There is a common misconception that breast cancer only affects older women. However, the statistics tell a different story, with 30% of women diagnosed with the disease aged between 20 and 50.

Early detection of breast cancer is key to survival, and if women can be educated to self-check, this will help increase awareness and ultimately save lives.

The awareness and education programme supports visits to schools to educate teachers, as well as transition year students, on the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

Initially when Cornmarket came on board the programme was aimed solely at transition year students and secondary school teachers. The scope of the project has now grown significantly, and has been expanded to target primary school teachers too.

The programme is available in schools throughout Ireland and is delivered by qualified Breast Cancer Ireland representatives, including both breast cancer survivors and nurses. They have a genuine passion for educating others and sharing their stories.

As part of their presentations in schools, these representatives use a specialised mannequin for medical instruction, which allows participating teachers to feel for lumps and learn what to look out for during a self-examination.

Presentations are free of charge and can be arranged for 20-25 minutes during lunch or 45 minutes after school hours.

Feedback on the programme has been positive and continues to gain momentum.

- 100% of respondents rated the programme as excellent or very good
- 98% of respondents said they were not self-checking correctly before the presentation
- 100% of respondents said they would recommend the programme to a friend.

*Breast Cancer Ireland 2019

Cornmarket is proud to sponsor this programme and through its support of Breast Cancer Ireland, understands that knowledge is power and awareness saves lives.

To register your interest in a presentation for your school, visit: 

www.cornmarket.ie/into-breast-health-programme

Presentations are on hold until after Covid-19, however you can still register your interest in advance.

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Breast health and how to self-check

DR ANN SHORTT
GP, Emergency Medicine Consultant and Director,
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New ‘Pink Power’ initiative sponsored by Cornmarket successfully raises awareness by 50% and could save many lives.

One in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Ireland in their lifetime. It’s the biggest “female” cancer with 3,100 new cases diagnosed annually*. Thanks to research by Breast Cancer Ireland and other agencies, it is becoming a more treatable, curable illness.

New tests mean the ability to personalise treatment plans, allowing clinicians to gauge the effectiveness of treatments and the likelihood of the cancer returning.

In the next ten years, it’s expected that most breast cancers will become treatable with drug therapy, and surgery; making invasive chemotherapy a thing of the past.

What to look for

However, even with all the advances in research, awareness and early intervention remain central to the fight against breast cancer. If you experience any of the following symptoms you should get checked by your GP without delay:

- A lump in the breast or breast area
- A swelling in the armpit
- Enlargement of the glands around the breast
- Puckering of skin in the breast
- A change in skin around the nipple or nipple discharge
- Dimpling of the nipple or nipple retraction
- An unusual increase in the size of one breast
- One breast unusually lower than the other

Pink Power

Don’t forget to check your insurance policy too – many are now offering wellbeing programmes with really valuable benefits. For example, insurance brokers, Cornmarket, recently launched a programme called Pink Power to thousands of their customers.

Pink Power offers a face-to-face appointment with a GP for a one-off physical exam, education on how to self-check, and a referral for further investigation if needed (mammogram, ultrasound,
biopsy). Cancer was caught in 14 customers. Many said it saved their life. Meanwhile, 90% said they were more confident to self-check after their appointment, compared to only 40% before**. Cornmarket’s Pink Power initiative is an excellent example of how we can increase awareness in women, and ultimately save lives.

*Breast Cancer Ireland, Feb '20. **Cornmarket, Feb '20.

For more information visit cornmarket.ie/pink-blue-power and breastcancerireland.com, where you can download a free app, "Breast Aware," for reminders and guidance on how to self-check.

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to be a lovely this Dublin secure funds for St and he wasn't done not Italy saying sorry for her I know you are nihil a great mate Norma veg termed mad then see and play that song so now if anyone is a charmer and is doing well but Ireland's blue book at the end of this week because 2020 years staycations as perfect your staycation

Ireland's blue book .com collection of historic houses hotels and restaurants for romantic getaways so today the final one the week it is an overnight stay for two people at number one Pery Square in Limerick the heart of Limerick's historic Georgian quarter the an overnight stay and dinner as well what we want to know is what is the name of the Castle that sits write them in Limerick on the river Shannon Watts

in the Castle across the tech start with the word trip followed by your name and we were always 3 42 42 one O2 and will give it away before 9 o’ clock this morning now 100 kilometres in 30 days this is a brilliant thing yet this is amazing there's a this is basically this man called Niall Curran set this up to support his wife Carol was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and those kind of done

this 100 longer than 30 days challenged around their area in BlackRock and Dundalk but then he was sinking gun bigger when cars diagnose the cycle I'm not sure but it's gone over the country and they have now raised over a million euro for breast Cancer Ireland with and Monday night and over is front amazing that is just brilliant and Niall us on the phone

now Nile good morning good morning thank you very much I know you're such a good start such a good cause Niall Yeah no it's it's a great cause and it is closer than 0.3 p but to a lot of people around the country request catch touches one in line with everybody we Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100km in 30 Days challenge, Niall Carroll, Breast Cancer Research Centre.
Today FM @ 26-Jun-20 13:35 - (breast)

week truly was the scene of a random act of kindness racial Fitzgerald is training really hard to do 5 kilometres sea swim to raise money for down syndrome Ireland on behalf of her daughter peppy out of the blue or Waterworld and truly gifted a brand new fancy swimsuit and this has made a week and given her a new motivation to push on congratulations to Sarah on passing a third-year exams for primary school teaching your family are so so proud of you and

hope you and your pals Rachel Becker Claude and Lloyd have an absolutely fabulous summer Daniel Wade a 12 year-old from County Kilkenny is finishing his 100 kilometres in 30 days challenge today he started late and made huge solo effort raising 350 euro to boot for breast Cancer Ireland so well done Daniel and fair play congratulations door McNulty who has been accepted for a Masters in paradigm exciting part parrot

chemical science in Nottingham mum and dad are absolutely over the moon for you is a case of fly away home for the funky homing pigeon that got lost and stated the listeners housing County Kildare the good feather eventually flew away and found his way home to County Armagh it's been the best week ever for Liam his massive waste is found in his idol also named Liam tweeted back Liam Gallagher though he's also Liverpool Van saw celebrating their League win and today is his

last day of work for a week before heading to Kerry for a few nights in a cottage overlooking the beautiful Atlantic with his partner Paula and their one year-old Her Ella and to top it all off he had his first pint of Guinness in 3 months as they booked into a restaurant for next Wednesday and finally not just good news but great news coming out of Limerick Sinead Maloney grandad is recovering from the qualifiers after spending 12 weeks in hospital he took his first few steps and is allowed to eat some mashed banana everyone in Limerick is so so proud of him and that's good news today for today FM are on a knife that was lovely I was I'm so proud of little Daniel in their Daniel Wade the 12 year-old from Kilkenny Ennis finished his 100 K 30 days already and did not finish until Tuesday evening's of fair play to him

absolutely brilliant and only 12 years of age now my goodness I I will be finishing line on Monday who still not done as still have done anyway no thank you as always he would talk to you again next time it started there I is a gorgeously when a cycle lane next to me Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100km in 30 Days challenge, Daniel Wade.
Red FM @ 26-Jun-20 18:45 - (breast)

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person she recovered from a 6 years ago and we all know people who have been affected by breast cancer and this is a very worthy charity and a very worthy cause she's been walking 5 Cape day for last 24 days has clocked up 132 kilometres and continue to do so until June 30th if you do contribute to a fund raising on just giving .com /fundraising /meals dash Baron you'll be in line to win one of over 90 prizes she's put together including signed Munster Leinster Connacht and Tipp jerseys she's

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here in weekend magazine we look at how to make the Somerfield different for the kids and for us and in sport a special 20 page magazine and how your clock drove Liverpool to their first Premier League title Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100km in 30 Days challenge, Niamh Baron.
Couple on target to raise €1 million for breast cancer

When Blackrock businessman Niall Carroll launched the 100km in 30 Days challenge in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland at the beginning of the month, he set himself a target of raising €100,000. Now the initiative is within a whisper of raising an amazing €1 million.

Having organised a fun 100km in 30 days challenge in the local community for a number of years, Niall and his wife Cara MccAdam (pictured), who was diagnosed with breast cancer just before Christmas 2019, decided that they wanted to raise funds for Breast Cancer Ireland.

Niall admits that he is surprised and overwhelmed with the fantastic response commenting: 'It's incredible what has been achieved together and we cannot thank everyone enough for getting behind the campaign and for helping Cara and I to make a difference to women diagnosed with breast cancer.'

'When we started out we thought getting €100,000 would be outrageous and that it would make a big difference,'he continues.'But this is going to make a massive difference.'

While the plan was to get one thousand people walking or running, over 14,500 people from every county in Ireland and from 34 countries around the world have registered to take part in the challenge which sees participants aim to run, walk or wheel 100km during the month of June.

With just a week to go the PinkArmy has already raised over €900,000 and all monies raised will go directly to Breast Cancer Ireland to fund research programmes in the hope that it will lead to breakthroughs in treatment options. It will also fund new state of the art imaging equipment at the new Breast Research Centre which due to open at Beaumont Hospital in the Autumn of 2021.

'Cara is a biology teacher at the De La Salle and is big into science and research so it was important that the money will go into research which will eliminate the need for women to go through really harsh treatments involving chemotherapy,'explains Niall.

Both Niall and Cara, who celebrated their wedding anniversary last week, have been donning the distinctive pink t-shirts which all participants get when they sign up, and clocking up their kilometers.

'There are over 3,200 people who have already completed their 100km and are still going as they are enjoying it so much, while the rest are well on the way to logging their 100km by the end of the month.'

The couple, who have two young children, Jack (4) and Laura (2), are overwhelmed by the support they have received, especially in their native county, where 3,500 people are taking part.

Cara is also keen to raise awareness about breast cancer and credits another young Blackrock woman Donna Farrell, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. It was thanks to her sending out a reminder on social media to her friends about the importance of being breast aware, that Cara decided to go to her GP and ask for a mammogram.

They are also moved by the amazing stories being shared by the participants, by the many cancer survivors as well as by those going through treatment who are doing the challenge.

While Eamonn O Muircheartaigh set an unbeatable achievement by walking his 100km in just one day, there have been other remarkable stories.

'Reison Soraghan (nee O'Hanlon) ran from Blackrock to Carlingford at the weekend, while Mark McDonnell, a advanced medical technician, walked 35km home from Castleblayney so that he would complete his 100km,' says Niall. Blackrock resident Geraldine Rogers, who had 72 years of age is one of the oldest diabetics in the country, is also doing her 100km.

It's not just the walkers and runners who deserve credit, as a band of over 90 volunteers are busy packing the pink t-shirts in a warehouse off the Coe's Road.

With a host of famous sports stars and celebrities giving their backing to the challenge, most recently Liverpool FC players Steve Gerrard and Gary McAllister, the fund raiser is hitting the headlines, with Niall and Cara being featured on RTE and Ireland AM, while Niall has done interviews for Newstalk and Today FM.

With the challenge finishing next Tuesday, June 30, Niall says that in normal circumstances they would have organised a big hooley in Blackrock to mark its success.

Now, inspired by a photo sent to them by the Stafford family from Wexford, featuring eleven women, three of whom are breast cancer survivors, in their pink t-shirts, they are asking participants to get together in groups of not more than 200, keeping their social distance, and take photos to mark their achievement.
Naturally, the remarkable effort of Niall, Cara, and all their supporters is greatly appreciated by Breast Cancer Ireland.

CEO Aisling Hurley comments: "The 100k in 30 Days challenge is a phenomenal achievement that shows the power of community support and the desire to change the dial positively on this disease into the future. Unfortunately, everyone knows someone that has been affected by breast cancer with 1 in 9 women being diagnosed in their lifetime and with over 3,100 new cases presenting annually. Continuous investment in research is vital in helping to speed up research discovery and uncover new targeted therapies that will affect better treatment outcomes for patients. The funds raised will help in transforming this disease, from often being fatal, to treatable illnesses that can be maintained long-term"
Red FM @ 27-Jun-20 11:35 - (breast)

With them the message that is Yeah thank you thanks it's not my thing give a drop of a hat is only one of the she's still with him and we are now on this issue it should was really just the Greens Cork's the music station read Mitt column on the tentative sure we caught a line in there before that as well right now go on a chapter called Colin McGrath and that about this weekend and he's raising money for breast Cancer Ireland Colin how are you Yeah fine not too bad all Colin you're an active man you're out and about a lot recently and raise money for a great cause I tell us what to do first of all of charity in Ireland and there is something of a moment where the two and a half miles in 30 hours for 120 days and I just stood there are 100 and 30 days and it

Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Colin McGrath, raising money, charity.
Today FM @ 27-Jun-20 17:23 - (breast)

And also you should be sad on today FM pumped up kicks with deck appears an allegory away 7 401 to get in touch they now have to give a shout out to Cassidy Camogie Club in North Cork they are doing 440 kilometre dusk until dawn relayed today to raise funds for breast Cancer Ireland and Pieta House is incredible there are a small club and receiving great support there I think I a.m. now a 350 clammers towards told target of the 440 are a target it were 50 rebuilt since early this morning the huge step in healing group a believe kick-started I'll hath for this morning 16 and completed a 5 case that is brilliant so if you want to find more awake and help them once the Castletown Road GAA Facebook page mixu says thanks and we love the show just extra Yeah I did I love her creative people think of becoming the last couple of weeks when it comes to raising money for charity pictures show the young people coming together and showing that these charities need money Speaking of charity events on the line right now we have Rory O'Connor from Rory Stories fame he's undertaking a massive challenge tomorrow supported by Meath GAA in support of a better life for your campaign rural area are how with everything going you are you prepared and ready for tomorrow Tell everybody exactly which are doing yeah we've a big event on the Morrow of a better life for living and so I think maybe we need to raise any praise for David Grace Sarah but bad base he added these were described as the most expensive injection in the world and it's only America at the minute and that's why we need maybe give a better life

one of the fundraisers that we put in a solid challenge so basically what happened is this out of the 12 clubs in the 11th sorry get involved as amici glamorous stand in one and Nobber and Navan O'Mahony's won in led a merry don’t mean it Ballymacarbry village share then carry the bath trying either barred them for 25 Columba's and Oh Yeah and you will be some sight then we get the weather like today a dad Albert Bartlett in Garristown in Dublin where Libby Martyn Turner originally storms so that the crack the problem a wider action tomorrow so have you been practising your soul laying out the back garden like a mad man 25 glum there's a big task I now and I only really made a promotional video which shop buying a landmark day in Ballymun GardaÃ­ and used to manage me as a football for 5 years

He's like was told who laid the ball off you are ago would really good not like but listen I've been practising in the last this followed we only now two months old so it's not ideal only more 3 weeks training whatever for to listen one outsider like yourself a challenge to prepare himself all day it is done of the possibly can but I'm really excited and there's not a great problem I need time film Gael Kenny Dooley Bennett Lyn Pat Collon Co Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Castletownroche GAA Club, raising funds, Pieta House.
Q 102 @ 28-Jun-20 07:44 - (breast)

we have seen people actually like looking at a brief parting embrace that man I picked it because in a couple you are getting a bit of that he was a man using a Hollywood get a bit more powerful that he was now a man that bird man got an Oscar nomination the other 14 playing and again it is the area is a washed-up actor who once played a famous superhero Yeah you’re from public life he was fantastic in that he was amazing and that again is very self-aware

your weight very much in the Thatcherite that like yeah starring in Spider-Man movie Super unknown as culture and other Aviation been bigger that you like more the kind of coming home but now I'm kind of glad to see we have to be playing up everywhere in the clash which should be filming and again you just date later this year or early next with all of them that I guess it's it's it's it's easy to be taken more seriously about when your successors were Val Kilmer and George Clooney and the need for him to no debate about whether or not he will be wearing a ball on bat soon and here I think to be fair I think what may be even better he's really good you're really your performance you get the sense that any looking for a move but you get the sense that like Michael Keane with playing Batman and the brutal way it has this very normal very boring I just wishes that he worth 3 wishes that he could live in it Keane not lie down and pretend he would back the money that might well Melissa we will look forward to seeing that I will be back as a bad man I a.m. Anjum who knows who else like Richard various roles we could see that these bank was but happy great anyway at the moment Darren thank you very much a look at these have and which subject you next week jeered I best mornings and Dublin Q one 0 to please don't call or text at this time as he will be charged to Dublin's Q one 0 to real good music 100 kilometres in 30 days this is a brilliant thing is yet this is amazing this is basically this man called Louth Carlow set this up to support his wife Cara was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and those kind of done this 100 families 30 day is a challenge around their area and Blackrock in Dundalk but then he was thinking a gun bigger when cars diagnose the cycle I'm not sure about it's gone the country and they've now raised over a million euro for breast Cancer Ireland with and among the Ivanova is fun amazing yet that is just brilliant and Niall is on the phone now now good morning good morning thank you very much it's such a good cause Niamh Yeah no it's it's a great cause and its close EP but to a lot of people around the country let's catch touches one of Beckett's everybody we're delighted every Yes come on board and help out with it's been hell do you know how many people have been taking part have got like an official number we do we were just over 15 people think are that all 24 countries around the world that is terrific and to raise two million euro so quickly that that's an incredible 10 weeks there is not much money but my my original goal was to cut the rate because of the pairs would would make a difference to keep him on the judge people for registering every 3 seconds what point during the day and we raised just short of a 100 Grand and the fortitude all keep people away that's amazing it's a by as well as the perfect time because lockdown people are out doing the walking in their kind of like now it gives them a gold that the timing was perfect between blockchain coming to an end the darling of the number of people was getting itchy feet about it it just lopped the end of the recession had Heath and like you say people are walking all week we just passed his given 25 euro and do it for a cause and that's how I started because I think he's got to be seen all around the country people ask think about it and then became a hot property because he can't get another see if you with you your wife was diagnosed last year so this is something it means a lot to EU Yeah it does mean a lot like we only got married last June we in November she said but I was diagnosed in December I do not see that the care that she got was absolutely brilliant and that's why they agreed that we wanted it to be about money just yet thank you please everybody look after carrying ball Rating 5 secure and there are is that there was no point in everyone is a very tough journey but he threw the ball to look good as a rest you have as yet not now a good good to hear that she is through through for most of the Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Niall Carroll from Blackrock, 100km in 30 days, raised over a million euro.
down price Mark but you could always get Michelle tin whistle you wouldn't it of course you and Happy anniversary to you about the last but not least the huge well done to Conor Ward on completing 100 k in 30 days for breast Cancer Ireland Conor says he raised over 14 100 euro he wanted to say a huge thanks to everybody for donating to this brilliant cars and what that photo as well him holding his well worn and slightly sinking looking runners up to the camera fair play Conor but I'm glad I'm not your house Oh 8 7 77 11 one Oh 3 for your Mass Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, Conor Ward.
Areas David Kennedy and last getting a message in a year from Hester and air she says they're fantastic service in the upgrade barbers in the dark there opening opening up one Sunday a month for children with special needs a safe child-friendly one-to-one appointments and she's thinking Peter therefore less stress for parents Yes this is Yeah for special needs kids when they go to the hairdressers it can be extremely kind of difficult and challenging for them so fair play to Peadar and all of the gang just one immense as well bred not drive-in bingo starting back tonight at 7 30 p.m. in the pitch and there's 1000 euro the jackpot up for grabs to be won tonight so I know a lot of people welcomed the bingo returning as well know if you're on the job hunt come instead recruiting new and experienced caregivers in Louth Meath Monaghan Navan all the details on home instead dot ie Terry Glen they require a social care manager in Westmeath please send your CV along

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Gilmore is it with the largest faction within the 35 billion EUR of which are within the Meanwhile syllabus my came to run being caged to 5 k is a big achievement my next guest is he would leave an asylum the dust because he ran a whopping 100 kilometres in just one day all to raise vital funds for breast Cancer Ireland even the horrific wind and rain that we experienced over

the weekend didn't attend him and he managed to complete the challenge which is just fantastic I'm delighted to be joined by the running man we're gonna call him Jack Agnew how radiant Jackie extension of I suppose we saw a wee bit tight but that was one of the expected of the Park on Friday night absolutely because amateurs one day write my limbs are just sore are thinking about that Sinn Fein is Jackie what possessed you to take a such a tough challenge and schools why you why do Highlights: Breast Cancer Ireland, 100 kilometers in one day, fund raising, Jackie Agnew, 100k in 30 days events, donation.
Louth man runs incredible 100k in a day for Breast Cancer Ireland

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Jackie Agnew had never run a full marathon distance until completing it twice and more over the weekend.

The Castlebellingham native, who now lives in Blackrock, took on the 100k in a day challenge to coincide with the hugely successful June campaign run in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland.

Organised by local couple, Niall Carroll and Cara McAdam, the 100k in a month walk/run has so far raised over €1 million and Jackie’s aim was to just do his bit for the staggering effort, along with trying to conquer an extreme pursuit.

“Firstly, it was to raise much-needed awareness for Breast Cancer Ireland and the event which Niall, Cara and the team have set-up, 100km in 30 days, it was to raise funds for that and to promote it coming into the last weekend,” Agnew tells The Democrat, outlining the reasons for last Saturday’s excursion.

“The second ‘why’, 100k to me probably doesn’t seem like a daunting challenge but to other people 100k is massive. I was trying to put myself in other people’s shoes. 100k in a day to me might be the same as 100k to them in a month so I was trying to challenge myself the same way as other people have.

“I’ve never done a marathon before, I’d never actually done over a half-marathon distance. With work we do a lot of treks, going over the mountains, and probably over a day or two you might clock up 40k with gear and boots on you, navigating through different terrain.”

The entire course was over 15k clear of the double marathon mark and took him roughly 19 hours 45 minutes from start to completion, over half of which includes actual running time.

Hence, he began at midnight on Saturday, finishing that evening having been helped through the final six hours by Turlach Cotter, among others.

“I didn’t think it was going to be achievable to do the 100k without taking a break,” Agnew added. “I broke it down into 6ks, 5ks and a 10k, and the last one was an 8k to finish. That gave me enough rest to recover and get food into the body to go again.

“So it didn’t just happen overnight. With no football and the gyms being closed, I like running to keep fit and I turned 31 in April and there is a David Goggins challenge that I was looking to do. He runs four miles every hour for 48 hours, so I was training for that. I got through part of the training for it but my knees just weren’t ready for it; it was too much of an overload.

“I kept up the running and come June, this challenge was great because I did 150k in two-and-a-half weeks leading up to the 100k in a day, which put the miles in the legs.

“There’s an ‘ultra-ultra’ and they run four miles every hour on the hour until there’s a winner so I started to research that and found that in the 30 minutes you’re not running, your body doesn’t cool down enough to get too stiff.

“I knew that if I kept my window as short as possible my muscles wouldn’t go into a state of recovery.

“I’d 30 minutes off per time. At night I probably got about eight minutes’ sleep. I was stretching when I got back but the big thing for me was that I needed to eat. I knew I was going to burn between 6,500 and 7,000 calories so I needed to eat 10,000 calories from start to finish. I’d a nutritional plan made out.

“When I’d come back, if I was really wet, I was changing my t-shirt and socks, which could take two or three minutes; sticking stuff in the microwave, another two or three minutes; eating it, another two or three minutes; and sure by that time it’s nearly a quarter to and you’re setting your alarm, saying ‘you’re going to be awake in six minutes’. It was a bit of a daunting challenge but I had to eat as much as I could to get my body across the line.”

His partner, Shauna, he insists, played a major role in the event, while still managing to look after their kids, Isaac (3) and five-month-old Bea, having meals and fresh clothes prepared on Jackie’s every return to the house.

This support, along with the various running mates, including Niall and Cara, and his physical and mental strength, which stems from his career in the army, contributed to the effort’s success.

“Thinking about all the men and women who are being helped by Breast Cancer Ireland; it was in my head, ‘this is
what you’re out doing it for. It’s not going to be easy but in terms of what they’ve gone through, it’s nothing like it. That grounded me and it acted as a bit of fuel, I suppose.

How does he feel?

“There’s a bit of pride; it was a great achievement.”

And with his O’Connells’ manager, Wayne Callan, having been there to see him across the finishing line, he got to thank the gaffer for his contribution to the 100k.

Agnew quipped: “Wayne’s training programme that he’s been sending out over Whatsapp definitely helped, but I’ll have to get back into a bit of strength training for football starting up.”

Same again next year?

“There’s talk about the 200k in a day, but I don’t think the body will be able to take that on. If they run with it next year, and I hope they do, you never know what we might be able to come up with to challenge the body again. Football might give out about it, though!”

So far Jackie’s selflessness has raised in excess of €2,300, but you can continue to donate to the overall cause online.
Geraldine’s personal goal

By Margaret Roddy

For well-known Blackrock resident Geraldine Rogers the motivation in doing the 100km in 30 days Challenge for Breast Cancer Ireland was not just to support Niall and Cara but to challenge herself.

As a diabetic for 68 years, one of the oldest in the country, Geraldine was delighted to find that undertaking the 100km over the course of a month wasn’t as daunting as she had feared.

‘I’m not a walker but I wanted to do this as I know Niall and Cara and a lot of my friends were doing it. I decided not because I’m a diabetic I wasn’t going to let it stop me,’ she explains.

Geraldine was the first child to be diagnosed with a diabetes in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital when she was just four years of age. She is insulin dependent and recalls the early days when she had to get an insulin injection with a glass syringe and a horrible steel needle.

Back then, there was very little available in terms of specially produced sweets for diabetics and she remembers her father driving to Belfast to get treats for her.

‘From an early age, I learned to be disciplined about what I could or couldn’t eat,’ she says, crediting her parents for instilling that in her.

‘Of course, I did have the one sweet now and then when I was at school but I knew that I couldn’t have more than that!’

Geraldine has learned to cope with diabetes and knows how to control the bouts of high and low blood sugar which affect diabetics.

She leads a full life but says she wouldn’t be able to do so without the help of her husband and best friend Peter, and her good friends. ‘If I didn’t have their support I would be less good,’ she says. ‘If I’m on the golf course they will keep an eye out for me.

As she embarked on the 100km in 30 days challenge, she decided she would walk on her own, so not to hold anyone else back.

‘I always took some jelly babies in my pocket so I could eat them along the way to stop my blood sugar from dropping.

She was also careful to walk in areas where there were houses so she could get help if she needed it.

As the 100km in 30 days challenge comes to an end today, raising more than a €1.1 million, Geraldine is proud to have played her part, and says she did it both for her self and for society.

‘I felt if I could do it, absolutely anyone could.’

Her proudest day was when she walked 10km on her own without having hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar).

‘It was brilliant’. Geraldine was one of a group of extended Rogers family and friends who did the walk. The group, which included Betty Rogers, a breast cancer survivor; Rita Doyle; Ann Rogers and Maria Dullaghan, donned their pink t-shirts for a photo to celebrate them all completing their 100km.
Geraldine Rogers (back right) with fellow walkers Anne Rogers, Maria Dullaghan and Rita Doyle, and Betty Rogers (front)
€1.1MILLION IN 30 DAYS

COUPLE GRATEFUL TO HUGE RESPONSE TO 100KM IN 30 DAYS CHALLENGE

BY MARGARET RODDY

Walkers, runners and wheelchairers, in 34 countries around the world, have helped Blackrock businessman Niall Carroll and his wife Cara McAdams raise an amazing €1.1million for Breast Cancer Ireland and the breast cancer unit at Beaumont Hospital, by taking part in the 100km in 30 days during the month of June.

'We are delighted to get to €1.1million and we are delighted at all the effort people have put in over the last few days,' says Niall who took what had been a fun community challenge global after Cara, who teaches in De La Salle College, was diagnosed with breast cancer last year.

'We are so thankful to everyone, especially those in our local community who have supported us, from individuals and family groups, to corporate sponsors,' he revealed that they have been getting messages of support and goodwill from people all over the world. They are saying that the challenge has made them feel closer to home and closer to their families.'

‘One woman from Switzerland wrote that she felt she was being part of the cure by taking part in this.’

A host of sports stars and celebrities, including Rio Ferdinand, singers Mary Black and Nicky Byrne, have come out in support of this massively successful fund raising effort, which saw over 14,000 people run the equivalent of 28 laps around the globe!

As the challenge finishes today, June 30, Niall admitted that it had been a tiring but hugely fulfilling month.

“The last week has been very busy, as we’ve had a lot of photo shoots and presentations with corporate sponsors who making donations.’

These include newly merged Dundalk and Cuchulain Credit Unions, the Department of Equality and Social Protection in Dundalk, where 45 staff had taken part in the challenge. Specsavers have also come on board, holding bucket collections outside six of their stores and donating the money from repairs to the cause.

The couple are extremely appreciative to all those who completed the 100km and are touched by the stories of the ‘heroes’ which have emerged - of participants who face their own challenges and illnesses but still took part as well as those who pushed themselves to the point of endurance as they clocked up far more than 100km or completed the distance in just one day.

Jackie Agnew, braved heavy downpours on Saturday as he ran his 100km in a day, becoming the second Blackrock resident to achieve that.

A physical training instructor at Aiken Barracks, where he is based as a member of the Defence Forces, Jackie says that he has to have ‘a high level of fitness.’

He plays football with O’Connells GFC in Castlebellingham, and missing the opportunity to train and play due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he decided to take part in the 100km in 30 days challenge.

Having completed 100km in the first week, Jackie made up his mind to take on the big challenge of running 100km in one day.

‘I do a lot of running and had been training for an endurance event in April but wasn’t ready for it,’ he explains. ‘I had done the training for that so I felt it would be able to take on the 100km.’

Jackie carefully worked out his strategy for the undertaking, breaking it down into blocks of 30 minutes running and 30 minutes rest.

He set off from his home in Blackrock, which he shares with his partner Shauna and their two young children Isaac and Leo, at 8am on Saturday morning, ran for 15 minutes to the village centre, and then turned back.

He used his rest period to catch up with eating, stretching and changing his socks and t-shirt. He found keeping nourished was the most difficult part of his run. ‘I was burning off 7,000 to 10,000 calories so it was difficult to replenish them the body.’

Jackie says he got great support from friends and neighbours throughout the
day, including Turlough Cotter turned up in his three-wheeled wheelchair.

While challenge has come to an end, people can still support those who took part by donating to the JustGiving Page.

Jackie Agnew celebrates with a hard-earned pint after completing his 100km in one day.
#PinkBales initiative receives strong support

Picture Caption #PinkBales 2020 Agri contractor Paddy Foley from Callan, Co Kilkenny (pictured) has been a strong supporter of the Glanbia Ireland #PinkBales initiative. With silage season 2020 well underway Glanbia Ireland are proudly supporting Breast Cancer Ireland again this year with our #PinkBales initiative. A donation will be made to Breast Cancer Ireland for every single roll of the limited-edition pink Mastercrop Agristretch silage wrap purchased on www.GlanbiaConnect.com or across all Glanbia Ireland Agri Branches and Glanbia CountryLife branches. To raise awareness of breast cancer, farmers are encouraged to share photos and videos of their pink bales on social media, using the hashtag #PinkBales for the 2020 silage season. â€œBale Watchâ€ is also back, where we encourage farmers to place their pink wrapped silage bales in visible locations on their farm for people who are passing by to see. Commenting on the initiative, Breast Cancer Ireland CEO, Aisling Hurley, said: â€œNow more than ever we need our farming community to once again get behind this super initiative. Numbers presenting with breast cancer are scariley down at the moment due to Covid-19, yet breast cancer has not gone away! We need the country to be flooded with lovely pink bales, as they will act as a beacon, raising awareness; because early detection of a diagnosis is key to ensuring a positive treatment.â€ Glanbia Irelandâ€™s Retail Marketing Manager, Grace Oâ€™Dwyer, said: â€œBreast cancer is unfortunately present in communities right across Ireland and as a community based organisation we are really proud to support this worthy cause. Our #PinkBales campaign not only raises vital funds for Breast Cancer Ireland, but also gives a very visible platform to increase awareness.â€
Agnew had breast cancer sufferers in mind when taking on major challenge

100k in a day: Jackie Agnew ran over two marathons in aid of charity

Jackie Agnew had never ran a full marathon distance until completing it twice and more over the weekend.

The Castlebellingham native, who now lives in Blackrock, took on the 100k in a day challenge to coincide with the hugely successful June campaign run in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland.

Organised by local couple, Niall Carroll and Cara McAdam, the 100k in a month walk/run has so far raised over €1 million and Jackie’s aim was to just do his bit for the staggering effort, along with trying to conquer an extreme pursuit.

“Firstly, it was to raise much-needed awareness for Breast Cancer Ireland and the event which Niall, Cara and the team have set-up, 100km in 30 days, it was to raise funds for that and to promote it coming into the last weekend,” Agnew tells The Democrat, outlining the reasons for last Saturday’s excursion.

“The second ‘why’, 100k to me probably doesn’t seem like a daunting challenge but to other people 100k is massive. I was trying to put myself in other people’s shoes. 100k in a day to me might be the same as 100k to them in a month so I was trying to challenge myself the same way as other people have.

“I’ve never done a marathon before, I’d never actually done over a half-marathon distance. With work we do a lot of treks, going over the mountains, and probably over a day or two you might clock up 40k with gear and boots on you, navigating through different terrain.”

The entire course was over 15k clear of the double marathon mark and took him roughly 19 hours 45 minutes from start to completion, over half of which includes actual running time.

Hence, he began at midnight on Saturday, finishing that evening having been helped through the final six hours by Turlach Cotter, among others.

“I didn’t think it was going to be achievable to do the 100k without taking a break,” Agnew added. “I broke it down into 6ks, 5ks and a 10k, and the last one was an 8k to finish. That gave me enough rest to recover and get food into the body to go again.

“So it didn’t just happen overnight. With no football and the gyms being closed, I like running to keep fit and I turned 31 in April and there is a David Goggins challenge that I was looking to do. He runs four miles every hour for 48 hours, so I was training for that. I get through part of the training for it but my knees just weren’t ready for it; it was too much of an overload.

“I kept up the running and come June, this challenge was great because I did 150k in two-and-a-half weeks leading up to the 100k in a day, which put the miles in the legs.

“There’s an ultra-ultra and they run four miles every hour on the hour until there’s a winner so I started to research that and found that in the 30 minutes you’re not running, your body doesn’t cool down enough to get too stiff.

“I knew that if I kept my window as short as possible my muscles wouldn’t go into a state of recovery.

“I’d 30 minutes off per time. At night I probably got about eight minutes’ sleep. I was stretching when I got back but the big thing for me was that I needed to eat. I knew I was going to burn between 6,500 and 7,000 calories so I needed to eat 10,000 calories from start to finish. I’d a nutritional plan made out.

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"When I'd come back, if I was really wet, I was changing my t-shirt and socks, which could take two or three minutes; sticking stuff in the microwave, another two or three minutes; eating it, another two or three minutes; and sure by that time it's nearly a quarter to and you're setting your alarm, saying 'you're going to be awake in six minutes'. It was a bit of a daunting challenge but I had to eat as much as I could to get my body across the line."

His partner, Shauna, he insists, played a major role in the event, while still managing to look after their kids, Isaac (3) and five-month-old Bea, having meals and fresh clothes prepared on Jackie's every return to the house.

This support, along with the various running mates, including Niall and Cara, and his physical and mental strength, which stems from his career in the army, contributed to the effort's success.

"Thinking about all the men and women who are being helped by Breast Cancer Ireland; it was in my head, 'this is what you're out doing it for. It's not going to be easy but in terms of what they've gone through, it's nothing like it'. That grounded me and it acted as a bit of fuel, I suppose."

"How does he feel?"

"There's a bit of pride; it was a great achievement."

And with his O'Connell's manager, Wayne Callan, having been there to see him across the finishing line, he got to thank the gaffer for his contribution to the 100k.

Agnew quipped: "Wayne's training programme that he's been sending out over Whatsapp definitely helped, but I'll have to get back into a bit of strength training for football starting up."

"Same again next year?"

"There's talk about the 200k in a day, but I don't think the body will be able to take that on. If they run with it next year, and I hope they do, you never know what we might be able to come up with to challenge the body again. Football might give out about it, though!"

So far Jackie's selflessness has raised in excess of €2,300, but you can continue to donate to the overall cause online.

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JACKIE AGNEW'S MOTIVATION
Jackie Agnew with Isaac after O'Connells' IFC final win over Clan na Gael in 2017 INSET: Agnew during his 100k on Saturday