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What's going on and things to do

Welcome to our latest issue of Palmerstown News. If you have any news or information that you'd like to share, get in touch with us through magazine@pcyc.ie or message us on WhatsApp 083 096 7274.
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Irene Nugent - Her Legacy

Palmerstown Community Council (PCC) premises at Manor Road re-opened after County Council refurbishment on the 5th July with the launch of the Irene Nugent Coffee Morning. Irene's two daughters, Catherine and Marie with Irene's sister Clodagh, cutting the official ribbon. A memorable day.

Irene was not only secretary of PCC but she was also a dedicated and tireless community activist. Irene was a tower of strength. Although most of her work was behind the scenes, she could also be found bag packing and fundraising in the shopping centre or running a coffee morning for the Hospice or some other charity on Manor Road. To say Irene will be missed is an understatement. Irene was a true community leader and as somebody said she got you to do things that you didn't even realize she had asked you to do! May Irene's generous soul Rest in Peace.

One of the ways we can honour the legacy of Irene is by rededicating ourselves to the work of PCC for which she did so much and, in many respects, PCC is still here today because of her dedication. The role of a Community Council is to be the melting pot for activity within the community. To provide a forum where residents and organisations can meet and support each other, and coordinate their efforts, in the development of their community. The community can be proud of the work of the PCC down the years. Let us build on that tradition in honour of the legacy of Irene and of the many who have gone before her who have made our community what it is. Starting in the autumn the Community Council will be holding monthly public meetings where all are invited to participate. Watch this space.

Guss O'Connell, Chairperson, Palmerstown Community Council

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Back-to-School Allowance

Ballyfermot Citizens Information Service report that the 2026 Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) is paid this week. This is a means-tested payment to help with the cost of school uniforms and shoes.

In 2026, you can get:

- €160 for children aged 2 to 11
- €285 for children aged 12 to 22

If you don't get a payment this week, you can apply for the BSCFA until 30 September 2026.

You can drop in, without appointment, to their office in Ballyfermot Civic Centre and speak with an Information Officer about this or any other issue. Their drop-in hours are:

Mondays and Tuesdays

9.30am to 12noon & 2pm to 4pm

Wednesdays

2pm to 4pm

Thursdays

9.30am to 12noon

Reception is open Monday-Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm (Lunch 1pm-2pm).

For more information, you can call 0818 07 5000 or ballyfermot@citinfo.ie

Simply The Best Social Club

Simply The Best, a Social Club for the over 50s, meet from 6.30 pm every Saturday night.

25th July: Cassidy's Hotel, Upper O'Connell Street (across from The Gate Theatre).

1st August: The Academy Plaza Hotel (first turning right past The Gresham Hotel)

8th August: *Simply the Best* return to Cassidy's to celebrate their club's 1st Birthday! A big night for all.

For more information, contact 083 343 4480.

Unislim @ PCYC

Unislim is Ireland's longest-running slimming and health organisation since 1972. The Unislim plan is flexible for your individual needs, preferences, and lifestyle.

Majella offers classes focusing on wellness and weight loss based on sustainable, healthy habits rather than restrictive dieting.

To join the group, drop into Palmerstown Community & Youth and Community Centre on Thursdays between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

For more details, contact Majella on 086 401 1258 or majellatobin49@gmail.com

Upcoming in the Library

Palmerstown Library Book Club: Friday 31st July @ 12.30pm

Come along to discuss *The Glass House* by Rachel Donohue and have a cuppa too! Copies available to borrow.

Storytime at The Library: Wednesday 29th July @ 2.30pm.

Join the Library's resident storyteller who introduces children to the joys of reading! For 3-5 years. Fáilte roimh cách, All Welcome.

Knit & Chat: Every Wednesday at 10.00am
Come along to enjoy a knit and a chat. All welcome.

Social Dance

Come along to PCYC on Fridays when we host a social dance, between 8pm and 10pm. Top bands:

24th July: Blue Lace

31st July: The Wicklow Man

7th August: Arthur Moynihan

Enquiries: Pat McCloskey on 087 252 1658.

Admission €10.

Next issue: Saturday, 8th August

Any articles to be considered for publication should be submitted to magazine@pcyc.ie by close of business on **Tuesday, 4th August**.