

## Dangerous driving

A case of dangerous driving causing bodily harm was mentioned at the District Court sitting in Ardcahan.

Shane Birney (24) of Ballyboggin, Castlebridge stood accused by Garda Leisha Fahey of injuring Stephen Scallan at Ballyfinogue on June 4, 2016.

The DPP directed that the case will be referred to a higher court and an adjournment to allow preparation of the book of evidence was granted to Sergeant Victor Isdell.

Solicitor Lana Doherty informed Judge Gerard Haughton that the defendant was in work before legal aid was granted

## Two-year driving ban

The mandatory two year ban from driving was imposed on 50 year old Paul Brezina of Pullingstown in Carne after he pleaded guilty to a drink drive offence.

Garda Thomas Bolger came across the accused at Airdownes in Broadway at the wheel of a 4x4 vehicle on December 4 last.

Brezina, described in court by solicitor Tim Cummings as self-employed, was then arrested after failing a roadside breath test. The disqualification, which was postponed until October 1, came with a fine of €500.

## Speeding

Breaking the speed limit by 11 km/h resulted in Raymond J Duke of Ballycappogue, Bridgetown losing his licence for 12 months.

Duke's vehicle was recorded travelling on November 3 in Murrintown at 61 km/h.

Judge Gerard Haughton set a fine of €300 and then added the one year ban as Duke was not present in the courthouse at Ardcahan and no licence details were to hand.

## Disqualified

A fine of €300 came with a 12 month driving ban for Irene Goff of 4 Redwood

## DISTRICT COURT ROUND-UP



Park, Murrintown on conviction for speeding.

Her vehicle was clocked at 72 km/h in a 50 km/h zone on November 3 last.

The disqualification was handed down by Judge Gerard Haughton as there was no appearance in the District Court at Ardcahan by Ms Goff and no licence details were available.

## No valid tax

Driving with no valid motor tax disarmed Gerry Connors (30) of Courthoyle Old Road, Adamstown a fine imposed at Wexford Court.

The offence occurred on October 22 at Foulksmills and the case brought by Garda David Kelleher led to a penalty of €300.

## Mobile phone

Making a mobile phone call while driving earned Diarmuid Byrne (44) of Ryane, Oylegate a conviction with a fine of €300.

The District Court sitting at Ardcahan heard that the offence occurred on October 4 at Mounthanover in New Ross.

Five months was allowed for payment of the fine.

## €300 fine

An out-of-date motor tax disc led to District Court proceedings against Darren Christopher Mulholland (31) of 16 Anvil Court, Ballymurn.

The offence was detected by Garda Robert Fogarty at 1798 Street in Wexford last August and the result was a fine of €300.



The students with Gordon and Liz. Margaux is fifth from left and Adam Byrne in the front centre.

# Students help couple drag castle from its past times

HOW do you take the late medieval age and drag it all the way to the modern era?

According to one couple from the U.S, you could do no better than buy a 15th Century tower house in County Wexford and go from there.

Liz and Gordon Jones, both of them medieval enthusiasts, returned home to the U.S. after visiting their purchase - Sigginstown House, in Tacumshane, a reasonably well-kept tower house, given some of its unrestored contemporaries, but with the remains of an attached house built several centuries later.

They came with a €1,000 prize for the winner of an architectural competition held with the Waterford Institute of Technology to draw up renovations for the tower house that would cater not only to modern aesthetics, but also preserve the tower's structure.

While the object of the exercise was to find an appropriate and imaginative design for the house, Liz and Gordon also wanted to give the degree students some much-needed exposure and experience.

'Our children are at university, and we know how hard it is to get relevant experience for a resume,' said Liz.

The final submissions, one from each of the 13 third year students in lecturer Gary Miley's class, were scrutinised by an international panel of professionals; judged not just for conservation and aesthetics, but also, ecological impact, juror elective, usability, comfort, and, unsurprisingly: cost.

The surprise came when not one but two students came first. With a maximum of 324 points, students Adam Byrne, from Clonmel, Tipperary, and Margaux Duroussay, an Erasmus exchange student from France, each scored 167 points each.

It's not as though their designs were mirrors of one another. Adam's consisted of additions that would create a cross-shaped compound with



Liz and Gordon with Adam and Margaux.

the tower sitting at the center, untouched but for the renovations within. Margaux's, meanwhile, was a more curved enclosure, which would lead to an intimate courtyard in the middle.

Daniel Simon, from Bridgetown, received an Honorable Mention for a design inspired by the works of Shigeru Ban, in Metz, France, while the other students had their designs posted to Liz and Gordon's website.

Further plans for the castle are in progress.

As the academic programme's primary aim was the designing of leather working shops, neither Adam or Margaux will have their plans fully implemented.

According to the

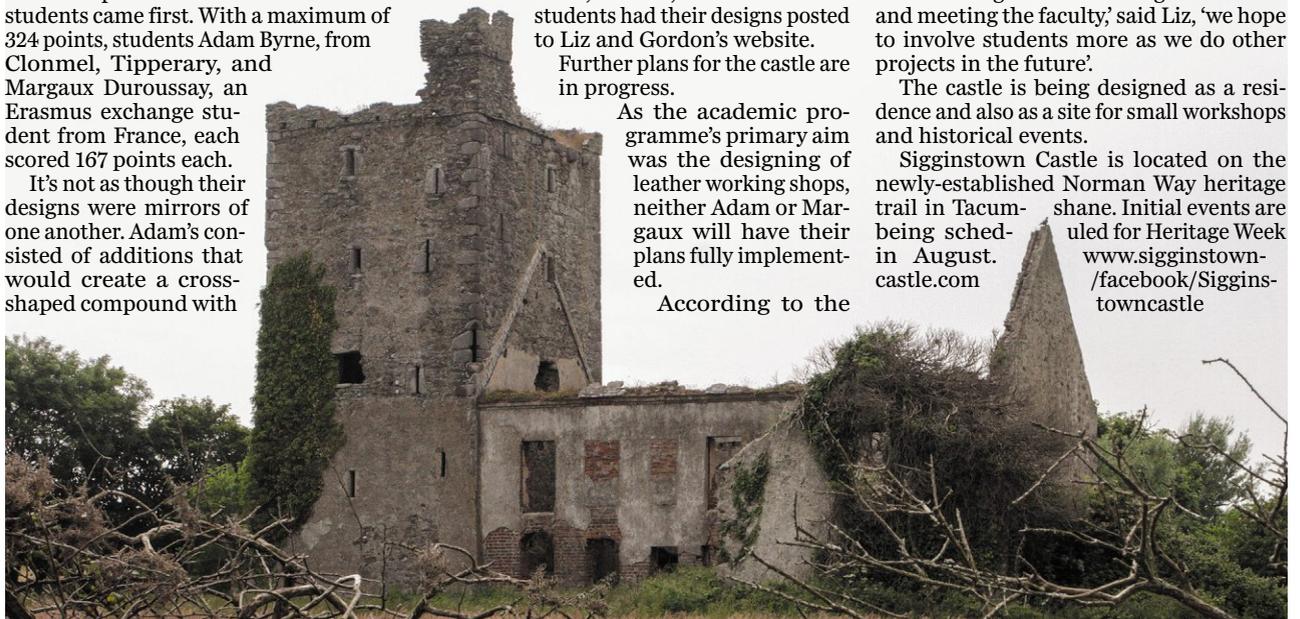
Joneses, a more modest design will be the final one, as the couple have looked through all the designs and noted smaller elements they would like to consider.

Creativity and contemporary aesthetics ranked high for the student projects, while conservation and cost are the largest constraints on the actual design.

'We had a great time visiting the students and meeting the faculty,' said Liz, 'we hope to involve students more as we do other projects in the future.'

The castle is being designed as a residence and also as a site for small workshops and historical events.

Sigginstown Castle is located on the newly-established Norman Way heritage trail in Tacumshane. Initial events are being scheduled for Heritage Week in August. [www.sigginstown-castle.com](http://www.sigginstown-castle.com) [/facebook/Sigginstowncastle](https://www.facebook.com/Sigginstowncastle)



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