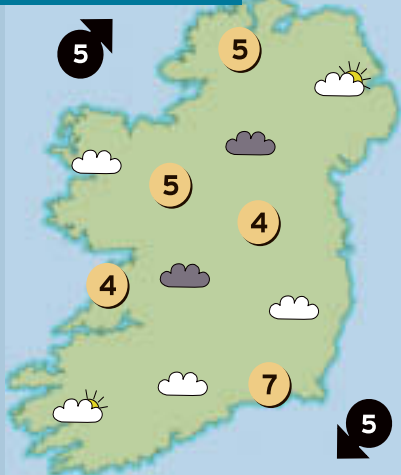


THE WEATHER



TODAY Cloudy and locally misty, but some brightness later
Largely cloudy with mist and fog patches slowly clearing. However, **Ulster** may stay locally misty throughout the day. Some bright spells will develop later, mostly in eastern **Leinster** and western parts of **Connaught** and **Munster**.

OUTLOOK Staying mainly dry, but with little sunshine
Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with mist in places. Brighter in the south later. On Wednesday, quite a lot of cloud with drizzle in the north.

HIGH WATER: Belfast (03.50, 16.07) Dublin (04.24, 16.40) Galway (09.49, 22.38) London Bridge (05.46, 18.24) Liverpool (03.31, 15.51) Aberdeen (06.09, 18.18) Cardiff (11.01, 23.31)

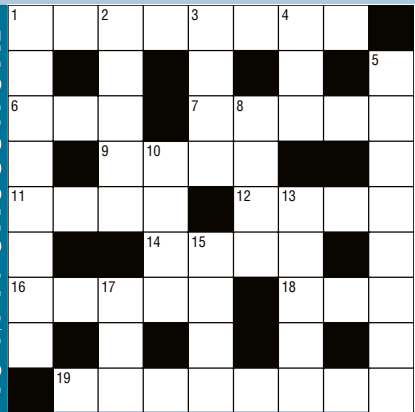
ABROAD

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| Amsterdam | C | 8 | 46 | Las Palmas | S | 24 | 75 |
| Athens | C | 19 | 66 | Madrid | S | 12 | 54 |
| Barcelona | S | 12 | 54 | Malaga | S | 17 | 63 |
| Benidorm | S | 15 | 59 | Malta | F | 16 | 61 |
| Biarritz | C | 7 | 45 | Miami | C | 28 | 82 |
| Costa Brava | C | 12 | 54 | Nice | S | 14 | 57 |
| Crete | S | 22 | 72 | Paris | C | 7 | 45 |
| Ibiza | S | 15 | 59 | Sydney | S | 21 | 70 |
| Larnaca | S | 23 | 73 | Tenerife | S | 23 | 73 |

S Sun, C Cloud, F Fair, SH Shower, R Rain, DR Drizzle, FG Fog, SN Snow, TH Thunder
SUNRISE: 07:35 **SUNSET:** 15:59

WARMEST: Valentia 10C (50F)
COLDEST: Killylane 6C (43F)
WETTEST: Giant's Causeway 0.12ins
SUNNIEST: Clonakilty 5.0hrs

10 MIN CROSSWORD



- | ACROSS | | DOWN | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Buy (8) | 1 Immobilise (8) | 1 Immobilise (8) | 1 Immobilise (8) |
| 6 Drilling platform (3) | 2 Fit for a king (5) | 2 Fit for a king (5) | 2 Fit for a king (5) |
| 7 Manly (5) | 3 Vagrant (4) | 3 Vagrant (4) | 3 Vagrant (4) |
| 9 Later (4) | 4 Drunkard (3) | 4 Drunkard (3) | 4 Drunkard (3) |
| 11 Sandy -, golfer (4) | 5 Parlour game (8) | 5 Parlour game (8) | 5 Parlour game (8) |
| 12 Way in or out (4) | 8 Open, unfasten (4) | 8 Open, unfasten (4) | 8 Open, unfasten (4) |
| 14 Stratford's river (4) | 10 Undiluted (4) | 10 Undiluted (4) | 10 Undiluted (4) |
| 16 Fry in a little fat (5) | 13 Beginning (5) | 13 Beginning (5) | 13 Beginning (5) |
| 18 Unhappy (3) | 15 Streak in marble (4) | 15 Streak in marble (4) | 15 Streak in marble (4) |
| 19 Ringing in the ears (8) | 17 Psychic, - Geller (3) | 17 Psychic, - Geller (3) | 17 Psychic, - Geller (3) |

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS ACROSS: 2 Purple, 5 Tine, 6 Thatch, 7 Robe, 8 Rub, 11 Ogle, 13 Cuckoo, 14 Scam, 15 Dreamt. **DOWN:** 1 Lino, 2 Peter, 3 Pity, 4 Exhale, 7 Rancid, 9 Boost, 10 Acme, 12 Liam.

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TEXT TAX SCAM ALERT



TARGETED
Pensioner
John McMahon

Revenue in warning over hoax

EXCLUSIVE
BY EAMON DONOGHUE

A PENSIONER has warned the public of scam text messages promising refunds from the taxman.

They offer a website link and login code to claim cash back from the Revenue - once they submit their bank details.

John McMahon, a 71-year old grandfather of four from Poppintree in North Dublin, received the text message at 10.45am last Friday.

He said: "They've nothing to take on me but it's just that there's other poor individuals out there who weren't aware or who weren't bright enough to cop on and I just want a general warning to go out.

"I thought I might have been owed tax on the sale of a house or something, property tax or something. But I'm a

pensioner, I don't pay tax. I thought something might have been there but then when the logic came through, you don't get these things on mobile phone, you get letters.

"And there's a red letter saying you owe them tax. They never come out saying, 'We owe you tax.'"

Gardai have been called in after hundreds of the fraudulent texts were received.

They read: "Your tax refund is being prepared for payment. Please visit www.irevenue.com and enter your specially assigned ITC Key: 2619 to complete the process."

But Revenue spokeswoman Michelle Carroll told the Irish Mirror: "Gardai are aware of it. But it's nothing to do with Revenue or our systems. We have a warning on our website.

"There are currently fraudulent emails and text messages purporting to come from Revenue in circulation.

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Progress for fall Senator

LABOUR Senator Jimmy Harte has been making "small but welcome signs of progress", the party said yesterday.

The politician is still in a stable but critical condition following a fall in south inner city Dublin last week.

There are now hopes Senator Harte, 55, will be taken out of a coma in the coming days.

Age Action in funds plea

AGE Action Ireland has issued an appeal for donations to boost its services over Christmas.

It said donations would give the gift of dignity to an older person this festive season.

Chief Executive Robin Webster said he wanted to assure people "funds raised will make a real difference to the lives of older people."

Kids at risk over tobacco

A REPORT on tobacco, inequalities and childhood is to be published today.

The all-island study, titled A Tobacco Free Future, has been prepared by the Institute of Public Health in Ireland.

It will show while tobacco control measures are working, disadvantaged children are at particular risk of tobacco-related harm.

Missing OAP found safe

GARDAI yesterday confirmed an 81-year-old missing man has been found safe and well.

Thomas Chambers, from Crumlin in Dublin, had failed to return home after going out on Saturday morning.

He was found yesterday and gardai thanked members of the public for their assistance.

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