



Almost €1,200 for **Pieta** House

The Ballymore Eustace Art Group would like to thank everyone who came along and supported them at the opening and to everyone who purchased paintings and supported the raffle. Special thanks to the management and staff of the Ballymore Inn for all their help and patience; also for allowing them to display a number of paintings in the hallway to the Back Bar on an ongoing basis. The final amount raised for Peita House is almost €1,200. **Joan Freeman**, CEO of **Pieta** House, officially opened the art exhibition and gave a touching talk on how the personal loss of a family member impacted her life and in turn, led to the foundation of the support services now carried out by **Pieta** House. Miss Freeman was awarded the Irish national title 'Person of the Year' in September from Taoiseach Enda Kenny for her work in establishing **Pieta** House, a centre for prevention of self-harm or suicide. Her work was featured recently on 'Nationwide' and 'Morning Ireland'

Áine O'Neill's work "Café des Amis" (Parisian theme) was the painting for silent auction and raised well in excess of the reserve price of €300. The art group meets in the local Resource Centre on Monday nights at 8pm, to paint together and support each other in their artistic endeavors.