

HQ Question of the Week

Real fires and hot apple tart are seasonal joys, but what's your favourite thing about winter? asks ANNA COOGAN



TAKING A WALK in one of the gorgeous gardens in Co Wicklow. I love the changing colours of the landscape.

**STEPHANIE SLOAN,
CO-FOUNDER OLD
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EATING! WINTER IS all about the food. I cook like crazy and get together with friends for lots of intimate suppers.

**CHUPI SWEETMAN,
TOPSHOP DESIGNER**



BUYING NEW WINTER boots — knee-high, ankle, patent, suede, leather, platform, flats, stilettos — I want them all.

**MARY MALONE,
AUTHOR OF NEVER TEAR
US APART**



WINTER BRINGS PEOPLE together. The best thing is having more fun indoors with my two children.

**STEPHEN KINSELLA,
ECONOMIST/AUTHOR OF
IRELAND IN 2050**



I LOVE SNOW on a fabulous blue-sky day, hot chocolate with marshmallows by a fireplace and some snow-boarding too.

**RICH WYMAN,
SINGER**



NEW BOOTS. I love the new selection in the shops, over-the-knee and peep-toe ankle boots are my current favourites.

**INGRID HOEY, STYLIST
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Art Seen: PAT MOYLAN of the Arts Council says that the Take Your Seat initiative can help pull the country out of recession.

Food & Drink: ERNIE WHALLEY proves that there is such a thing as a free lunch in Silk Road in the Chester Beatty Library — the old cad. Meanwhile, MARTIN MORAN says you should look beyond the obvious when it comes to vino.

The Snug: EOIN BUTLER goes for one in the Central Hotel.

Listings: LUKE CLANCY has his finger on the pulse of all the latest gigs, theatre and family days out.

The Last Word: A new film on the Easter Rising, starring Gary Oldman as James Connolly and Chris O'Donnell as a rebel leader, has been given the green-light. DECLAN BURKE fears for his sanity.

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