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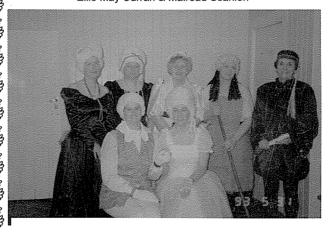
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# Editorial

The country ratified the Treaty of Nice with a resounding yes vote on Saturday 19th October with 63% voting ves and 37% voting no. Perhaps this was due to an increased awareness as a result of the widespread debate and the literature disseminated by the Referendum Commission. Or perhaps the electorate felt that they had made Europe sit up and take notice when they voted no on the first occasion. The national turnout at nearly 50% was an increase on the usual numbers but still disappointing. Kildare North with a turnout of 48% voted 68.6% yes and 31.4 no. The Saturday vote may be the reason for this improvement. Perhaps the Government should consider weekend voting in the future. Most Europeans gave a communal sigh of relief at the result: enlargement may now take place. The Newsletter only received for its last issue an article against Nice and was unable to find anyone to write an article advocating a yes vote. We usually try to achieve a balanced view but this proved impossible.

The Newsletter would like to express its shock at the recent revelations regarding the allegations of sexual abuse of children by the clergy. It is even more shocking to learn of the apparent attempts by the hierarchy to conceal this scandal and to move offenders from parish to parish. Let us hope that the country, religious and secular alike, will now face our horrific past and attempt to put to right the abuses that have been visited upon our population.

Kildare County Council requested submissions during the month on the two Action Areas within the town, the first in the Geraldine Hall/Harbour Field area and the second at Carton Avenue. The Community Council sent a comprehensive submission and received proposals from various groups and individuals in the community. It is hoped that these plans will be implemented as the Geraldine Hall in particular is in a dreadful state. It is wide open to the elements and is being used currently as a toilet. There is an overwhelming need for a community centre, playgrounds, indoor and outdoor facilities for the youth of the town but also for the senior citizens. Sensible and far-seeing planning in these two Action Areas could eliminate this lack of amenities. There has been an over-concentration on housing development to the detriment of other resources within this community. This may be our last opportunity for years to provide for the future citizens and to prevent the social problems that accompany bad planning withoutamenities.

It is not just the town that needs to address development, traffic and parking problems. The National University in particular needs to look at its intake of students and the facilities that it provides for them. This is particularly true in the matter of inadequate parking. Due to the lack of parking facilities in the College grounds, students and staff have no option but to park on the hard shoulder on the Kilcock Road – this is a danger to drivers and illegal. Much of the traffic jams during term time are caused by the huge increase in students who drive to College.

Samhain or Hallow'een will be upon us as the Newsletter goes to print – please be careful with bonfires, bangers and fireworks. Although illegal in this country it is evident over the last number of weeks that there are plenty of them around. Those readers who are cat owners would be well advised to keep them indoors at night as they may become the target of unwanted attention and suffer unnecessarily.

# **Community Council Notes October Meeting**

# **Maynooth Community Council News**

The October meeting of the Community Council took place on the 15th October in the Glenroyal Hotel. There were four new co-options to the Council: Bill Coonan

#### Submission Re Action Area Plan

This meeting was delayed to facilitate groups that wanted to submit submissions. There were submissions received from The Royal Canal Amenity Group, B.A.B.A. Beaufield Residents, Robert Rowan, Maynooth Community Council. M.A.S. indicated that they were sending their submission on to Kildare County Council direct.

It was felt that the 18th October didn't give enough time for people to complete submissions and that if people still inteded to submit submissions they should contact Kildare County Council.

There followed a general discussion. It was generally felt that there should be no residential or industrial development at the Harbour Area. It was also indicated that the Harbour area is the best location for a Community Centre.

Tom McMullon said that plans had being drawn up for the Geraldine Hall some years ago. He said the fence that is there now was put up to protect the children and that this was where the Swimming Pool was to be with a Community Centre looking out at the play area. Peter Connell said he was not sure that the Geraldine Hall was suitable for the new centre with the old school in front. He felt the new centre should be a completely new building.

Fergus Devereux said the playing field area is not practical as a G.A.A. fixture. He also said that we should not be looking at any residential developments here, we should say no, flatly reject this.

It was stated that the area behind Parson Lodge, 7 acres, is privately owned and that development will probably go ahead here. It was also stated that we should be strongly against any development behind the Health Centre. It was felt that we should be very careful here and that we should see what Kildare County Council are considering here also.

#### Carton Area

Again it was stated that there should be no industrial development here. However it was also stated that some land here is privately owned and that future development here will include some residential development. It was also hoped that there would be a proper maintenance plan for the Park when it is developed.

Richard Farrell congratulated the executive for their submission. It was agreed to make a few small changes to this.

Paul Croghan also congratulated the executive, he said he was delighted to see the inclusion of an Art

Gallery. The submission can be viewed in the Community Council Office.

# Lawlessness and By-Laws.

Tom McMullon said that he attended a meeting on the above theme. He said people are experiencing the same problems all over, youth drinking, vandalism, people coming out of the pubs late and gathering at the chip shops. There was a suggestion that the licencing hours should go back to old times. He said the lack of police presence on the street was a problem but was told that this is not the case. People should always be watchful and take note of strange people and cars in the area. it was also noted that taxi's are seen to be speeding in estates. It was also felt that taxi's that hoot their horns instead of getting out at a house are breaking the law.

Fergus Devereux said parking by-laws are not being enforced, drinking in public places, parking on double yellow lines, etc.

Claire O'Rourke also felt that parking on double yellow lines at the Mill Bridge is also ignored. However it was also stated that there is always a police presence. it was also said that drinking on the canal banks is down. It was felt that more foot patrol was needed. However it was also pointed out that the gardai do a great job in combating crime in the town.

#### **Community Council Office**

It has been communicated that the FAS Scheme is being run well by supervisor Christina Saults. There will be a number of vacancies coming up over the next few months. This will be for people over 25 and over 35 meeting the necessary criteria. This is a great opportunigy to get back to work and to work in your community. Contact the office at 01 6285922 or Email maynoothcc@eircom.net.

#### **Band Hall Concerns**

Tom McMullon expressed concerns on behalf of the band committee about development taking place around them. It was suggested that plaques should be placed on preserved building, also to say to whom the building belonged to.

#### **Tidy Town Awards**

Paul Croghan said that the Best Estates and Best Shop Front Competition Awards 2002 will be held on Thursday 14th November in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8 p.m. We would like to thank the Glenroyal Hotel for sponsoring same.

Next meeting of the Maynooth Community Council will be held on the 11th November 2002 in the Glenroyal Hotel.
Marie Gleeson, PRO.

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#### **CHILD**

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#### **Maynooth Newsletter**

would welcome new contributors in relation to Articles, Residents Association News, Clubs & Organisations, Family Celebrations, Upcoming Events, Book Reviews, Film Reviews, Restaurant Reviews or any thing you might think would be of interest to our Readers.

Any of the above can be submitted to our office at

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on or before copy date which is on page 3 of this issue or you can Email us at maynoothcc@eircom.net

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

# GOLDEN JUBILEE OF MAYNOOTH GUILD OF THE Irish Countrywomen's Association

Congratulations to the ladies of the Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association who are celebrating fifty years of the guild which began in Maynooth in November 1952. The ICA had brought a new focus to the life of communities for generations before that.

The story of the ICA begins when Anita Studdy-Beatty, a young English nurse in county Wexford, was widowed in 1904. She was an accomplished member of the farming community, a young mother, a skilled craftswoman, a nurse, a good neighbour. She had much to offer society. Harold Lett, an extensive and influential local farmer, recognised her qualities and within a few years he proposed and she accepted. In the peace and quiet of their own home, surrounded by their children they discussed the changing times. Anita saw that while women are gregarious many were devoid of outlets for their cooperative spirit. She ruminated and decided to be proactive when the grain was scattered and the days lengthened.

She invited some women friends to her home on the Sunday following Ascension Thursday, 8 May 1910. They reacted positively to her concept of a women's club, and in the weeks following Pentecost Sunday they explored ideas for its formal structure. Anticipation grew until Wednesday 15 June when well-dressed gentlewomen adjusted their hats, guided their ponies and traps from their mansions past women, young and old, rushing from their homes in villages and isolated rural areas, to St Aidan's Hall in Bree county Wexford.

They came as individuals, listened to Anita, and, as *United Irishwomen* returned to their homes. The guilds would be non-sectarian and democratic. They delighted and amazed their families as they organised a social evening for their neighbours. Many saw a new purpose in life. They baked and polished and strolled around to admire the neighbours' flower gardens; everybody stopped to discuss the dance and the flower show planned for later in the summer. They made a better life for the members of their households and neighbourhoods.

As the women gained confidence they discussed their families and home conditions. They perceived a need to update their domestic skills so talks were arranged on modern cooking, horticulture, butter-making, housekeeping, first-aid, needlework and poultry-rearing. The United Irishwomen's group was the focus of attention. Within a short period word spread and many women warmly embraced the formal structure for the exchange of ideas and knowledge. In 1935 the name of the movement changed to the Irish Countrywomen's Association. Despite its name it was not confined to rural women, and by 1950 some 10,000 women participated in thirteen town associations and 346 guilds, in twenty Federations.

This concept of mutual exchange of skills, of ideas, of friendship lives on in the ICA. Many of the members are now computer literate, have explored many parts of the world, are members of the work force and are concerned and involved with current issues. Yet, they are guardians of the crafts of an earlier, more leisured, period. The guild remains an oasis of peace and harmony in an ever-changing society. Long may it continue to flourish!

# Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association Caoga bliain

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. Mary McNamara gave the guild a progress report, and enlightened members on the preparations for the Golden Jubilee. An ecumenical prayer service will be held in November. Former members and prospective members are invited to contact Mary at 6290929.

Some members attended An Grianan and the Knitting and Stitching Show others enjoyed a tea morning at Grainne Kelly's home. Yoga classes and badminton will ensure fitness. Members will visit the majestic Croke Park complex in November. A trip to China is planned in 2004. Best wishes go from the guild to Marese Killeen who has left us for the historical town of Trim.

Thanks to Marie Breen who so graciously guided the craft evenings when the ladies kept alive the many skills of a bygone age. We are delighted to present an early sewing machine to the museum. Certificates of craft excellence were awarded to Mary Halton, Rosemary Hanley and Mary O'Gorman. It was an evening of competitions and awards. Other recipients were Mairead Scanlon, Eileen Flynn, Helen Doyle, Bernie King, Helen Finn, Mary Deane, Teresa Corcoran, Viva Kerins, Imelda Delaney, Jo O'Connell, Betty Farrell and Betty Moore.

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02/1793	Thomas Farrell	Andromeda Donadea Co. Kildare	Р	16/09/02	for construction of a two storey residence, garage and septic tank	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1795	Fintan O'Hora	Ballycurraghan Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	16/09/02	for two storey extension and attic conversion and general refurbishment and new garage to existing house	Ballycurraghan Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1797	Electricity Supply Board	c/o Nicola Arthur 39 Merrion Square Dublin 2	Р	17/09/02	for the erection of a 45 metre high free standing communication tower, carrying communication dishes and antennae with associated groundmounted equipment cabinets as part of E.S.B's communication system etc.	Taghadoe Co. Kildare
02/1801	Dermot D'arcy	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/09/02	for the construction of a two storey extension to the side of the existing house	1 Meadowbrook Close Newtown Maynooth
02/1827	Ray & Anne Crofton	Barrogstown Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/09/02	to build two storey dwelling, domestic garage, septic tank and puraflo liquid effluent treatment system and all associated works on our site	Moortown Maynooth Road Celbridge
02/1833	Tom Flood	The Old Mill Old Bawn Tallaght Dublin 24	Р	23/09/02	for change of use from shop to betting office (a protected structure)	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1849	E.S.B.	Lower Fitzwilliam Street Dublin 2	P	27/09/02	to locate a new spare unenergised 250MVA transformer onto an existing foundation in the Maynooth 220/110KV substation	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1860	Niall Murphy	62 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/09/02	for proposed first floor extension	62 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1870	Farrell O'Boy	Greenfield Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	02/10/02	for the removal of existing gates and piers at west entrance and construction of new entrance gates, wall and piers and all ancillary works	Greenfield Moneycooley Maynooth
02/1872	Carol & Colm Feeney	Ballygoran Development Ltd Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth	Р	02/10/02	for 241 dwellings to include, 4 no. 3 bed detached dormer bungalow, 16 no. 3 semi-detached dormer bungalow, 18 no. 2 storey 5 bed detached houses with garage, 44 no. 2 storey 4 bed semi-detached houses, 69 no. 2 storey 3 bed terraced houses etc.	Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth
02/1899	Intel Ireland Ltd.	Collinstown Industrial Park Collinstown Leixlip Co. Kildare	Р	04/10/02	for 2 storey extension to the northside of the existing IR1 building to accommodate a new flexible production and production/service support area over 2 floors, the works are to be phased and include both and ground level mounted equipment etc.	Collinstown Industrial Park Leixlip Co. Kildare

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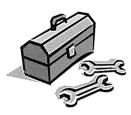
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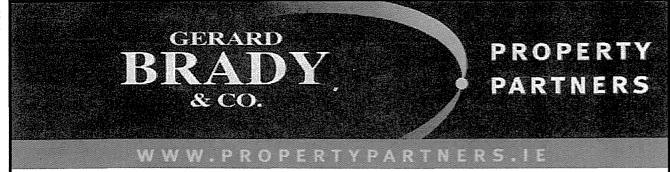
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02/1909	Newtown Park Stud	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	07/10/02	to build a new stud farm complex at Newtownmacabe, Maynooth, Co. Kildare consisting of the folowing: (a) Yard No. 1: at existing entrance from public road, construct new plastered concrete blockwork splayed wing walls with timber stud etc.	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1912	Tony & Tom Bean	Nuada Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	07/10/02	for the demolition of one habitable house and the construction of eleven two storey plus attic floor four bedroom houses, also nine three bedroom apartments and one hundred and twenty- six two bedroom apartments in nine three storey etc.	Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1922	Damien Kehir	Kilmacredock Lower Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/10/02	for dormer bungalow, septech 2000 effluent treatment plant and garage for domextic use	Kilmacredock Lower Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1940	Linda Haren & Michael Twomey	58 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	11/10/02	for erection of dormer style dwelling house and domestic double garage, installation of proprietary effluent treatment system and associated percolation pipe network, formation of new recessed behicular entrance from public road etc.	Barreen Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1944	Kiolpa Group	Suite 15 Mespil Business Centre Mespil House Sussex Road Dublin 4	Р	11/10/02	for a 25m antennae support structure equipment containers, security fence and access track for Kiolpa Group at Moyglare Road, Maynooth to form part of the cellular digital communications network	Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1945	Kiolpa Group	Suite 15 Mespil Business Centre Mespil House Sussex Road Dublin 4	Р	11/10/02	for 25m antennae support structure, equipment containers, security fence and access track for Roestown Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare to form part of the cellular digital network	Roestown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1956	ESB International	c/o Mark Dunne ESB International Stephen Court 18-21 Stephens Green Dublin 2	Р	14/10/02	to locate a new spare unenergised 250MVA transformer onto an existing foundation in the Maynooth 220/110KV substation in the townland of Tagadoe	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1964	Sinead Dunne	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	15/10/02	development consists of a change of house type consisting of a two-storey house with detached garage, amended boundaries and ancillary siteworks	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare

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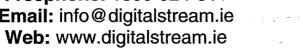
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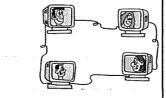


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# Reviews

# **Grub Spy**

# Lemongrass Restaurant Glenroyal Hotel

On hearing people rave about the Lemongrass I went to find out myself what was so special. I arrived in the other night and was greeted with a great atmosphere. I was seated at my table and was shown the menu and the specials that were on that night. I was offered a drink from the bar on which I had a glass of water. A waitress came over to me and asked me if I needed help with the menu as there are dishes on it that I have not heard of. Top marks there! I gave my order which was Salmon and prawn cakes as a starter and Stir fried king prawns as main course.

The starter was out to me in a matter of minutes. There was two little cakes which were deep fried and were in a sweet chilli dressing, the plate was garnished to perfection and the taste was radiant and the contrast of colours was fantastic.

As soon as I was finished my main course was ready, the prawns were in a filo pastry basket in sweet chilli and basil sauce with fried rice and stir fried vegetables. Again it was perfection.

The Lemongrass is a fantastic atmosphere and a nice restaurant for romantic meal or for large parties.

It is great value for money.

Good menu and with good vegetarian options.

The only complaint I had was that I had 3 different waiter/waitress come over to me to see if they can take my order.

The food is Asian and the menu consists of mild to hot spicy dishes so if you like spicy and adventurous food, it is well worth a visit also for its excellent service and value for money.

# **Book Review**

# Daddy's Little Girl (By Mary Higgins Clarke)

Some years ago while sick in bed, a friend of mine, gave me a 3 in 1 Book of Murder Stories by Mary Higgins Clarke. Since I had never read any of her work before, I was a little bit dismissive of the book, but with nothing else to do, I started to read, and I could not put the book down. I was hooked.

I love it when I find a new author I like because I have to catch up on all her work. All her books have now been read, some were excellent, and some were good, but all very easy to read. It was with great anticipation I awaited **Daddy's Little Girl** and I was not disappointed.

Without giving too much of the story away, it is about Ellie, who is seven, when her fifteen year old sister Andrea was murdered. It was Ellie who led her parents to the body, and it was her testimony that put away the killer. There were three suspects, Rob the son of the local wealthy family, and who was Andrea's secret boyfriend. Paul a school friend with a crush on Andrea, and Will a local handyman.

Now 22 years later the convicted killer is up for parole. Ellie is now a reporter and wants to write a book, about the murder, and to prove that this man really did kill her sister. Digging deeper and deeper, she discovers facts that throws a new light on the murder. Did the right or wrong man serve time in prison? Nevertheless the 3 suspects are out there, and one of them a killer waiting for Eillie.

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# Reviews

## **RED DRAGON**

Dir: Brett Rattner

Wri: Ted Tally, Thomas Harris (Novel) Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton, Ralph Fiennes, Emily Watson, Harvey Keitel, Mary - Louise Parker, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Anthony Heald, Frankie R. Faison.

IF YOU FIND much of Red Dragon eerily familiar, it's because the 1982 novel was originally filmed as Manhunter in 1986. Directed by Michael Mann (Heat, Ali, The Insider) starring William Petersen, the film was well-received but did little at the box-office. In a small but distinctive part, British actor Brian Cox played a sly serial-killer called Hannibal Lecter.

And some time later. Silence of the Lambs was released and swept every award going. Anthony Hopkins' rasping Hannibal Lecter entered the popular imagination. The seguel, Hannibal, divided both readers and filmgoers alike. It was a success however, which, helped persuade Italian producer Dino De Laurentiis that there was plenty of life in the old cannibal yet. Rather than waiting another ten years for Harris to finish another book, De Laurentiis went back to the beginning.

Red Dragon follows a similar set-up to Silence of the Lambs; a young F.B.I. investigator tries to match wits with the incarcerated Dr Lecter in a bid to catch another serial-killer. The difference here is that Will Graham (Edward Norton) was the man who originally caught Lecter, and has the scars to prove it.

In a long solid cast that includes Harvey Keitel, Emily Watson and Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Ralph Fiennes stands out as the titular Red Dragon, a freakishlytattooed bodybuilder who is slaughtering happy, all-American families. This is a performance that could so easily have gone to ham or Over-the-top hysterics, but Fiennes manages to tread the fine line between Man and Monster.

Having difficulty in figuring out how the victims are chosen, the F.B.I. drafts in the reluctant Graham, who is gifted with an empathy that allows him something to identify with the killer. A fine actor, Norton seems a little too young for his role, just as Hopkins seems a little too old. To be fair, Hopkins is the reason people will flock to see this, and screenwriter Ted Tally's script reflects this: Hannibal's role is substantially bumped up from the extended cameo of the book.

For the people who hated the gothic-romance that was Hannibal, Red Dragon should prove a welcome return to the taut, white-knuckle thriller that Silence did so well . Mind you, it's no substitute, and no amount of tight-corsets and makeup will convince me that Anthony Hopkins is twenty years younger.



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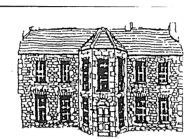
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# **General Tips**

#### **Tumble Dryer**

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#### Rasil

Why not grow some basil in a pot and place it on your windowsill, not only can you cut off leaves when you need them in cooking but you will also find it keeps flies out of the kitchen.

#### Eaas

If the yolks of the hardboiled eggs you're preparing for a salad crumble as you slice them, first wet the knife in cold water before use and they will stay whole.

#### Pets

If you have a new puppy who's not yet house-trained, clean up any accidents on the carpet by using warm water and a mild disinfectant such as pine, rather than carpet shampoo. It will help to freshen the room and also the smell helps to deter the puppy from a repeat performance.

#### Safety

<u>Never</u> store newspapers, rags or cleaning fluids under the stairs. If they caught fire they would cut off your escape route.

#### Hazardous waste

Leftover paint, household cleaner, insect spray and weed killer are all hazardous wastes. Flushing them down the drain can damage sewage treatment systems. And putting them out with the rubbish means that they are sent to the landfill, where they eventually seep into groundwater.

If you can't use up a potentially hazardous product, think of someone who can. Schools, neighbours or churches may be pleased to accept your extra paint, insect spray or cleaning solution.

Call your local environment health department, a recyling centre or an environmental agency to see if they organise collection drives. If they do, make sure the wastes are in sealed, watertight, labelled containers. If a container is rusting or leaking, put it in a larger, secure receptacle

Don't throw your old beach mat away. Keep it in the car boot. It's handy if you need to change a wheel, of to give traction if you get stuck in mud or snow or protect your windscreen in frosty weather.

#### Ve

Onion, broccoli and brussels sprouts will cook faster if you make an x-shaped cut at the base of the vegetable.

## Health Tips Keep Kids Healthy. Cough&Colds.

During your child's first year of school or nursery, you can expect them to get frequent coughs and colds during the winter months. This can be a distressing time for both you and your child, but it is worth remembering that this is a very important time for the development of your childs immune system, which will allow them to develop a natural resistance for the future. As a parent you will typical find the frequency cough and colds reducing with each year passes, by knowing how to act quickly you'll be able to soothe and ease their distress. As colds and flu are a virus antibiotics will not work, however there are few things you can do to make your child comfortable.

## **Top Tips**

- Give them plenty of rest
- Give them some liquid paracetamol or cough/ cold preparation.
- But only following advice from your pharmacist.
- ensure that your child is eating a balanced diet containing essential vitamins and minerals to help them fight of f winter viruses.
- Keep their room warm but well ventilated -keep the air moist by putting a bowl of water near their radiator. This will help your child breath more easily.
- Give them plenty of fluids; a child aged three and over should drink at least one litre a day.
- Meals should be small

#### **Earache**

Earache is also common among children following a cold. This happens when the middle ear becomes infected. As well as having an earache, your child might have a fever. Unlike colds and flu, it is best to take your child to the doctor as there are antibiotics available to treat ear infections.

Your child's flu-like symptoms may be quite normal, however, do keep a close eye on them and call your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following:

#### When to call your Doctor

- Temperature rises over 100 degrees.
- They have a rash.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Lips or fingertips appearing blue.
- Yellow, green, grey or bloody phlegm.
- Blocked nose while you are breast or bottle feeding.
- Yellow or white blotches on the back of throat.
- Please also call your doctor if your child is under six months old and has a cough.

# **Features**



# November in the Garden



# Helpful Hints For The Established Garden Plants In Mid To Winter

Lawns: Turf new lawns. Treat established lawns with mosskiller.

Trees and Shrubs: If the soil is not frozen, plant deciduous species. Prune deciduous summerflowering shrubs such as clematis, buddleia, potentilla and hardy fuchsia. Prune winter-flowering shrubs once blooms are over; mulch and apply a general fertilizer. Cut suckers growing from the bases of trees.

**Roses:** Continue planting roses in suitable weather. Prune in mild or sheltered gardens.

Perennials: Lift and divide lupins, Michaelmas daisies, delphiniums, and any other hardy border plants that have been left for three years. Apply general fertilizer to other hardy perennials. Firm plants lifted by frost. Fork over soil between the plants. Examine stored chrysanthemun stools for signs of rotting and withering. Ventilate on dry days.

Annuals: In suitable weather dig and manure sites for sowing. Lightly fork over ground dug in autumn and work in a general fertilizer if it wasn't manured. Sow half hardy annuals in a cold frame or greenhouse late in winter.

**Biennials:** Dress with a general fertiliser. Lightly soil around them. Firm any plants that have been lifted by frost.

**Bulbs:** Deter birds from eating crocus buds by stretching dark cotton, supported on sticks across the area occupied by the bulbs. Spray stored dahlia tubers showing signs of mould. Pot lily bulbs for early display indoors or under glass.

**Fruit:** Plant fruit trees and bushes in mild spells. Feed all fruit trees with fertilizer. Every third year, paint tar oil wash on apple and pear trees. Prune raspberries, gooseberries and red and white currants. Prepare beds for rhubarb crowns and plant.

**Vegetables:** Place cloches in position to warm soil for seeds sown in early spring. Outdoors, plant shallots. Transplant autumn sown onions. Feed winter brassicas with general fertilizer.

**Herbs:** Plant or divide chives, thyme, sage, and mint. Cut back frost damaged sage.

#### When To Prume

Major pruning is done during the dormant period, from late autumn to early spring. Despite the increasing availibility of container grown roses, which can be planted at any time of the year, the main planting season is still from autumn to spring. This is also the time when bare-rooted roses are put in. All newly planted stock should be pruned in late winter or early spring. Normally it doesn't matter what time established roses are pruned during the dormant season.

Very harsh winter weather may damage those that have been pruned in the autumn, so they may need additional trimming in the spring. It's advantageous to trim and tie in long stems before they are lashed about by winds. In mild areas where new growth starts early, prune sooner rather than later.





#### Three Basic Steps:

There are three pruning steps that apply to roses, whether established or newly planted. Treat them as routine whenever you are planting or pruning. Many roses will need very little further attention.

- 1) Remove all dead, damaged or diseased stems. Cut back to just above a bud on healthy wood or take out the stem completely, cutting back to a junction with a healthy stem or even the rootstock itself.
- 2) Remove weak or thin stems. These are unlikely to produce flowers, yet they will take strength that the plant could put into other, better growth. Cut back to join with a healthy strong-growing stem or to the rootstock.
- 3) Take out the least vigorous of stems that cross or rub. Either cut the overcrowding stem right out or prune back to a growth bud below where the two stems cross. With ramblers and climbers, cut out some overcrowding stems but remember that training and tying will be needed to avoid rubbing.





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# **Features**

# New Disability Website Establishes Base in Maynooth at Acol House 62 The Square.

A new website for people with disabilities, www. disability.ie, has just gone live. Disability Information Ireland, the company behind the website, was established by Robert Morgan, who himself has a disability. The website, which went live in early September, is a comprehensive on-line information service for people with disabilities, providing easy access to a wide range of information on a nationwide level.

Robert is no stranger to working in the field of disability, having been involved in disability issues through his life. The most recent example of this, prior to concentrating on the website full-time, was his involvement in the establishment of an accessible transport service in the Lucan area last year.

He decided to establish the site as a method of supplying information on disability through one source. While all the information on the site can be found through other avenues, it is spread over many service providers, and is thus fragmented in its delivery. A priority in constructing the website was that it was to be presented in a simple, easy to comprehend format.

"What I wanted was one website that supplied information on all our needs but it just wasn't there. People talk about mainstreaming now, and introducing it into services; well this website is our step towards mainstreaming information for people with disabilities", said Robert.

His vision was for a site containing information on a broad range of themes, in plain English, including entitlements, education, employment, transport, health, holidays, motoring, aids and appliances and entertainment, to name just a few. There are also chat rooms, message boards and an event guide. The goal is to provide a service where at the click of a button people can find out necessary information such as "Where can I go to adapt my car?", "What are my rights in the workplace?", "Where can I go for a night out?", and "Where can I park my car?". Now is a particularly pertinent time for such a website, as disability is guaranteed to be firmly on the agenda in the coming year, with the hosting of the Special Olympics in 2003 and the allocation of next year as the European Year of People with disabilities.

The website, which has just gone live, is still under development. The focus of the company is now switching to accommodate a search for Corporate Partners. As Robert says;" Advertising opportunities on the site have gotten a positive reception, now we want to broaden our net and find Corporate Partners for the project, who will be a major part of our upcoming publicity campaign".

It is expected that the site will be launched in the near future. Any feedback that can be offered, along

with any ideas or suggestions for the site, would be greatly welcomed.

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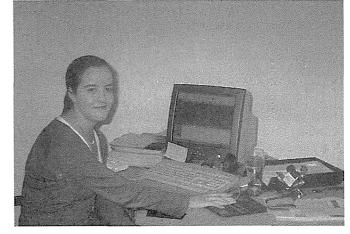
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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

# MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Our First AGM is now over, We have a new committee and plans for the forthcoming months are in preparation. The meeting was well attended and a number of minor changes to our organization have resulted, hopefully better for the future development of the club. If you are interested in taking out membership during our new year starting from November 1st., Why not visit our website, send us an e-mail or contact us by telephone, details below.

We had an unscheduled Easy Hike on Sunday 6th. of October from Bray along the coastal path to Greystones and Kilcoole. A number of people attended this activity for their first outing with us. The weather was perfect and the trip was enjoyed by one and all.

We are back in the training mood again. Following a number of practical nights in the classroom a number of club members will complete a number of practical days during November & December in the mountains exercising their skills in map and compass use as well as route planning.

For the Bank Holiday we are visiting the Cooleys for a Moderate and Hard hike. It will be an early start as we will loose one hour of day light on Sunday 27th.(time change).

On Sunday 10th November we are off on an Easy Hike through the mountains between Donard and Hollywood in west Wicklow, a distance of 10 miles with an ascent of 500 ft. Proper footwear and clothing essential. It is expected to be wet and chilly at best. Departure at usual time from the Glenroyal at 9 am sharp. Own transport.

Sunday December 1st brings us back to Bull Island and Sandymount Strand for a brisk trek around the perimeter of the island. The bird population should be at its maximum with out winter migratory feathered friends here on winter holidays. It is hoped to have an audio / visual show available before hand. Please note change in departure time from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure club at 9.30 am sharp. Own transport.

New years Day (depending on demand) it is hoped to conduct an Easy hike along one of the canals locally. Further details in next months issue.

For the next few months we will be restricted by reduced period of daylight. The majority of our activities will be close by. Activities conducted further afield will afield will be restricted in length. Our next weekend activity will not take place until the end of February '03. We normally complete a weekend of hiking around this time of year to include a night hike in an area to be decided later. This activity is limited to

club members.

Now is time to plan for our forthcoming year. If you are interested, contact us. Maybe there are some of our activities that suit your level of fitness. To be a member you do not have to be fit for the harder activities. Our easier ones can be quite pleasant and popular. When we go on our weekend trips during the summer subject to demand the easier activities are catered for. If there is sufficient demand there is no reason why we cannot plan a number of events at this level. Not all members are attending our more energetic activities.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities . Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1.000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Any one attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outing if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity ,or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

## Mountain Safety Note:

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Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

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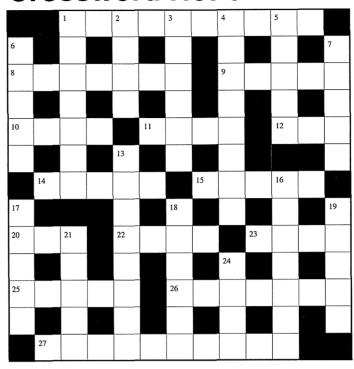


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# **Crossword No: 6**



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# Across:

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- 8. Teams usually field eleven of hese (7)
- 9. Rub out (5)
- 10. Continuous pain (4)
- 11. Vehicles could give you scar (4)
- 12. Head fashion (3)
- 14. Practical joke (4)
- 15. Sudden involuntary muscle spasm (5)
- 20. Cooking utensil (3)
- 22. Climbing plant (4)
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- 3. Little scallywag (6)
- 4. Pirates search for it (8)
- 5. Stretch out (5)
- 6. Squirt (5)
- 7. Big and strong (5)
- 13. Cosmic (8)
- 16. Informal written note (7)
- 17. Brief spell (5)
- 18. Mystery (6)
- 19. 22", I wish (5)
- 21. Current style (5)
- 24. Classic small car (4)

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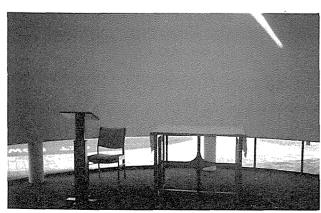
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# Stairman to Style

# **Features**

# Murder of the Month – footballer under pressure

Rae Carruth had it all, money, fame, good looks and a stream of beautiful girl friends. And he risked it all. In 1999 Rae was one of the best-paid sportsmen in America. It was the American dream rag to riches story. He and his mother lived in Sacramento, California and his father abandoned them when Rae was six months old. His mother brought him to work with her, she was a social worker and he played as a youngster with the under-privileged children that were her responsibility. Born in 1974 he was reported as being a very quiet child, his friends said that he never lost his temper, never gave away his inner feelings. This stood by him when he was beginning to play football. He won a scholarship to Colorado and eventually he attracted the attention of the professional scouts. He began dating a number of beautiful young women but after a fling with Michelle Wright that lasted a year she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Rae Junior and he agreed to pay her child support. This was despite the fact that he did not see his son very often. His friends said that he seemed to love children, playing with the offspring of all his friends. It seemed that he liked to play the part of the father that he never had.

When he moved to Colorado he dated a model, Amber Turner. In 1997 the Colorado Panthers signed him up and Amber moved with him. He was living in Charlotte where the team was based. He was given a four-year contract for \$3.7 million. He had it made at last; he had shaken off the poverty stricken youth. But he continued to be a dream player; the couple hardly ever went out clubbing and avoided publicity. The young people of the area adored him and he gave free coaching in the ghetto areas of the town. His friends said that he wrote poetry and said that he would like to be a teacher when he was finished with football. Amber said later that she had never seen him angry or violent and that he was kind and looked after her. She also said that he did not like the publicity that went with the personality of a famous footballer. They broke up in 1997 and she was broken-hearted. Amber moved back to Colorado.

The following year Carruth suffered a broken right foot at the beginning of the season and could not play. The team missed him and when he returned the Panthers were out of the championship.

While he was recovering he met Cherica Adams. She was a stunning model who had worked as an estate agent before becoming a lingerie model. She was also a sportswoman and she often met other professional athletes. She worked as a topless dancer in a club in Charlotte. Rae's mother insisted that she was never actually his girlfriend – they were just acquaintances. But that seems not to have been the case.

November 16<sup>th</sup> 1999, a Tuesday, was one that Farrell Blalock would never forget. He had returned to his home in Charlotte after a long, exhilarating walk with

his friends. It was just after midnight when he made a drink and sat down to read his bible. It was his habit every night to relax himself by reading a section. He was drinking tea when he heard the gunshots outside. He jumped up and looked out the window. A BMW was driving erratically up his driveway. It came to a stop at the front door. He ran out, saw an injured woman and called the ambulance and the police.

Then he went back out to the woman and prayed over her. He hoped that the sound of his voice might keep her conscious. The police arrived and the amount of blood horrified Farrell Blalock. It was so dark that he had not realised there was so much blood earlier. The policeman asked who shot her and first saying her husband, then she said her boyfriend.

She was rushed to hospital, a dying pregnant woman, 10 weeks from delivery. The child, a boy, was saved by caesarean section. His mother was not so lucky. She died a month later after succumbing to a coma. She never saw her baby. It was only nine days after the shooting that Rae, her baby's father, was arrested for the murder of his girlfriend. The country was shocked and further shocked by the ensuing events that mirrored to an extent the more famous O.J. Simpson case. Rae was at the top of his career, earning about a million dollars a year as well as all the sponsorship and advertising that goes with such an high earning player.

Rae and three other men were charged with conspiracy to murder Cherica as she fought the losing battle for her life. Rae denied anything to do with the event but when she died he jumped bail and fled. Needless to say this hit the headlines but the resulting arrest was less dramatic. He had gone on the run with a beautician, Wendy Cole but he called his mother frequently. She realised that a police chase might end tragically so she eventually led the police to her son. He was hiding in the boot of Wendy's car for the past 20 hours outside a motel room in Tennessee.

He was charged along with Van Brett Watkins a car mechanic who had done some work for him, Michael Kennedy and Stanley Abraham.

Amber Turner said that she had received a strange phone-call from Rae on the night of the murder. He said that that he had got a stripper pregnant. Amber did not take him seriously – he was famous for his jokes and pranks. Later she saw that there was more to it than she had realised at first.

The night that Cherica was shot, they had both left a cinema in Charlotte. She was driving her BMW and he was driving a Ford Expedition behind her. The phone records showed that he made a phone call to Watkins who was in another car along with Kennedy and Abraham. Watkin's pulled up beside Cherica's car, Rae's car was behind: she was trapped.

The four men faced the death penalty but the motive was problematic. Money was the most outstanding possibility. Rae may have been wealthy but he was paying child support for his first son and he had received a second serious injury in early 1999. His ankle was badly sprained and he may have been

# **Features**

#### (Murder of the Month Contd.)

worried about his career and his future.

Watkins decided that he would try to save his own skin. He admitted to the shooting and tried to plea bargain and received a life sentence instead of the death penalty. At Carruth's trial he said that the murder had been planned for months beforehand. He said that he was afraid of Carruth and that he had been promised payment for the murder. He was discredited as a witness however, he admitted taking medication prescribed by a psychiatrist. He admitted a number of violent crimes and threatening behaviour towards a number of people.

The jury could not agree on the murder charge and they agreed on conspiracy to murder, shooting into the vehicle and trying to destroy his unborn child.

Cherica's mother made an emotional appeal to the court saying that he should not get away with a light sentence. While her daughter lay dying in hospital he never enquired about her or his son. He was sentenced to 19 to 24 years in prison. Kennedy and Abraham received 10 to 12 years.

It was revealed that the little boy suffered seizures after birth and now he has cerebral palsy. At 14 months he could not sit on his own. His grandmother, Cherica's mother, said that he was a miracle baby but he had the right to have a mother. A man trying to escape child support while earning a million dollars a year was ludicrous and unbelievable.

Muireann Ni Bholchain

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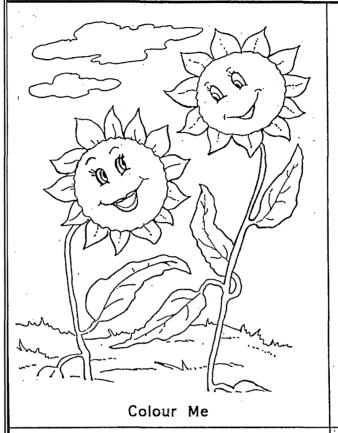
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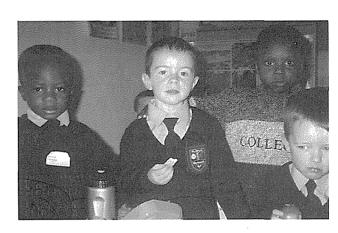
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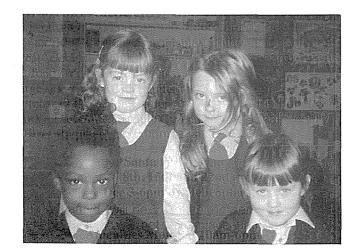
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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

# MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

Over the summer months, the committee, established to research the feasibility of a community facility for Maynooth, has been meeting on a regular basis. Its members have been meeting with local groups, utility experts, and local politicans to arrive at a consensus regarding the building of a Community Centre. Strong feeling was expressed at the open meeting in May that a community centre of some sort should be built in Maynooth to house the many social, cultural and Arts groups in the town. It was also pointed out at this meeting that many groups would form or emerge, who would use such a centre, once it was built.

The committee is currently preparing a submission for the Action Area Plan and would welcome any feedback from intrested parties. The committee consists of Chairman Tony Bean, Secretary Mary Jennings and Liz Stoll, Treasurer Ann Burns, and P.R. O. Patrick Delaney. The committee can be contacted through the offices of the Community Council and the Newsletter at Beaufield Shopping Centre. PATRICK DELANEY P.R.O.



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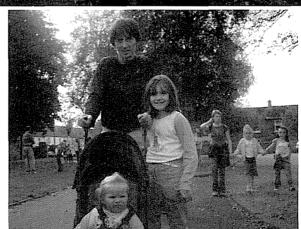
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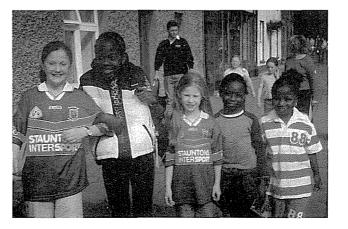
# **Features**

# **Girls National School Sponsored Walk**

The girls school had a beautiful sunny Sunday for their walk. There were plenty of Mums, Dads, children and grandparents who turned out for the walk. The walk began at the school and continued around the College grounds which was lovely. The children loved it because there was plenty of refreshments and sweets at the end of the route, which was at the beautiful Stepping Stones in the College grounds, so the children had a great time playing on the stones around the water. The walk is also not as long as it used to be, when it took place in Carton Avenue. So the small children were not that tired when they had finished. It was a great walk and was throughly enjoyed by everyone.









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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

# Busy Sporting Calendar At St. Mary's Boys National School

Since school reopened in September, the boys in St. Mary's BNS have been very busy on the sporting front. Mr. Pat O'Connor's hurling training commenced in the first week back and Mr. Owen Creevey was hot on his heels with the football squad. This early start with training has paid dividends over the past 5 weeks.

The Under 11 Hurling team participated in Division 1A of the Kildare Primary Schools Hurling Competition. They opened the season with a well deserved win over local rivals, Scoil Mochua, Celbridge. However, a defeat by Naas meant they could not capture the laurels, and they ran in as runners up in theis competition. They now meet the winners of Division 1B in the Shield Final, to be played in St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge.

Panel: Cormac Molloy, Shane Delaney, Daire Heneghan, Conor Mahon, John Daly, John Comerford. Dean McAvinue, Pádraig MacMánais, Eoghan McNutt, Seán Foxe, Michael Fahy, Joe Gerry, Colm Peelo, Conor O'Brien, Cial Taylor, Paul Anderson, Christopher Hobbs, Adam Knop, Conor Glynn, Leigh Cullen, Niall Cullen, Ruairí Kearney, Joe Stanley, Darren Reilly.

The Under 11 Football team have had a tremendous run, remaining unbeaten to date. They have qualified for the County Final, also to be played in Newbridge. On their way to the final they overcame, Sallins, Scoil Mochua, Celbridge, Scoil Uí Dhálaigh, Leixlip and in the semi-final, Monasterevin.

Panel: Brian Kerin, John Comerford, John Daly, Dean McAvinue, Leigh Cullen, Darragh Dunning, Daire Heneghan, Joe Gerry, Michael Fahy, Martin O'Connor, Eoghan McNutt, Sean Foxe, Ross McDonald, Conor O'Brien, Mark Travers, Conor Glynn, Pádraig MacMánais, Leo Cooney, Colm Peelo, Conor Fitzgerald, David Thompson, Adam Knop, Cormac Molloy, Ciarán Scally.

Handball (not Olympic Handball) has also been introduced in conjunction with the GAA Club, Declan Quigley and Tony Singleton, have commenced coaching for pupils from 3rd to 6th class and over 40 eager enthusiasts are attending on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Another joint venture with the GAA Club this month is a trip to Croke Park to support Ireland in their International Match against Australia. A busload of school and club underage players will travel to Croke Park for the second test match. Special thanks to Joe McBride and Dominic Nugent for organising this trip.

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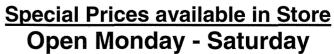
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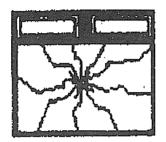
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# **Features**

# WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ADULT LITERACY?

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## What is literacy?

All good adult literacy work start with the needs of the individuals.

Literacy involves listening, speaking, reading, writing and numercy. It also encompasses aspects of personal development - social, economic, emotional and is concerned with improving self-esteem and building confidence. It goes far beyond mere technical skills of communication.

What is the extent of the literacy problem?

"The active use of literacy skills in every aspect of one's life throughout life is essential"

Any estimate of the extent of the literacy problem will depend on what counts as a literacy difficulty. Thus for some, this means not being able to send a Christmas card and for others it may be a problem with writing reports at work. In 1995 the International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS) in co-operation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) carried out their first multinational assessment of adult literacy. The Irish results were published in 1997. The aim of the IALS was not "Can you read?" but rather "How well you can read?" This approach recognised that all individuals are literate to a degree. Throughout this report the term "Literacy "is used to refer to the ability to understand and use printed information in daily activities at work, home and the community.

Measurement of literacy

The study sought to identify five literacy skill levels to cover such demands at work, in the home and the community in three domains. These three domains cover the many different kinds of written material people encounter everyday and they require different skills to understand and use the information. In addition to the literacy tasks which were respondents were set, questions were asked concerning their back round, labour force participation and literacy actives at work.

#### Overveiw of the results

25% of the Irish population were found to score at the lowest level, Level 1. This means that these individuals are only able to cope, at best, the most basic literacy tasks in society. Individuals at this level may, for example, have difficulty identifying the correct amount of medicine give a child from information found on the package.

17% of Irish adults aged between 16-25 are at level 1, a relatively poor figure when compared to other

European countries such as Sweden's figure of 3% and Germany's 5%. More then 60% of individuals who left school without completing their Junior cycle scored at level 1.

This problem is not unique to Ireland but exists in other western industrialised countries which also provide a free secondary education. Low literacy was a much lager problem than previously assumed in every **OECD** country surveyed.

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# **Dorin's Recipes**

#### Fried Sardine sandwiches

Serves 4

8 large slices white bread

1 tablespoon peanut butter

5 oz can sardines

4 eggs

1/4 pint milk

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste 2 oz butter or margarine

Watercress

#### Method:

Remove crusts from the bread. Blend the peanut butter with oil from sardines and use to spread the bread. Mash the sardines and spread on 4 of the slices. Beat up 2 of the eggs, stir in 2 tablespoons milk. Season to taste. Melt 1 oz butter stir in eggs and scramble. Cool slightly. Spread over the sardine mixture. Press the other 4 slices in place firmly. Beat up the other 2 eggs with the rest of the milk. Pour into a soup plate and dip the sandwiches in this mixture. Heat remaining butter in a frying pan and quickly fry the sandwiches on both sides until golden brown. Serve each sandwich decorated with washed watercress.

#### **Old English Pork Casserole**

Serves 4

6 oz leeks

1 oz butter

1 1/4 lb shoulder of pork

2 oz seasoned flour

1/2 pint brown ale

Dash Tabasco sauce

3 oz button mushrooms

Piece lemon peel

Bouquet garni

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

#### Method:

Clean and chop the leeks. Melt the butter in a flameproof casserole. Fry the leeks for a few minutes. Meanwhile, cut the pork into 1 inch squares (or get your butcher to do it) and toss in the seasoned flour. Add this to the leeks and cook for 5 minutes. Add the ale, Tabasco sauce, lemon peel, mushrooms and bouquet garni. Bring to the boil. Put lid on and reduce the heat. Simmer for 1 1/4 hours. Remove bouquet garni. Season to taste. Serve with mashed potatoes and buttered carrots.

# Tagiatelle with Ham and leeks

Serves 4

1 oz butter

1 lb leeks, sliced

1 oz plain flour

10 fl oz milk

4 tablespoons vegetable stock

6 oz lean cooked ham, diced

1 teaspoon dried sage

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



2 tablespoons cream Fresh sage, to garnish

#### Method:

In a saucepan, melt the butter over a low heat. Add the leeks and cook gently for 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring remove the pan from the heat and gradually stir in the milk and stock. Bring slowly to the boil. stirring, and continue to cook stirring, until the mixture thickens. Add the ham, sage and salt and pepper and simmer gently for 5 minutes, stirring. Remove the pan from heat and stir in the cream. Garnish with sage and serve with freshly cooked tagiatelle.

You can use chicken instead of ham.

#### Watercress Stuffed-Plaice

Serves 4

1/2 oz margarine

1 small onion, skinned and finely chopped

1 bunch watercress, trimmed and finely chopped

3 oz fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs

Finely grated rind of 1 small lemon

3 oz Mozzarella cheese, grated

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 tbsp, beaten egg

8 plaice fillets, about 4 oz each

2 tbsp lemon juice

3 fl oz vegetable stock Dry white wine or water

Watercress, to garnish



Lightly grease a shallow ovenproof dish and set aside. Melt the margarine in a small saucepan. Add the onion and watercress and cook gently for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the breadcrumbs, lemon rind and cheese. Season and bind the mixture together with the egg. Put the plaice fillets, skinned sides upwards, on a board. Sprinkle with seasoning and cover the tail end half of each fillet with stuffing. Fold over the remaining half fillet to form a neat parcel. Arrange the stuffed fillets in the dish. Sprinkle with the lemon juice and stock, wine or water. Cover with foil and cook at 190c. 375f, Gas mark 5 for 25 minutes. Serve hot.

# **Creamy Mushrooms on Toast**

Serve 4

8 oz button mushrooms, sliced 5 fl oz low-fat natural vogurt 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 4 slices wholemeal bread 1 oz margarine

#### Method:

Put the mushrooms in a saucepan with 4 tbsp water. cover and bring to the boil. Simmer for 2 minutes, until the mushrooms are tender. Pour off any excess liquid and stir in the yogurt, mustard, parsley and seasoning.

# Dorin's Recipes Contd.

Heat, stirring gently, until the mixture is hot. Do not bring to boil as the yogurt may curdle. Toast the bread and spread with the margarine. Spoon the mushrooms on the toast and serve at once.

#### Lamb Fillet with Leek Sauce

Serves 4

2 lamb fillets, total weight about 1 1/4 lb, well trimmed

1 garlic clove, skinned and crushed

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 fresh rosemary sprigs

1 lb leeks, trimmed and sliced

5 fl oz low-fat natural yogurt

Grated nutmeg, to taste

Fresh rosemary sprigs, to garnish

Put the lamb fillets in a roasting pan and spread the garlic on top. Season and add the rosemary sprigs. Roast at 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4 for 30 minutes, until tender and cooked. Meanwhile, cook the leeks in boiling water for 10 minutes, until tender. Drain well and place in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth. Return to the saucepan and add any cooking juices from the cooked lamb to the leek sauce. Slice the lamb and arrange on warmed serving plates. Stirring the sauce, reheat without boiling. Spoon a little sauce over the lamb and serve the rest separately. Garnish with rosemary.

#### **Pork Nuggets**

Serves 4

1 lb lean minced pork

2 carrots, scrubbed and finely grated

1 small onion, skinned and coarsely grated

3 oz fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs

1 oz sultanas, coarslely chopped

1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley or 1/2 tbsp dried parsley

1 egg, beaten Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 fl oz olive oil

14 oz can chopped tomatoes

2 tsp dried oregano

1 lb spaghetti

Parsley sprigs, to garnish

#### Method:

Place the pork, vegetables, breadcrumbs, sultanas, parsley and egg in a bowl and mix together. Add the seasoning. Using wet hands, divide the mixture into equal-size pieces and shape into balls. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, add the meatballs and cook until browned all over. Add the tomatoes with their juice and the oregano. Cover and cook over a low heat for 30-40 minutes, until the meatballs are cooked through. Meanwhile cook the spaghetti in a saucepan of lightly salted water for 10-12 minutes until just tender. Drain and keep hot. To serve, spoon the meatballs and sauce over the pasta and garnish with parsley sprigs.

#### **Spicy Scallops**

Serves 4

12 oz queen scallops, fresh or frozen thawed

2 tsp Chinese sweet chilli sauce

4 oz carrots, scrubbed

3 celery sticks

1 tbsp dry sherry

1 tbsp soy sauce

1 tsp tomato puree

2 tbsp corn oil

1 tsp grated fresh root ginger

1 tbsp chopped spring onion

#### Method:

Mix the scallops with the chilli sauce and set aside. Cut the carrots and celery into thin matchsticks. Mix together the sherry, soy sauce and tomato puree with 2 tbsp water. Heat half the oil in a large frying pan or wok. Add the carrot and celery and stir-fry over a high heat for 1 minutes. Remove the vegetables from the pan with a slotted spoon and set aside. Heat the remaining oil in the pan, then add the ginger and spring onion and stir-fry briefly over high heat. Add the scallops and turn them in the oil to seal them on all sides. Lower the heat to medium, add the soy sauce mixture to the pan and stir well. Return the vegetables to the pan and stir well. Stir-fry for 3-4 minutes, until the scallops feel firm. Serve the dish hot on a bed of steamed, shredded Chinese leaves.

#### **Spicy Autumn Soup**

Serves 4-8

2 large onions, peeled and chopped

1 tbsp pure vegetable oil

2 potatoes, peeled and chopped

2 carrots chopped

3 garlic cloves, crushed and peeled

Pared zest (rind removed with vegetable peeler) and juice of 1 orange

2 tsp mild curry powder

3 pints chicken or vegetable stock

14 oz tinned tomatoes, chopped

2 eating apples, cored, peeled and chopped 1 tbsp dried basil

A little sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a large saucepan, warm the oil, then add the onions, potatoes, carrots, garlic and orange rind. Cook gently for five or six minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the curry powder and cook for 2 minutes stirring all the time.Add the stock, orange juice, tomatoes, apples, basil, salt and pepper to taste. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently for 30 minutes, or until the vegetables are completely tender. Remove the pieces of orange rind and discard. Puree the soup in a

Reheat the soup and adjust seasoning. Serve at once with brown bread or scones.



# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

#### **Citizens Information Centre**

#### Question.

I am applying for a Fuel Allowance under the National Fuel Scheme. If I am eligible for it how much will I receive?

#### Answer.

The National Fuel Scheme is intended to help people who are dependent on long term social welfare or health board payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme people who qualify for the Fuel Allowance receive an extra 9.00 per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qulify for an extra 3.90 per week for smokeless fuel, but only if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal.

In order to qualify for the Fuel Allowance you must satisfy a means test. You and the members of your household cannot have more than 50.79 per week in combined income or savings/capital of 41,266.49 or more above the appropiate maximum Irish contributory pension rate in order to qualify. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of 123.30 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed 123.30 plus 50.79 i.e. 174.09.

However, if you are already on a means tested payment you will not be subject to another means test for the Fuel Allowance. Where two or more people living in the same household would qualify for the Allowance, only one allowance will be paid.

The allowance is paid for 29 weeks from early October to mid-April.

If you think you are eligible you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated if you apply after the start of the heating season (30th September 2002). Application forms (NFSI) are available from the Post Office or your Social Welfare Local Office.

#### Question.

I am receiving Disability Allowance from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. I have recently been offered a few hours work a week in a local shop. If I take up the job will it affect my Disability Allowance?

#### Answer.

Whether it will affect your Disability Allowance will depend on how much you earn and whether the work is considered rehabilitative by the Department.

A person in receipt of disability Allowance can work while in receipt of the allowance but the income from the employment is assessable as means in the means test for Disability Allowance. Since 3 April 2002 the first ∈ 120 weekly earnings from employment or self-employment which is considered to be of a rehabilitative nature is disregared for means purposes.

Any earnings in excess of this amount are assessed as income and entitlement to disability Allowance reduced accordingly.

For your employment to be considered rehabilitative you must get approval from the Department of Social and Family Affairs and you must apply for the approval before you start work.

You should write to the disability Allowance Section, Social Welfare Services Office, Government Building, Ballinalee Road, Longford. You will require a lettler from your doctor certifying the rehabilitative nature of the employment as well as a letter from your employer describing the nature of the proposed employment, the number of hours being worked and how much you will be paid. You should request confirmation of the approval in writing from the Department.

If you are receiving a fuel allowance under the National Fuel Scheme with your Disability Allowance you will continue to receive it provided your employment is considered to be rehabilitative. If you have a medical card you should contact your Health Board to find out if your entitlement to your medical card will be affected. You may be required to prove that the work had been approved as rehabilitative by the department. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

#### Question.

I believe the national minimum wage has increased. Could you please give me the details?

#### Answer

The National Minimum Wage Act, 2000 was introduced on 1st April 2001. On the 1st October 2002 the national minimum hourly rate of pay was increased from  $\in 5.97$  to  $\in 6.35$  per hour. The rate applies to virtually all employees over 18. Close relatives of the employer and statutory apprentices are excluded.

Employees under age 18 are entitled to 70% of the national minimum wage (NMW) which amounts to  $\in$  4.45 per hour. If they continue to work in the same employment once they reach 18 they must be paid  $\in$  5.08 per hour (80% of NMW) for the first year and  $\in$  5.72 per hour (90% of NMW) for the second year.

Those over the age of 18 who are starting employment are entitled to 80% or  $\in$  5.08 per hour for the first year, and 90% or  $\in$  5.72 for the second year, from the date of their first employment over the age of 18.

In both cases after two years they are entitled to the full rate. Employees undergoing training or a prescribed course of study are entitled to a percentage of the national minimum wage for hours worked.

If you have a dispute with your employer about the national minimum wage you can try to resolve the matter with your employer directly and if it is still unresolved you can refer your dispute to a Rights Commissioner of the Labour Relations Commission. Further information is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of

# **Clubs, Organisations and Societies**

#### (Maynooth Citizens Information Contd.)

Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel (01) 6313131 or Locall 1890 201 615 or the Citizens Information Centre.

#### QUESTION

What are the charges for private and semi-private accomaodation in public hospitals? Since the 1st August the daily rates in respect of private and semi-private accommodation are as follows;

Hospital Category	Private Accommodation	Semi- Private Accommodation	Day-Care
Health Board Regional Hospitals and Joint Board Teaching Hospitals	∈301.97	∈236.12	∈216.83
Health Board County Hospitals Voluntary Non- Teaching Hospitals	∈250.57	∈202.39	∈179.89
Health Board District Hospitals	∈155.79	∈133.32	∈115.64

These charges are additional to the public hospital statutory in-patient charge which is 36 a day (subject to a maximum of 360,i.e. 10 days,in any 12 month period). If you are in two or more hospitals in the course of the year and your stay exceeds 10 days in hospital you should bring this to the attention of the last hospital you attend. It is important to make clear to the hospital whether you are opting for public or private care. Everyone is entitled to public in-patient and out-patient services regardless of their income but subject to the statutory charges mentioned above.

There are a number of groups who do not have to pay the statutory charges including medical card holders, women recieving maternity services, children up to the age of 6 weeks, children suffering from prescribed long-term illnesses, children referred from health clinics and school examinations and people recieving treatment for long-term infectious diseases. In cases of undue hardship a Health Board may provide the service free of charge. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

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# **Features**

# MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY AND CIVIC FORUM -

MYTH AND MEMORY - the history and story of the graveyards of Maynooth.

[Forthcoming publication, date and venue of launch to be announced in mid-November1

Every community in Ireland has its own graveyard[s]. Many of the older sites, located near ancient stone churches or castles, are important features of our landscape and give us important pointers to our past. The parish of Maynooth can trace many of the important events in its own history, in national and in European history through the study of its local graveyards. Members of the Maynooth local history group have compiled a series of short essays on twelve graveyards in the Maynooth area. These include Laraghbryan associated with the Byrne sept and Saint Senan and the thirteenth century Saint Mary's Church associated with the medieval castle and Carton house of the FitzGeralds - earls of Kildare and later dukes of Leinster. Maynooth College, at the western end of Maynooth Main Street, which is probably better known to previous generations as the home of the major Roman Catholic seminary in Ireland, the Royal College of Saint Patrick, also has its historic graveyard. And at the eastern end of the town there is a quiet haven where Nano Nagle's Presentation Sisters, who provided education to generation of local families, are laid to rest. Other graveyards and burial grounds include those located at the Church of All Saints - Moyglare, Carton, Old Carton, Salestown, Donaghmore/Grangewilliam, The Obelisk, Taghadoe and Ladychapel.

In addition to giving an insight into a rich heritage of pre-Christian and Christian beliefs, the publication also examines ancient customs and folklore connected with death, wakes and burial in Ireland. And in modern times, gravestone inscriptions [some of which have been transcribed and recorded], especially when they pre-date the parish registers, are an important and invaluable genealogical source to those who are interested in tracing their ancestors.

The genesis of the publication was twofold: gueries from readers of our last booklet 'Exploring Maynooth five historical walks, and our wish to share the fruits of our research with others in the hope that it may stimulate further interest in the history of our local place and heritage.

Rita Edwards. Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum. Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards for **Best Estates and Shopfronts** Competition

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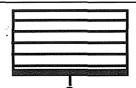
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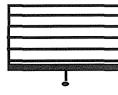
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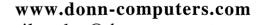


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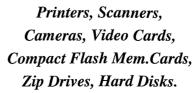


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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

# **Maynooth Golf Society**

Our weekend outing to Mountrath/Roscrea was held on the 27th and 28th September for the Christy Kenny Memorial Cup and the following are the results.

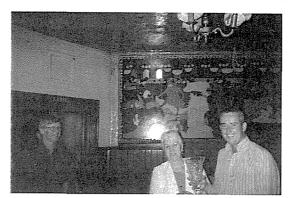
1st Overall	Colm Loftus	72 pts
2nd	Mick Fahy	69 pts
3rd	Gerry McTernan	67 pts
4th	Kevin Loftus	65 pts
5th	Sam Feeney	62 pts
6th	Tom O'Haire	60 pts
7th	Paddy Foy	57 pts
Front 18	A. Kelly	30 pts
Back 18	N. Byrne	46 pts
Nearest the	Pin Mountrath	•
	Ray McTernan	
Nearest the	Pin Roscrea	

Twos Club Terry Moore & Niall Byrne

Terry Moore

Niall Byrne completed the Roscrea course with a 73, one over par, well done Niall.

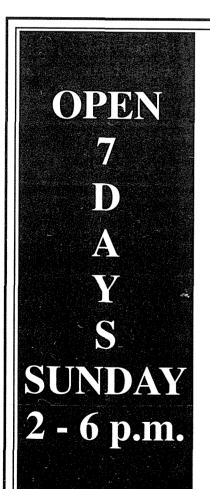
Our next outing will be to Moate Golf Club on Saturday 19th October.



Tess Kenny presenting the Christy Kenny Memoria Cup to winner Colm Loftus



Some of the golfers on the day



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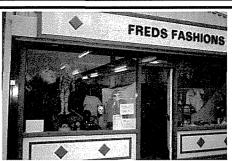
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# 10th Anniversary of Freds Fashions



Phyllis Higgins the only remaining founder member



Freds Fashions in Greenfield Shopping Centre Maynooth is just one of many charity shops throughout the country whose purpose is to raise much needed funding for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

At our Greenfield branch we accept donations of new and nearly new clothing furniture (not beds) household items, books, baby equipment etc., etc., which we then sell on through our Freds Fashions Shop.

The shop is run by a team of very friendly and helpful volunteers whose job is to basically sort out the donations make sure the items are suitable for resale then put the goods on sale in the shop. In Freds Fashions it is possible to find almost anything from a needle to an anchor!!!!!

However in spite of appeals some people still send in unusable clothes and broken equipment, please bear in mind that if it's no use we cannot sell it and it costs us money to dispose of it. So as a general guide the clothing should be clean and wearable, footwear should only be donated if they are new or only a little worn and remember do not donate anything you would be ashamed to wear yourself.

For the volunteer it means a commitment of just 3 hours per week minimum. The shop is open from 10am to 4 pm Monday to Saturday. At present we are operating a shorter day on Saturday due to a lack of volunteers. So if you think you would like to join us and have a few hours to spare we would love to hear from you. If you require any further information on being a Freds volunteer you can call in to the shop and pick up an application form.

This branch of Freds Fashions in Greenfield celebrated its 10th anniversary this October and we are very pleased with our achievements in this time. We have grown from very humble beginnings to the very big and bright shop we have today.

We have made many friends over the years and with the help of our loval customers and donators we hope it will continue for a long time to come.

There are many ways of helping those less fortunate but here in Freds Fashions in Greenfield, Maynooth we get a lot of satisfaction, not only by being a volunteer but also from the friendships we have formed and the fun we

So from all our volunteers a great bit THANK YOU to all our friends and CONGRATULATIONS on Freds 10th birthday.

We would like to pay tribute to all our founder members: Maurice Tracy, Liam McKililian, late Michael Fox R.I.P., Maureen Martin, Carmel Commane, Francis Fox, Marie Costello and Phyllis Higgins the only remaining founder member.







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# **Sport**

# Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

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The club held our A.G.M. on 11th September. payments to the contractor. Chairman John Doogan reviewed the years progress. Having secured the lease on the Rathcoffey Road a little over a vear ago there had been tremendous progress in developing the site in such a short space of time. As the photo opposite shows grass has now appeared on the playing surfaces. To have secured the funding and completed the majority of the work involved in Phase 1 was a sign of the drive and the support the club has. The chairman also commented on some issues that were encountered on the playing side having lost the use of the Rathcoffey Road and the issues with the grassing cutting in the Harbour Field. In closing he asked those involved to consider the short term pain against the longer term benefit having achieved one of the club's major goals of acquiring a permanent home for soccer in Maynooth. Club secretary Gerry Folan also commented on the

progress made by a small handful of people and endorsed the chairman's request for members to bear with us through what may be a tough season.

Treasurer Alan Cahill presented the club's audit accounts to the meeting. He thanked Eugene Mara & Co. for their efforts in auditing the accounts and for their advice on accounting practices going forward. On the auditors advice the club will now run the membership year in line with the financial year (1st August to 31st July) and official receipts (normal procedure was a letter of thanks) will be issued for all memberships and donations received from the start of this financial year onwards. There were a number of points raised from the floor which the committee are currently considering. The meeting closed with the election of a new committee which is outlined opposite. At the first committee meeting, held since the AGM, the new membership fee structure was agreed and is now in place. The major increase in insurance costs was the main reason for the membership fee increase. A decision was also reached on suitable recognition for those who had donated the ∈100 contribution towards our development fund. Details of this decision will be communicated in the near future. We would ask anvone who is considering making this donation to do so as club funds are now at a critical level following



Maynooth Town A.F. C. Executive Committee 2002/3

Club President - Mick Dempsey Chairman – John Doogan Vice-Chairman - John O' Regan Hon. Secretary - Gerry Folan Treasurer - Alan Cahill

**Committee Members** Lenny Murphy - Tom Dempsey Pat Moynan - Tommy Daly

Club membership fees for 2002/03 Season Senior member - ∈ 60 Student/Schoolboy/girl - ∈30 Family membership - ∈ 30 Non-playing member - ∈ 5 Membership fees are now due and should be paid to Team managers. A receipt will be issued for each membership paid.

Maynooth Town Football Club would like thank those who so gererously contributed to our recent street collection. The total raised was  $\in$  1.444.60 & will go directly to the Rathcoffey Road development fund.

Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caulfields Lounge Maynooth
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22-Sep-02	5,8,18,28	€2,725	Mc BRIDE	DARRAGH NOLAN	BARTLEY CALLAGHAN
29-Sep-02	8,14,18,28	€2,800	PAT MONAGHAN	GALE MANGAN	A. NOLAN
6-Oct-02	7,20,23,27	€2,875	PAULINE Mc AVINUE	P. ROCHE	JOE NEVIN
13-Oct-02	7,8,9,28	€2,950	NUALA GEOGHAN	LENNY MURPHY	JOHN LOWE

# **Features**

# **Early Irish Society**

(Contd. from last month)

There was very little public administration of justice in early Irish society and the law then allowed for the procedure called athgabál (literally 'taking back', known as distraint). This allows one individual to take a private case against another to enforce a claim. This would the formal seizure of property belonging to the other without actually going to court. This is an archaic system fascinating to lawyers and legal eagles because it belongs to pre-historic background of other legal systems. Roman law only allows for distraint in very limited cases and this is mainly connected with religious rites. The early Roman law in which this is mentioned belongs to the period before Christ. Therefore, it is dying out in Roman law even before Christianity but in Ireland distraint is alive and well as an institution in the 7-8th centuries at least. It survived into the Norman period and there are many references to the practice in various law texts. The Normans tried to stamp out this practice.

One text describes the 'four sections of distraint' – this is a long drawn out affair with incredible formality and set pieces for the individuals involved. This particular process is called *athgabál iar fut* (distraint with a stay). This appears to have been the normal distranit in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> century Ireland.

The plaintiff gives a formal notice that he is going to initiate proceedings against the defendant to impound his property. Then there is a delay thus giving the defendant the opportunity to settle without going any further. The delay depends on the property that is involved; if the distraint arises over pigs the delay is three days, if it arises from the defendant having neglected to raise a funeral mound for his lord the delay is five days. The defendant may rectify the wrong at this point or he may give a pledge as a signal that he intends to settle. This will end the case.

There are terms for each step — the first is called airfócre (notice), the second is anad (delay) and the next point is called tóchsal (carrying off) where the defendant takes cattle to the value of the amount that he is due. Cattle are the normal currency in a society that does not use coinage and it probable that they were the normal animals distrained but horses, sheep and pigs could also be taken. This taking away must take place in the early morning and it must be witnessed by a professional aigne (advocate) whom I have mentioned before.

The cattle are driven to a green area of some kind, a private pound and the plaintiff is responsible for any injuries that they may sustain while they are driven. This green could be on his own land or on the land of a friend or relative. It must be properly secured and the different kinds of animals cannot be kept together. Any sick or diseased animal must be secured separately.

The next stage is called *dithem* (delay in the pound) and there is no set period of time for this particular delay. Again the defendant is given an opportunity to settle. If he does not the final stages of this complex process are set in motion. This is known as *lobad* 

(decay); a very descriptive term for the slow forfeiture of the animals to the plaintiff. The livestock are moved progressively from the pound. The defendant is slowly but surely losing his grip on his animals.

On the first day livestock to the value of 5 séts are forfeit. On each following day livestock to the value of 3 séts are taken until the defendant has none left. He is free to intervene and agree to settle at any point during this step in the process. He may agree to pay what is due or again, as mentioned above, he may offer a pledge for the amount due. If he agrees to pay at this point, he must also pay the expenses of the plaintiff for feeding the animals while they were kept in the pound.

I use the pronoun he throughout advisedly as it would usually be a man who carries out this process. But as we saw with the procedure known as *tellach* there are also instances of women being involved in *athgabál*. So even in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> century Ireland, women had some legal capacity, however limited that may have been. Many of the cases with two day stays mentioned in the texts involve women or women's work.

There is a second type of distraint called *tulathgabál* (immediate distraint) where there was no waiting or delaying. This is thought by scholars to be an older form of the process and there are no cases involving women in this instance. This has given rise to speculation that this particular form of distraint goues back to the period when women had no legal capacity what so ever.

There is another special form of distraint known as athgabál immleguin (lit. distraint of milking out into) that allows the plaintiff to distrain the property of a surrogate. The term implies that the plaintiff was seen as 'milking' the surrogate in place of the defendant. This surrogate could be a relative of the defendant or could on occasion be a lawyer of some type who had taken over the debt and had guaranteed the contract that the defendant had originally broken.

In this case the notice is twice as long as in the original, again the plaintiff can take the animals of the surrogate accompanied by witnesses and a legal representative. He must tell the surrogate for what offence the cattle are being taken and he must also be told the identity of the legal representative. If the debt is not settled the livestock become the property of the plaintiff.

This surrogacy is interesting in the context of the debate on responsibility for actions in our own society. If the surrogate is a relative of the defendant, then the matter must be resolved within the family itself. It becomes an internal debt. But if the surrogate, as would be quite common, is a lawyer who took payment upon himself; this lawyer now takes his own legal action against the defendant. He is now entitled to twice the amount distrained and to the payment of his own honour-price.

There are also rules and regulations regarding the offences committed by various animals. These include cows, sheep, oxen, pigs, horses, bees, cats and dogs. (Contd. next month)

# **Features**

# DRUG PREVENTION ADVICE Recognising symptoms of drug taking:-

- sudden mood changes
- poor concentrating, memory loss
- excessive nasal secretion
- loss of appetite / weight
- rash around mouth
- secrecy about activities and whereabouts
- telling lies and stealing
- keeping late hours
- unusual smells / odours on breath and clothes
- appearance / tiredness

Remember that adolescents is a difficult time and that the appearance of the above symptoms may be explained by other reasons.

However do take interest to explore all possibilities and aware of the signs of drug abuse.

# The Consequences of Your Involvement With Drugs

Apart from the fact that possession/use of a controlled drug is against the law there are also many other problems associated with drugs use:

- the effect of a drugs conviction on your career
- countries such as America, Australia and Canada will not issue travel/work visas to individuals convicted of drug offences
- the possibility of dependence/addiction
- effects on your health depression, tiredness and in cases of people sharing needles, hepatitis, H.I.V and A.I.D.S
- family disruption resulting from tensions arising out of drug abuse
- reduces your capacity to concentrate resulting in higher risks whilst driving, operating machinery etc.

#### Help is available from:

- Any Garda Station or Garda National Drug Unit, Harcourt Square, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.
   Tele: 4755555
- Health Promotion Unit, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Dublin 2.
   Tele: 6714711
- Mater Dei, Counselling Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Tele: 8371892
- Community Awareness of Drugs, 6 Exchequer Street,

### It is against the law to:-

- have in your possession any controlled drug
- have in your possession any controlled drug for the purpose of supplying it to another
- cultivate any cannabis plant
- forge or alter any prescription issued by a doctor or have same in your possession
- aid or abet in the commission of any drugs offence
- sell or make available a solvent type substance to a person under 18 years of age if you beleive that the substance is, or its fumes are likely to be inhaled by that person for the purpose of intoxication
- import any controlled drug without a licence
- sell intoxicating liquor to a person under 18 and / or allow that person to drink intoxicating liquor on a licensed premises
- buy intoxicating liquor if your are under 18 years of age
- represent yourself to be over 18 years for the purpose of buying intoxicating liquor
- consume intoxicating liquor, if you are under 18 years, in any place other than a private residence in which you are present either as of right or premission
- allowing your home / premises to be used for smoking or using a controlled drug

This information has been provided by Sgt Mary

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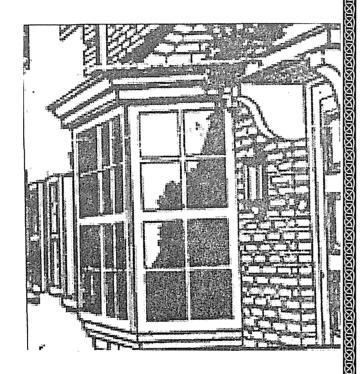
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# **Maynooth Labour News**







Cllr. John McGinley

## Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

Kildare County Council's Director of Services, John Lahart, advised Cllr. John McGinley at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October that "we are talking about April of next year as an optimistic date for the start of construction". Tender documents for the Meadowbrook Link Road will be ready at the start of November. The contract for the bridge project has been split in two; one for the culverting and one for the bridge itself. The tender documents for the culverting will be ready at the start of November and those for the bridge at the start of December. Mr. Lahart stated that it will take two months to get the tenders back from bidders and then a further three months to evaluate the tenders and award the contracts.

It was also agreed to advertise the extinguishment of the right of way at Rowanstown Lane, Newtown, which is necessary in order to proceed with the Bond Bridge project.

Residents can be assured that Cllr. McGinley will continue to monitor progress on these much needed projects and he has insisted, as Chairperson of the Area Committee, that they remain on the Agenda for the Monthly meetings.

# Action Area Plans for The Harbour and Carton Avenue Areas

Initial submissions for the Action Area Plans for these two locations should have been sent to Kildare County Council by the 18<sup>th</sup> October and Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Action Strategy, Royal Canal Amenity Group and Parson Lodge Residents' Association all advised Cllr. John McGinley that they would be making submissions. If any groups or individuals still want to make a submission please contact Cllr. McGinley at 50 Greenfield or E Mail jmcginley@eircom.net.

#### The Harbour, Maynooth

Following requests from community groups and individuals Cllr. John McGinley submitted a motion to the Leixlip Area Committee asking that the Council approach Waterways Ireland to see if they would allow the public to use the flat tarmac open space as a car park during daytime hours. Waterways Ireland and representatives from the local Royal Canal Amenity Group attended the Leixlip Area Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup>. October and they advised the Committee that they would not allow this area to be used as a car park. They further stated that this location is an amenity area and that the slipway has to be kept open and accessible for boaters use.

One very positive outcome from the meeting was the agreement in principle from Waterways Ireland to provide public lighting lanterns to light up the walkway along the canal from Straffan Road to the Harbour. The Royal Canal Amenity Group also agreed to dig the trench necessary for the laying of the cable, provided the Government does not cut their Community Employment Scheme. Cllr. John McGinley had asked the Council some time ago to provide public lighting here in order to try to eliminate anti-social behaviour along the canal bank. However, the tender price by the ESB was outside the Councils allocation for public lighting. Now with the co-operation of Waterways Ireland, Royal Canal Amenity Group and the ESB it should be possible to have the new lighting installed next year.

#### Traffic Lights at The Roost

Council Officials advised Cllr. John McGinley that they are awaiting a decision on the Planning Application for Kavanaghs Mill before installing the traffic lights. Cllr. McGinley stated that these lights were urgently needed and this was not solely because of traffic congestion. This location is a very highly pedestrianised area and they have to take their lives in their hands weaving through the traffic.

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# Redirection Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) from Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley's motion to ban HGV through traffic from Main Street, Maynooth has progressed a step further with the agreement of the National Roads Authority to provide signs at Blacklion and at Barretts on the Straffan Road, redirecting HGV traffic to the M4, following the opening of the INTEL link to the motorway in December. Residents can be assured that if HGV drivers ignore these signs Cllr. McGinley will pursue the statutory banning of HGV through traffic from the Main Street.

#### Maynooth Pool Complex for North Kildare.

Following a motion from Cllr. John McGinley the Council agreed to conduct a feasibility study to decide on which of the three towns, Maynooth, Leixlip or Celbridge, would be the best location for a public swimming pool complex to serve the people of North Kildare. County Secretary, Charlie Talbot, advised the Area Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October that the report, which took consultants a year and a half to produce, was received by the Council the previous day and that it would be posted out to Councillors the following week. Mr Talbot stated that the report agrees that a swimming pool complex is feasible, however, it does not identify which of the three towns would be the preferred option.

Cllr. John McGinley is strongly of the view that Maynooth is the ideal location being central to the catchment towns of Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock and Clane. Maynooth also has a suitable site and has public transport. When the report is to hand Cllr. McGinley will be submitting a motion to the full Council asking that North Kildare receive the same treatment as the Central and South of the County, where it has already been agreed that two new swimming poll complexes be built at a cost of  $\in 10\text{m}$ . Central Government and the European Union are providing 80% of this and the Council is funding the balance.

## **Westside Waste Appeal**

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have expressed their disappointment at the decision of Westside Waste to appeal Kildare County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a waste processing centre at Blacklion, Maynooth, to An Bord Pleanala.

Westside Waste appealed the decision on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Deputy Stagg along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley will make observations to An Bord Pleanala in support of the Council's original decision to refuse permission.

The proposed facility is located just north of Parklands Housing Estate and to the west of Blacklion Housing Estate and will cause noise and odour nuisance to existing and future residents of the area if allowed to

proceed. The proposal would also have a negative impact on the Royal Canal which is at the southern boundary of the site.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley will be lodging their observations by October 29<sup>th</sup> which is the new statutory deadline on appeals.

In addition Cllr. McGinley has asked Kildare County Council to appeal the granting of a Waste Licence by the Environmental Protection Agency for the facility. He also asked the Council to pursue the excessive noise from the facility through the Courts under the Environmental Pollution Act and to seek the closure of the existing operation under the Waste Management Act

#### **Pound Street**

Cllr,. John McGinley has asked the Council to install additional public lighting in Pound Street and also to make the area "Residents Only" parking under the parking Bye Laws.

#### Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, 30mph Speed Sign

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to move the 30mph speed limit sign out beyond Lyreen Park on the Dunboyne Road.

# Removal of Hedge and Laying of New Footpath at Beaufield/Rathcoffey Road

The money allocated by Cllr. John McGinley for the removal of the old hedge, erection of new fence and the construction of a new footpath has been put to good use. Cllr. McGinley would like to advise the residents of Beaufield that he will be allocating further money early next year so that the fence can be doubled and a beech hedge planted between the fences, as in Moyglare Village.

# Maynooth Long Term Facility for the Elderly Opens

The long awaited opening of the Long Term Facility for older persons at The Harbour, Leinster Street, Maynooth, is over and 9 patients were admitted to the facility on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>. Additional patients will be admitted to the 50 bed facility as soon as the full staff compliment is available.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed this positive news and stated that the original opening date had been put back due to delays in staffing and he is particularly pleased that residents from Maynooth and North Kildare can now stay within their own community when they were no longer capable of independent living, rather than having to go to St. Vincent's Hospital in Athy or be at the mercy of overpriced privately run nursing homes.

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Deputy Stagg has been advised that the facilities available at the unit will include in addition to medical and nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, social work, dietician and recreational therapy. It will be a State of the Art facility for elderly people.

# Maynooth Post Primary School Extension - Being Examined To Death

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School.

The Minister in his response indicated that the Stage 3 Developed Sketch Scheme for the extension had been examined again in his Department and that they had sought further clarification from County Kildare VEC in relation to a number of issues.

This is the second time that Department Officials had sought clarification of matters in relation to Stage 3 and its obvious what they are at. They are putting off approving the extension in an effort to delay projects due to financial cutbacks.

In attempting to examine the proposal to death, the Government are penalising both students and teachers who are continuing to operate from prefabs whilst the school awaits the building of a further 10 classrooms.

Deputy Stagg will request County Kildare VEC to respond immediately to the Departments supposed issues and he will then apply further pressure on the Minister.

# Construction Work Remains Suspended Following Bridge Collapse

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in relation to the collapse of beams onto the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line at Collinstown, Leixlip on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that the contractor for the bridge has issued revised specifications for the completion of the bridge structure and these are at present being examined by larnród Éireann and the Railway Inspectorate. Pending consideration and approval by both bodies, work on site remains suspended. In addition, larnród Éireann's own internal inquiry is still ongoing.

Deputy Stagg has called for the results of the Inquiry to be made public to ease the fears of commuters using the Mavnooth Suburban Rail Line.

# Government Call Halt To Further Works At Maynooth Castle

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Environment in relation to funding for Phase 2 of the

Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle.

Minister Cullen responded by stating that 'no further works are envisaged at the Castle for the medium term'. This response contrasts starkly with the former Minister for Arts, Sile de Valera, who had responsibility for Maynooth Castle in the previous Government. In February 2002, former Minister de Valera stated, 'In relation to possible further works to the Castle itself, the position remains that my Department will assess the needs of the site in terms of visitor numbers and facilities once the exhibition is installed later this year and only then can a determination be made as to the level, if any, of additional works required to ensure its successful operation'.

Deputy Stagg is furious that the Government are now washing their hands of further Restoration Works under Phase 2, which would have provided a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium. The roof on the Keep of the Castle would have enabled visitors to walk around the top of the Castle.

What we now have is a half baked job which is unacceptable given the historic importance of Maynooth Castle.

Having squandered the boom, Fianna Fail are now dropping important projects throughout the County.

Deputy Stagg will continue to raise this issue with the Minister.

# Government Refuse 24 Hour Garda Station For North Kildare Covering Population of 40,239

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the new Minister for Justice concerning the provision of a 24 hour Garda Station in Maynooth to serve the towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge, which have a combined population of 40,239 according to the C.S.O. preliminary report on Census 2002.

The Minister, without even examining the issue, stated that there were no proposals to upgrade Maynooth Garda Station to a District Headquarters (24 Hour Station).

Deputy Stagg is aware of local Garda Authority support for the provision of a 24 hour Station in the North of the County. However, even this advice is being ignored.

With 25% of the population of County Kildare in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge, Deputy Stagg finds it remarkable that the three 24 hour Garda Stations in the County are located at Naas, Newbridge and Kildare Town with nothing for the North of the County in close proximity to Dublin criminals.

The provision of a 24 hour Garda Station in the North of the County would give a focus to the policing requirements of the area and ensure that additional resources were transferred to the area also. However, it seems from the Minister's response that North Kildare must continue to wait for the policing services it requires.

Deputy Stagg will continue to press the Minister on this important issue.

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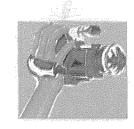
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