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# **Editorial**

The close result of the referendum in March was hardly surprising given the confusion that seemed to increase among voters as the campaign drew to a close. It seems certain that Irish people are unwilling to overturn the Supreme Court's decision on the X case. It is also certain that we have not heard the end of this and there is a need for legislation to deal with the outcome. Lawyers appear to agree that there are immense difficulties in drafting such a law. It was even suggested that the original 1983 amendment should be deleted from the Constitution. The decision to hold the referendum on a Wednesday seems to have been a cynical exercise in denying the large student population in the country their vote. Many of them still retain a vote at home and could not possible return mid-week as examination time is approaching. Is it coincidental that the speculative date for the forthcoming election is just prior to or during university examinations? Also, let us hope that all the referendum posters come down before the new batch arrives. Now that we are ridding the countryside of the dreaded plastic bag we should avoid littering the environment with posters and election literature.

The recent decision of An Bord Pleanála to deny planning permission for the building of 90 apartments in six three-storey block at Parson Lodge is to be welcomed. It was seen as being out of character with the pattern of development of the area and injurious to the amenities of those properties. The residents, local politicans and the Community Council united to oppose this proposal. The traffice on the Rathcoffey Road has already reached ludicrous proportions without the addition of 300 cars.

However not all proposed developments should be viewed in the same light. The plans for Kavanagh's Mill and the extension to the Tesco complex will turn Maynooth into the main retail town in North Kildare. But this will also bring additional traffic and it is imperative that the community receive the maximum benefit from the developers: the Ring Road should be completed to benefit locals and shoppers alike. The inclusion of a cinema to the Tesco complex would be a welcome additional resource to a town with a large population of teenagers and students.

The crowds watching the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year was a testimony to the interest that still exists in this event. It was smaller than usual but a credit to the committee that they achieved such a feat after the break of a year. It was encouraging to see the new businesses such as the Coffee Mill and the K 'n' B record shop taking part in the community event. Could we suggest that next year, with the advent of the Special Olympics, that the participants make a greater effort to dress the floats? Perhaps a Brazilian theme would be appropriate given the town's hosting of that particular country's team.

# Community Council Notes March Meeting

# Maynooth Community Council Notes

The March meeting took place on the 11th March, in the Glenroyal Hotel.

# **Co-options**

Des Matthews was co-opted back on to the Community Council.

#### Office

We now have 5 new people starting in the office. This brings the number of office staff to 15. The office staff were also thanked for selling the Newsletter at Tesco's.

# **Sub Committee Reports**

# Maynooth Community Facilities Group.

Ann Burns said that the Youth Forum Group and Maynooth Action Strategy will be holding a Public Meeting on the 15th April in the Glenroyal Hotel. They want all interested groups to attend.

# St. Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley thanked all involved with the Parade. He thanked all their sponsors (see article further on in this publication). He said they had failed to get the Army Band to come. Owen Byrne, Maynooth's Lord Mayor, will leade the Parade. He asked all Councillors to help out on the day.

# Special Olympics

Ronan Barry said there would be a bucket collection taking place at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This will be a combined collection with Maynooth Community Council.

After the Parade there would be a drag match in the G.A.A. This should be an event not to be missed. We are very grateful to the ladies in the G.A.A. for organising this event.

Ronan also said that a number of committees have now been formed to look after the needs of the athletes. There are a number of fund raising events planned also. He said one major event will be a Golf Classic to be held in Carton Demesne. This will take place on the 15th August and will be limited to 15 teams at ∈1000 per team. We are delighted at the great support that we are getting from Carton Estate for this event.

Also on the 19th April there will be a table quiz taking place in the G.A.A. Ronan said he will have a number

of fund raising events going on, on an ongoing basis and we will need everybodys support.

# **Tidy Towns**

Paul Croghan said plans for 2002 are being put together. They hope to continue putting up the hanging baskets in the town. Some areas in the town are causing problems to keep litter free. The path along the Straffan Road is causing big problems and needs to be looked at he said. They are also hoping to get into the medals this year.

John McGinley said that the pathway along the Straffan Road should be landscaped, but this would need public support

Richard Farrell said they would be cleaning up the area in front of the Church.

It was also noted that the area outside the Castle needs to be looked at. John McGinley said it was like a mud bath and maybe if there were high kerbs there it would keep out traffic and walkers.

#### **Local Matters**

Paul Croghan noted the dreadful vandalism done to the railings at the Geralding Hall. It was also noted that the site is in a dreadful state and also that there have been small fires in the building. However it was also noted that proceedings to have ownership transferred to Kildare County Council are underway.

# **Traffic Speeding Moyglare Road**

While the ramps at the school have been put in place, it was wondered when the others further up the road and the signs would be put in place. It was also felt that the size of some of the signs at entrances to estates are far too big. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council are re-considering sign design.

## **New Development at Tesco**

A major new development is planned at Tesco with retail outlets. The Tidy Towns welcomed this as it would make the entrance to the town better. It is also planned that there would be a new petrol station. Tom McMullon wondered would it bring more traffic problems. However, John McGinley said that the schools and College are causing most of the traffic problems in the town. He also said that the new development at Tesco and also the one at Kavanagh's are good for the town. It was also felt that a new development like Tesco's would benefit the town. A cinema was put forward as a big facility for the town. Also to write to Kildare County Council re Maynnoth Town Works improvement.

Padraig O'Murchú felt that with all the planning Maynooth should be made more walker friendly for people to get about. He also would like to see more

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# **Community Council Notes contd.**

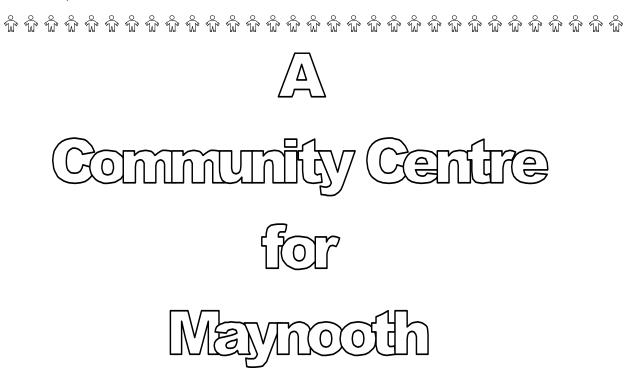
# (Maynooth Community Council Notes Contd.)

access to the town by the canal for pedestrians and cyclists, maybe ope up access to the new Tesco development from the canal. Paul Croghan said the new improved design for Kavanagh's was welcomed. It incorporates a much better building design he said.

# **Annual General Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on the 22nd April 2002 in the Glenroyal Hotel. As this is our A.G.M. a full attendance is requested.

Marie Gleeson, PRO.



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After missing out on last year as a result of the foot and mouth scare it was difficult to get the numbers of entries up to that of previous Parades. On the closing date for entries we had SIX participants, however, following tremendous effort by Christina Saults and her fellow Community Council workers we managed to get 31 floats on the day. On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge. Our other major sponsors were: Caulfields, Carton House and Golf Club, The Roost, Derrinstown Stud, INTEL and Airlie Stud.

I would also like to thank the following:

- Mattie Callaghan and Paul Kelly Transport for providing the reviewing stand.
- Elaine Bean, Leo Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matthew Callaghan, Liz Callaghan, Seamus Kennedy, Richard Farrell, Dominic Nyland, Willie Saults and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand.
- Tony Bean for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies at short notice.
- George O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.
- The Parish Hall Committee for providing chairs for the reviewing stand.
- Owen Byrne, our Lord Mayor, for leading the Parade and Robert Sherlock for driving Owen in the vintage VW Beetle.
- Jim McManus for the power supply for the public address system.
- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Minister Charlie McCreevy for being our guest speaker.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally, particularly at Greenfield Shopping Centre where the traffic was exceptionally difficult to control.
- The Glenroyal Hotel for providing tea and sandwiches for our guests.
- The Parade Committee and the members of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield estate for their continued co-operation.

All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.

# The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

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- 2. KNB Music
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**Ruane Conservatories** 

**Best Club Float** 

Maynooth GAA

**Best Band** 

**Narraghamore Pipe Band** 

**Best Marchers** 

**Maynooth Boy Scouts and Cubs** 

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John McGinley, Organiser, Maynooth's St. Patricks Day Parade 2002

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# Crooked House Theatre Company River Bank, Main St , Newbridge, Co Kildare

# CROOKED HOUSE TERRIFY WITH MACBETH

Crooked House Theatre Company, in association with Riverbank Arts Centre, will be staging a dynamic version of Shakespeare's great tale of blood and ambition from 10th to 13th April and also from 23rd to 25th May. The production takes place in Riverbank in Newbridge.

Macbeth is suitable viewing for all those studying the text for Leaving Cert but it is also great theatre in its own right. The famous play recounts how the warlord Macbeth, egged on by his wife and encouraged by the prophesies of the three witches, murders the king of Scotland and begins a reign of terror over the whole country. Macbeth will be played by Darren Donohue and Lady Macbeth by Yvonne O'Hara. The production is directed by Peter Hussey and designed by Ciaran Aspell.

In addition to the normal Show Time of 8.00pm, there are matinees at 11.00am on Thurs 23rd and Friday 24th May. Tickets are priced at  $\in$ 10 and  $\in$ 7.50 and these can be booked at Riverbank box office on 448333. Crooked House is also available to do with school groups (ring the company on 448309 or visit their website on www.crookedhouse.ie).

# KILDARE YOUTH THEATRE @ CROOKED HOUSE STAGE THEIR FIRST MAJOR SHOW

Kildare Youth Theatre was launched again by Crooked House in Newbridge in October of last year and it attracted over 30 young people from all over Kildare. They staged a one-night showcase on December 17th ( Tainted Love ) and now they are mounted their first production of the season. This will be Shakepere's classic comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream which will open on Monday 6th May and run for a week until Saturday 11th May in Riverbank, the county arts centre, in Newbridge.

The members of Kildare Youth Theatre are between 14 and 22 years of age and they receive training in acting, voice work, improvisation and physical comedy every Monday night from a team of professional actors and directors led by Darren Donohue and Yvonne O'Hara (both of whom take the lead roles in Crooked House's Macbeth in April and May). After a short break for June the youth theatre will work on a summer project and stage a rip roaring musical in August. Then it's back to actor training and professional development from October onwards. Anyone of suitable age can join the youth theatreapplications for places will be considered after the May production, and again in October.

A Midsummer Night's Dream concerns thre interwoven tales of love and mistaken identity. A group of lovers on the run from the city of Athens encounter a flock of mischievous fairies who in turn have caused havoc in the ranks of a collection of tradesmen rehearsing a play in the woods. It is Shakespeare's most performed comedy and certainly one of his crowd pleasers, with something for every taste thrown into the mix.

This production is directed by Darren and Yvonne and features all 35 of the young actors. It is a coproduction between Crooked House and Riverbank Arts Centre. Tictets at  $\in$ 10 and  $\in$ 7.50 from Riverbank box office at 045 448333. Further information about Crooked House's county-wide activities can be had from the company by calling 045 448309 or by asking the website at www.crookedhouse.ie .

Many thanks,

Peter Hussey Artistic Director.

#### APRIL

# Made in Kildare-A Time and Motion Dance Event

Made in Kildare is a three day dance event, which presents the vision and choreography of Cathy O'Kennedy in her role as Residence for County Kildare. Time and motion is a dance development initiative of the Arts and Library service of service of Kildare County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland.

# Thursday 4th Showcase Event 3.00pm

This afternoon's performance is a unique showcase providing access to, and information on, all of the dance works. A taster opportunity, see the work, meet the artists and design your own dance event! To attend contact fluxsdance at Riverbank (045) 448309, or call (045) 520264.

# Friday 5th & Saturday 6th Made in Kildare 8.00pm

∈10 / ∈7.50

Group rates available

This performance features three diverse dance theatre works, an inspired blend of the spiritual, the sciencntific and the downright quirky. **Bridie**,a work about Bridget, saint and goddess; **Morphic Fields**, inspired by the bog at Rathangan and those who worked there; and **You can't kill a button**, a new work promoted by an interview on the Gerry Ryan radio show which investigates phobias and their effect on peoples lives.

Video and text is a feature of the performance with music ranging from Luka Bloom to Lutoslawski.

# (Crooked House contd.)

#### Friday 5th

Launch of the Time and Motion Dance in Education information leaflet. Available for general distribution to all those interested in working with children through dance. The leaflet contains ideas, information and stimuli based on the residency project undertaken in schools in Kildare since 1988 including Chapters and Verse, The Vikings in Motion and the India Project.

#### Saturday 6th

The Magic of Dance 2.00pm to 4.00pm ∈3.00 Bringing the dance experienceto young audience (aged three and upwards) is the acclaimed Time and Motion interactive performance, and the children's dance preformance and workshop.

Wednesday 10th - Saturday 13th 8.00pm nightly 11th & 12th 11.00am matinee

# Macbeth by W. Shakespeare ∈10/∈7.50

Crooked House Theatre Co./Riverbank Arts Centre co-production "To be thus is nothing, but to be safely thus" Crooked House's production of Shakespeare's great tragedy of power and ambition is faithful to the text and intention of the poet, while none the less being inventive and startling. Macbeth is a co-production between Riverbank and Crooked House, and is accompanied by a series of workshops designed for secondary schools (for details of these, please contact the company on 045-448309). directed by Peter Hussey and designed by Ciaran Aspeel.

# Tuesday16th/ to Black Magic ∈9.00 / ∈6.00 Thursday 18th Slua Nua - VTOS Newbridge

Two hilarious one-act plays using story-telling to explore hidden truths

The Donahue Sisters by Gearldine Aron

A black comedy, concerning three sisters who meet after some years and re-enact a grisley secret from their childhood.

## Waiting for Margot by Peter Hussey

Shakespeare meets Beckett in a romp featuring two of the witches from Macbeth who encounter Godot.

Friday 19th Mary Coughlan ∈16.00/∈13.00 Mary Coughlan rose as if from nowhere, a housewife and mother who, at 29 began singing publicly. She immediately won a following with her first two albums: Tired and Emotional and Under the Influence. More recently, celebrated her triumph over lower points in her career and personal life with After The Fall. Underpinning her talent is her instinct for her survival and her talent is her surivial and hr love of the power of song. As Q Magazine started "Mary Coughlan sings with a hard intelligence, which binds spells"

## Saturday 20th Three Local Bands ∈6.00

Riverbank continues to encouragenew and emerging bands. Followling the success of the previous rock concert, We are proud to host this event featuring Kade, New Age Militia, and Linus

Wednesday 24th The Alexander Brothers ∈18.00 /∈ 14.00

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Friday 26th and Saturday 27th Some Voices by Joe Penhall ∈10/∈7.50 Purple Hearts Theartre Company

Directed by John O'Brien, "Some Voices" tells the story of Ray, a young Londoner with a mission to live an ordinary life, free from fear, from numbing medication and free from the tormenting voices in his head. Ray has schizophrenia. He is released into the care of his divorced brother, Pete, who really has more than enough to deal with in his life. Laura, an Irish girl lost in London, lives with Dave who loves her desperately and beats her violently. Ray stumbles between them and - through sheer persistence - develops a relationship with Laura. As the medication wears off and the passions accelerate Ray's world is set to explode into everybody's life....

Tuesday 30th McCool XXL ∈10/ ∈7.50 Big Telly Theatre Company





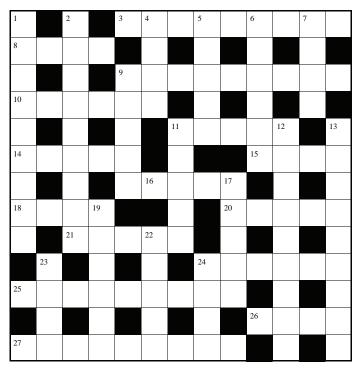
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# **Crossword No: 164**



Entries before: 14th April

Name \_

**Address:** 

Across: 3. Repulsive (9)

- 8. Follow (4)
- 9. Competition (9)
- 10. Look (8)
- 11. Skulk (5)
- 14. Big ship (5)
- 15. Origin (4)
- 16. Tap (5)
- 18. Silk belt (4)
- 20. Thread (5)
- 21. Taut (5)
- 24. Tic (6)
- 25. Catering (9)
- 26. Tramp (4)
- 27. Impecunious (9)

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Down: 1. Make steady (9)

- 2. Insincere (9)
- 4. Nail (4)
- 5. Senior (5)
- 6. Steering gear (6)
- 7. Observe (4)
- 9. Teller (5)
- 11. Strangle (5)
- 12. Contamination (9)
- 13. Support (9)
- 17. Familiar (5)
- 19. Fool (5)
- 22. Rope Fibre (5)
- 23. Incite (4)
- 24. Pitch (4)

#### Solution to Crossword No. 163

**Across:** 1 Regulation; 7 Lapse; 8 Shyness; 10 Resemble; 11 Fate; 13 Insane; 15 Cleric; 17 Tire; 18 Judicial; 21 Convert; 22 Units; 23 Betterment.

**Down:** 1 Ropes; 2 Gleaming; 3 Lastly; 4 Toys; 5 Open-air; 6 Altruistic; 9 Speechless; 12 Altitude; 14 Strange;

16 Muster; 19 Idiot; 20 Feat.

# **BIKE TO THE FUTURE**

# A Cycling Strategy for Maynooth

Due to increased traffic on our roads, travel and transportation have become common topics of conversation among the people of Maynooth. However, as congestion is a relatively recent problem in this country, we have the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others.

In Ireland, cycling is mainly seen as an activity for children. It is not generally viewed as a serious mode of transport except for fanatics or as a recreational activity for a minority of adults. To pedestrians and vehicle drivers, cyclists are seen as unpredictable at best and down right dangerous in many cases. However, governments across Europe are trying to increase the number of cyclists on the grounds of health, environment and sustainability. This is true not only where the culture of cycling is strong as in Holland and Denmark but also where the culture is weak as in the United Kingdom and Ireland. In the Greater Dublin Area, the Dublin Transportation Office, as part of its integrated transportation policy to reduce congestion to the levels of the early 1990s, has adopted a target 'to increase the proportion of short trips (up to 6km) made by bicycle to 30% by 2016'. As many of the journeys around Maynooth fall into this category, our community is faced with a simple choice between traffic congestion and cycling (or walking).

Modal choice is a measurement of how a community travels – by walking, by car, by cycle by bus etc. The measurement of modal choice by a community allows its performance to be quantified and comparisons to be made. A community, where the use of the car is limited and a more sustainable method of transportation is promoted, is seen by many as a desirable place in which to live and work.

Endorsed by Maynooth Action Strategy, *Bike to the Future* is a strategy document that seeks to promote cycling in Maynooth from the current level of less than 2% of selected journeys. The report looks at the existing cycling infrastructure. It examines cycling by young people to school, after-school and weekend activities. The level of cycling to religious services is also considered, as such journeys remain very much family based. The low level of cycling within the community in general is also reflected in the universities in Maynooth and lack of support by political parties for national networks serve to further weaken an already weak culture of cycling.

Bike to the Future recommends a Safe Routes to School programme for Maynooth. Safe Routes to School is a government-funded programme that encourages children to walk or cycle to school. Most adults, either as a parent or as a third party, will be familiar with a 'school run' where children are

chauffeured to school and in this regard Maynooth is no different from most other locations in Ireland and indeed across Europe. Traffic chaos at the start and finish of each school day affects not only the parents and pupils in question but also nearby residents who are subjected to additional noise and air pollution as well as congestion. Complaints have recently appeared in the Maynooth Newsletter about parking by parents on the footpaths outside schools, which is a risk to children who do walk or cycle and also an obstruction to prams and buggies. This, in conjunction with inadequacies in existing cycle tracks and lack of adequate crossing facilities, persuades other parents that it is dangerous to let their children walk or cycle, which leads to more parents driving. And so the circle continues - unless broken by a community working together.

Safe Routes To School has been in existence for up to thirty years in some countries and was originally proposed in Maynooth as a measure to lessen traffic congestion in the town, particularly during the morning peak. There are some people who undoubtedly interpreted this as meaning there would be less cars causing them delay. However, Safe Routes To School is not about increasing the vehicle speeds of remaining cars but about giving greater priority to cyclists and pedestrians. As there are, in general, high levels of cycle ownership and support for cycling among young people, the potential for an increased level of cycling is enormous. If the level of cycling in Maynooth were to match the highest level of schools in the U.K., there would be in excess of 600 cycles making their way to school on the Moyglare Road instead of some 20 as at present!

Undoubtedly, there are some families for whom cycling or walking is not an option but equally there are many who would welcome it - provided that legitimate concerns about personal safety and traffic are met. It should be pointed out, however, a child is 50 times more likely to be killed by a vehicle than by a stranger and that a reduction in accidents is an integral part of the programme. It is therefore ironic that parents who drive their children to school on the grounds of safety may unwittingly contribute to the future ill-health of their children. With the doubling of the level of obesity in Ireland within ten years and the spread of Diabetes Type 2 to children in the general population to this side of the Atlantic, some forecasters predict that the levels of obesity and associated long-term disabilities in Ireland will soon match those in America. Increased cycling, as part of a daily routine, contributes to a more active lifestyle and helps to counteract these trends.

Safe Routes To School is the cornerstone upon which Bike to the Future seeks to build community support in the promotion of cycling. If Maynooth is not included in Safe Routes To School, then community support and community action will be even more important. In these circumstances, Bike To the Future can still be advanced by (i) the development of school travel

## (Bike to the Future contd.)

plans, (ii) the implementation of low cost infrastructural improvements by Kildare County Council and (iii) additional measures as proposed in *Bike to the Future*.

A full copy of *Bike to the Future* is available in the offices of the Community Council and on the Maynooth website at <a href="www.maynooth-ireland.com">www.maynooth-ireland.com</a>. Other related websites on the related subject of transportation include:

www.saferoutestoschool.com www.sustrans.com

www.youngtransnet.org.uk

Maynooth Library also has *Bike to the Future* and other related Safe Routes To School material available for reference purposes.

This is the first of a series of articles on transportation issues, which will appear in the Newsletter over the coming months. Any opinion/comments on the issues raised will be greatly appreciated. Letters may be left in the offices of the Community Council, Beaufield or emails forwarded to the Maynooth website bulletin board.



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# Maynooth G.A.A. News

# **Underage Footbal Presentation**

An underage football presentation was held in Maynooth GAA clubhouse on Tuesday 26th of February to the club's U10 and U11 teams who won their leagues last year. Guest of honour for the night, Dr. Jim McDaid, Minister of Sport and Tourism, was unable to attend due to Dail business. The Minister was due to be on a tour of sporting facilities in Maynooth and was to include a stopover in the GAA club. The club were keen to get the Minister to the club to display their exciting plans for the new complex.

In his absence newly elected football chairman, Mick Flaherty did the honours with some 40 boys receiving medals. Also presented on the night were the player of the year awards with John Comerford U9, Brian Kerin U10, Sean Barrett U11 and Conor Canning U13 player of the year.

# **Underage Training**

With Spring and the long evenings upon us Saturday mornings at Maynooth GAA club are once more a hive of activity. With gaelic football, hurling and camogie on offer there can be up to 150 children learning the skills of our national games. But we are always looking for new recruits, so if anyone is interested in starting to play feel free to call up. Hurling and camogie takes place from 10:15 to 11:30 and football takes place from 11:30 to 12:45.

## Kildare Players

With the playing year only underway Maynooth GAA club is well represented at county level. The ladies are involved with Kildare in both football and camogie at county level. Antoniette Mooney and Simone Gilabert are both once more involved with the county footbal team while Michelle Gillick and Sharon Malone are on the camogie team. Dual player Karl Ennis is on the Kildare U21 team while we have 3 players on the county minor team. They are Alan Sweeney, David Comerford and Fergal Molloy with club member Gerry Lohan as part of the team management.

# **U14 Football Feile**

## Maynooth 4-08 Naas 5-01

In this feile match played at Naas on Saturday the 2nd March last, Maynooth got off to a slow start and were 1-01 to 0-00 down after only ten minutes. From then until half time Maynooth dominated scoring 2-02, however Naas did reply with a goal shortly before half-time, which left the score at the interval 2-02 to 2-01 in Maynooth's favour. The excitement continued in the second half with scores being exchanged but as Naas approached full time they held a three point lead and in the closing minutes looked like likely winners, but the Maynooth spirits rose when Mikey Gillick went on a 40 metre solo run and found the back of the net

bringing the sides level. After the resulting kick out final time was blown. The score stood at Maynooth 3-05 Naas 4-01. Extra half of ten minutes per side was played and finally Maynooth prevailed and finished winners by three points.

Maynooth: Michael Fox, James Molloy, Philip Macaroon, Peter Warren, Matthew O'Gorman, David Corbett, Sean Durcan, Jonathon Galvin (1-0), Mikey Gillick (1-0), Ronan O'Malley, Jeffrey Walshe (0-1), Thomas Donnelly, Paddy Comerford (1-0), Sean Sinclair (0-6), Chris Moynan.

Subs: Fintan Daly, Alex Cash (1-1), Chris O'Connor. Best for Maynooth: Peter Warren, Sean Sinclair, Mikey Gillick, Sean Durcan.

# Minor Football Div One Maynooth 2-6 Na Fianna 0-10

The Maynooth Minors got their league campaign off to a winning start with a win over Na Fianna in Maynooth. The pitch was in reasonable condition after the atrocious weather over the previous two weeks. With both teams evenly matched throughout the game Maynooth took the upper hand and were marginally ahead at half time with a finely finished goal from half forward Paul Broughan. Both Na Fianna and Maynooth missed goal opportunities and Maynooth eventually found the net for the second time with another Paul Broughan ball while points from Gary McMahon, Alan Sweeney and Paul Broughan ensured victory for the Maynooth side. Overall a solid team performance was displayed by the Maynooth lads.

Team: Fergus Devereux, Stephen Curran, Colin O'Neill, Fergal Molloy, Tadgh O'Corcora, David Comerford, Brian Downey (0-1), Alan Sweeney (0-2), Paul Broughan (2-02), Ciaran McCullough, Fintan O'Donoghue, Stephen kane, Gary McMahon (0-1).

Subs: Brian Downes for Stephen Curran.

# **Fundraising Night**

The underage hurling and camogie mentors ran a very successful fundraising night in the clubhouse recently to raise funds towards the subsidising of underage hurling and camogie for the coming season. Music was by the well known ballad band "BORU" with a special treat for the interval act in the form of "RIVERDANCE". Well known local dancing teacher, Catherine Flaherty put on a superb show of Irish Dancing with the cream of the crop from her dance school. Well done to Catherine, the young gentleman and all the young ladies. The whole night was put together by Catherine's husband Tommy, who is already planning his next fundraising night.

#### **Membership Fees**

Just to remind all members that their subscriptions are due on April 1st. Membership fees are now more important than ever with the present development plans that are in place. There is family, couple, and student memberships available. Also there will be a juvenile registration night held in April. if you want a

#### (Maynooth G.A.A. News Contd.)

say in the running of your club you must be a member. Membership fees can be paid to club registrar Madeline Stynes or any member of the executive.

# **Lotto Winner**

Maynooth GAA club had another winner of it's weekly lotto on Sunday the 10th March when local school teacher, Tony Murphy, won the Jackpot worth ∈1,400. Tony is a teacher in the Boy's National School in Maynooth and was sold the ticket by his co-worker Domnic Nugent. Domnic is a well known seller of lotto tickets in Maynooth and it's the second jackpot winner he sold in the Boy's National School. Tony teaches 6th class and he also trains a Gaelic football team in the school. He is married with 2 children and he resides in Celbridge. This is the 4th winner of the club's lotto since November and the draw takes place every Sunday night in the clubhouse.

# **Charity Match**

Maynooth GAA club put on a charity football match, on St. Patrick's Day, in aid of the Special Olympics. But this was no ordinary game, it was a "Drag Match". Yes some of Maynooth's finest young and not so young players donned their blouses, skirts and handbags to raise money for a great cause. A truly memorable and entertaining occasion, watched by a large crowd who congregated on the club after the parade. The game was marred with a violent incident, when someone was struck with a handbag but luckily the local amublance service was on hand to administer first aid. Organised by the lady footballers who also supplied the outfits, make up and some "Dutch Courage" for the players. Chairman of the Maynooth Branch of the Special Olympics, Ronan Barry, thanked the club for their support and said that every penny raised at this stage of the campaign was very important. Maynooth GAA club was glad to be involved in the Special Olympics and would make their facilities available at any time for this cause. As the largest sporting organisation in the town, there is an obligation on the club and it's members to give Ronan and his committee every support possible to make this sporting event and the visit of the Brazilian team a truly memorable one.

# Aidan Sinnott Maynooth GAA Club PRO

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# Maynooth ICA Caoga Bliain

The March 2002 meeting of the Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Associations welcomed new members. Are you new to Maynooth or would you like to increase your social circle? Come along on the first Thursday of April or May. The Scrabble group meet three Wednesday each month. Would you like to play? Designing and making a banner for the Community Games is a new project on Monday craft-night.

International Night, focusing on Turkish food with Marian O'Donnell and a slide show narrated by Tom Kelly, was appreciated by the guild. Tuesday night talks at St.Patrick's College continue on 12 April when sculptor Marian O'Donnell discusses her work. Proceeds from the talks go to the Alzheimer's Society. Mary McNamara and Maeve Moloney participated in the Ecumenical Service at Kill church for the deceased members of the Kildare Federation. Individual members attended the Women's World Day of Prayer international and interdenominational service at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Maynooth on 1st March. Two members took part in the public consultation on national plan for women (2001-2005) at City West Hotel in Saggart, County Dublin on 19th March. Members of the guild in Maynooth on Daffodil Day were pleased to accept your donations towards very essential cancer research. Thank you to all who helped by collected and by donating.

The guild entered a team in the quiz in aid of the convent primary school. Three Maynooth teams participated in the County Kildare heat of the quiz sponsored by Bird's Eye. The team of Teresa Brennan, Helen Doyle, Mary McMamara and Maeve Moloney tied for third place. Helen Doyle is leader of Tuesday walks. Badminton has resumed.



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# **FEATURES**

## **APRIL IN THE GARDEN**

#### Flowers:

Sow hardy annual seeds where they are to flower, in previously prepared ground, either in a border of their own or as fillers among other plants. Remove the dead heads from flowering bulbs. Apply a foliar feed to the leaves and bulbs to encourage them to flower the following year. Plant out forced bulbs in bowls when they have finished flowering and been hardened off. These will add to the garden display next spring. Plant out dahlia tubers as soon as the ground is workable. Continue to plant gladioli corms and lily bulbs, also other bulbous plants such as ranunculus, anemones, montbretias and nerines. At the end of the month, plant out hardened-off chrysanthemum cuttings. Lift and divide hardy chrysanthemums which have wintered outdoors-replant young healthy pieces immediately and discard old and central pieces. Continue to water outdoor plants in containers in sheltered areas.

# Trees, Shrubs and Climbers:

If the pruning of roses, winter-flowering shrubs, and those which flower on this year's growth, was not completed last month, finish it as quickly as possible. Plant out pot-grown clematis and prune back. All climbers and wall shrubs should have new growth tied in as they appear. Hoe carefully round root areas, remove weeds, and mulch. Shallow-rooting plants, such as magnolias and rhododendrons, are best not hoed but given a deep layer of mulch over the roots - use acid peat for rhododendrons.

#### Fruit:

Spray all fruits with insecticides and fungicides to control pests and diseases when the flowers are not fully open-spray before bud-burst or after petal fall. Lightly prune newly-planted plums and established figs, and disbud at intervals the sideshoots of fan-trained peaches and nectarines when marble-sized to allow the remainder to develop fully. Remove the flowers from newly-planted fruit trees and bushes to prevent them fruiting this year. This helps build up their strength for the following year. Water container grown plants and weed the borders.

# Vegetables:

Continue successional sowings of most vegetable crops, including lettuces, radishes, chicory, endive and parsley, either where they are to mature or in seedbeds. Start sowings of root crops such as carrots, beetroot, parsnips, swedes and turnips. Thin out or transplant seedlings of vegetables sown last last month. Stake peas and beans. Earth-up early potatoes and plant main crop cultivars. Plant out vegetables raised earlier under glass and which have been well hardened. Sow seeds of annual and perennial herb. Spray against pests and diseases as soon as they are noticed.

# **Under Glass:**

The majority of houseplants will now need more water and a liquid feed. In greenhouse, thin out seedlings of half-hardy plants sown in March. Gradually harden them off by moving them to cold-frames. Rooted cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias and fuchsias should now be hardened off in frames for May planting. Plant greenhouse tomatoes into a soil-bed, pots or grow-bags. Sow hardy tomatoes for planting outdoors during the summer. Thin out and start to harden off celery for planting out in May. Ventilate the greenhouse more freely now and lower the temperature (unless frost is forecast). Water plants regularly in greenhouses to prevent them drying out. Spray or fumigate the plants against pests and diseases.

#### Lawns:

Lawns can be given a spring clean, by first raking (provided there is no moss), then topping with razor-sharp mower blades, and following with spiking and the first feed. Where there is moss, spring is a good time to treat it with lawn sand, but a more long-lasting remedy is to improve the soil drainage or plant food content, that the grass always grows strongly.

#### **Herb Garden:**

In some parts of the country it is possible to sow seeds of herbs out of doors this month, but if the garden is a chilly one or the soil heavy, it is better to sow in the greenhouse. Parsley is always said to be slow to germinate, but in warm soil it comes up just as quickly as the other herbs and an out-of-doors sowing of it in April will produce more plants in the long run than a March one. Dill, coriander, sorrel, chives, sage, sweet marjoram and summer savory all germinate easily.

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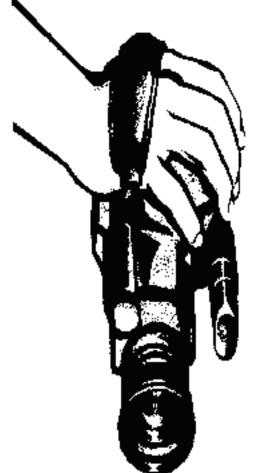
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# **Maynooth Citizens Information Centre**

## Question

I have a Medical that covers both myself and my wife. I will be 70 later this year and I understand that I will then have a Medical Card that will only cover myself. Is this true?

#### Answer

No. Your Medical Card will continue to cover both yourself and your wife providing you still satisfy the means test.

You and your wife are currently entitled to a Medical Card based on your joint means. The Medical Card income guidelines for the over 70s, effective from 1st January 2002, are as follows:

Age	Single Person Living Alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married couple
70-79	285.00	246.50	427.00
80 years or over	300.50	258.00	449.00

Providing you still qualify based on your means when your Medical Card is next reviewed you will retain your existing medical card and it will continue to cover your wife.

If your means exceed the income guidelines and you no longer qualify you could apply for a Medical Card based on your age. Since July 2001 all persons aged 70 or over are entitled to a Medical Card irrespective of income. However, only you will be covered. Your wife will not be covered by your Medical Card.

If your circumstances changed and your wife subsequently applied for a Medical Card to cover herself based on your joint means, the income guidelines and you no longer qualify you could apply for a Medical Card based on your age. Since July 2001 all persons aged 70 or over are entitled to a Medical Card irrespective of income. However, only you will be covered. Your wife will not be covered by your Medical Card.

If your circumstances changed and your wife subsequently applied for a Medical Card to cover herself based on your joint means, the income guidelines that would apply would be those for the over 70s even though she is still under 70 years of age.

Further is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

# Question

I believe a student attending an education course can be awarded social insurance contributions if they need them to claim a benefit when they start working. Can you please give the details?

# **Answer**

You are referring to Student Credits that you can apply for in certain circumstances.

Credited contributions or credits are social insurance contributions that are awarded to an insured person. Credits are awarded in circumstances such as unemployment or illness. These credits may enable you to qualify for a social welfare benefit.

#### (Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Contd.)

When you start working for the first time you are awarded Pre-entry Credits. These credits are given from the beginning of the income tax year in which you start work up to the date you start work and for the two previous income tax years. You are therefore awarded between two and three years credited contributions. Where a student attending secondary school starts a part-time job they are awarded Pre-Entry credits.

If you have worked before and then you start on a fulltime education course e.g. third level, you may be awarded Student Credits should they be required in order to qualify for a benefit when you start working again. To be eligible you must have

- worked before starting the course and paid Class A PRSI
- started the course before reaching age 23
- entered full-time employment on leaving the course

When applying for the credits you must provide a statement from the college confirming that the course was full-time and giving the dates of attendance. You will also have to provide verification of the date of entry/re-entry into full-time employment.

Students Credits are awarded in a similar manner to Pre-Entry Credits and are only awarded once.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 01 6285477.

## Question

We are fostering a child with a disability and are considering having our car adapted. Will we be eligible for the disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Tax Relief Scheme?

#### **Answer**

Providing the child meets the medical criteria and you are fostering him/her on a long-term basis you should be eligible for the tax relief.

People with a physical disability who have a Primary Medical Certificate from their health board and who use a specially adapted motor vehicle, either as a driver or as a passenger, are entitled to claim exemption from paying Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) and Value Added Tax (VAT) on their vehicled up to a maximum of  $\in$ 9,525 if they are claiming as a driver and  $\in$ 15,875 if they are claiming as a passenger. They may also get a repayment of the duty on petrol or diesel they have used up to a maximum of  $\in$ 600 a year.

A family member who is responsible for the transport of a disabled passenger is also entitled to claim the relief providing the person is living with him/her. Where the passenger is a child who is in residential care or medical care on a part-time or occasional basis but who spends a significant part of his time at home, such as every weekend and holidays, the family member may still be eligeble for the relief.

Vehicles for which relief on VRT and VAT have been granted can not be disposed of for at least two years. Therefore to avail of the relief the foster placement with you must be long-term. You will require a letter from the health board stating that the placement is long-term. Providing you can verify the nature of the foster placement and a Primary Medical Certificate can be obtained for the child you should be able to claim the relief.

Further Information is available from the Disabled Drivers Section, Central Repayments Office, Freepost, Coolshannagh, Monaghan, Tel: (047) 38010 and from the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 01 6285477.

# Question

I know that under the scheme of Early Retirement from Farming the Farm Retirement Pension is reduced by whatever social welfare pension is also being paid. Does this apply to all social welfare pensions?

#### Answer

When the scheme came into effect in November 2000 it did apply to all pensions. However, following a recent change it may not necessarily apply to the Widow's and Widower's (Contributory and Non-Contributory) Pension.

The Farm Retirement Scheme encourages farmers aged between 55 and 66 to retire from farming and transfer their lands to a younger farmer. Farmers who retire and meet the conditions of the scheme qualify for a Farm Retirement Pension. Under the scheme the Farm Retirement Pension is reduced by any social welfare payment payable, which may include qualified adult, child dependent and living alone allowances.

Up to recently those receiving a Widow's and Widower's Pension, whatever their age, had their retirement pension reduced by their social welfare payment. It has now been announced that those under the age of 66 on Widow's and Widower's Pension will not have it deducted from their Farm Retirement Pension. In addition, those who are already in the scheme will have the money that was deducted from them since they joined, refunded to them.

# (Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Contd.)

This will be done automatically by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development without having to apply for the refund.

The social welfare pensions which will now be deducted from the Farm Retirement Pension are as follows:

- Old Age (Contributory) Pension
- Old Age (Non Contributory) Pension
- Retirement Pension
- Invalidity Pension
- Blind person's Pension
- Widow's and Widower's (Contributory) Pension (aged 66 or over)
- Widow's and Widower's (Non-Contributory)
   Pension (aged 66 or over)
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# **Early Irish Society**

# **Temporary Separation**

There are eleven circumstances in which a married couple may separate without fine and penalty from either party. This is not marital separation as we know it today however. Two of the separations are permanent, death and the husband joining the priesthood. The husband may also leave in normal circumstances to go on a pilgrimage, to look for a friend across the border, to enter a ship or to take part in a vengeance-slaying. Either partner can be brought on sick-maintenance if injured by a third party. (This will be discussed later.)

But the last reason for a temporary separation seems to our eyes extraordinary. If either party is infertile, the other may go away "to seek a child". The husband may leave her temporarily to impregnate another woman in a lower form of marriage. But also the wife of an infertile husband may leave temporarily and become pregnant by another man. In such cases the child is treated as the husband's. The law says 'to every cuckold belongs his (i.e. his wife's) child unless it is bought from him (by the actual father).'

## The Maternal Kin (Máithre)

Another feature of life in early Ireland was the importance of the mother's family. It is noteworthy that the link between the mother and her kin never broke completely. This is understandable in the context of multiple marriages contracted by both parties. It is understood that the woman could return home between marriages. Women then originally belong to their natal kin and on marriage they were involved in two different kin-groups - her natal kin and husband's kin. Unlike other counties she never terminates connection with her own kin. This affects many different aspects of her life depending on status and standing as a wife.

The maternal kin had an interest in feuds and the power to forbid some contracts, for example they could object to an arranged fosterage made with fosterparents of whom it disapproved. If a son or daughter is killed illegally (whether as child or adult) they are entitled to a payment equivalent to one seventh of the entire compensation. If this is not paid the male members of the kin are obliged to join in a blood-feud against the culprit. They are legally obliged to intervene if the fosterage is improperly carried out. It is probable that it was the maternal uncle who is expected to have a particular interest in the rearing of his nephews and a special relationship is recognised with the 'sister's son'. In certain cases they had no responsibility for the child - if the woman were insane, a slave, sick or the child is begotten against the will of the woman's father or by rape. Such children are sole responsibility of paternal kin.

The various sexual unions are distinguished mainly by the legal recognition of the maternal kin. The kindred 'binds' the woman to the husband and they must recognize the union to maintain an interest in the children. Children bind the kindred together and the death of the child may be avenged by both kindred. Early Irish kinship contained both an agnatic or patrilineal element and also an element which was bilateral - that the maternal kin of a man could be important in certain cases of royal descent.

Unions vary from the most honourable position of the principle wife to the least honourable status like rape where there is no consent and also abduction to which the woman may consent but the kin does not. The most honourable union was that in which the woman was given by her kin, usually represented by the father or a brother, to the groom.

It is the principle wife whose break with her maternal kin is the greatest. When she had sons and if she had 'inheritable goods', a third went to her kin and two thirds to her sons. This excludes her husband completely and shows again the temporary nature of early Irish marriage. In case of death, her honour-price or body-fine was payable to both kindred. But if this principle wife had no sons, her inheritable goods were divided between her kin and her husband.

In the case of the next grade of wife, the 'woman who was not betrothed by the kin but whose union is not forbidden', two-thirds of her assets or her liabilities went to her kin and one third went to her sons. Therefore her relationship with her natal kin is seen as being stronger than that of the principle wife.

In the third grade of wife, the 'woman who has been abducted in defiance of her father or her kindred' another scenario emerges. In this case, all her assets go to her own kin and any liabilities are laid upon her abductor. A woman is the link between her past natal kin and her future that lies with her sons. She relates generations.

The terms relating to children change according to the status of the wife. A principle wife has 'sons', a woman of recognition has a 'womb-kindred', a woman whose union is not recognized has only 'belly-kindred'. For the principle wife her sons are the main way for her to integrate into society. But for the woman who eloped her sons provide no connection through her, they are the liability of their father.

A man's kin was stable and his wife gives him alliance with her lineage but he never belonged to it. A woman's kinship was much less stable. Even in the case of a female heir her sons could not inherit and her inheritance reverted to her own kindred.

The maternal kin's interest in the children is subordinate but there were cases in which they had all the responsibility for rearing the child, if the women were prostitutes or the father was incapable for example. This could also occur if he were of unsound mind, a priest or a slave. This is also the case if the children belong to a woman of their kin and the father was an alien. Alien in this context refers to an outsider. One text distinguishes between the 'grey wolf' (cú glas) who is an alien from abroad such as a 'briton' (albanach) and the 'non-native' (ambue) who comes from another kingdom within Ireland. In this

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maternal kin takes over the role of the paternal kin. This may have been a voluntary responsibility but they would probably be disgraced if they refused to care for the son of their kinswoman. Apparently this son only received the inheritance of a 'sister's son'. A law tract on inheritance implies that recognition of a son in the case of alien fathers depends on the maternal kin, he can gain 'recognition by her kinsmen'.

There are circumstances where the mother's family is exempt from the duty of joint-fosterage. If the child is that of bondmaid, the result of a violation by force or by stealth, if the mother is a woman the family repudiates, if she is deaf, blind, insane, a female satirist, a servant or the child is the offspring of a 'stranded person'.

The in-law relationship (*clemnas*) was that primarily between men and it had a different meaning for men and women. Women are typically not seen as a participant. She relates men; but she herself is not related. Her connection with her husband's father is only of secondary importance.

What marks Irish kinship as different is that women never quite leave their natal kin. Adomnán writes of Columba's family and concentrates on his maternal kin giving that of his mother and his mother's father thus showing the nobility of both parents. The relationship between mother's brother and sister's son is central to the picture of Columba's kin. There are female genealogies in the collections although they are not common and the 12<sup>th</sup> century text *The lore of Women (Banshenchas)* is of utmost importance in outlining the marriage relationships of the nobility, particularly in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Finally, the case of the unmarried woman. The head of the kin can take responsibility if her father dies and receives half her bride-price if she marries and would also be liable for her fines.

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Aaron O' Callaghan, aged 4, enjoying the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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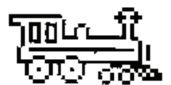
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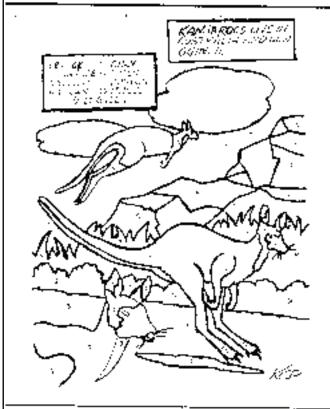


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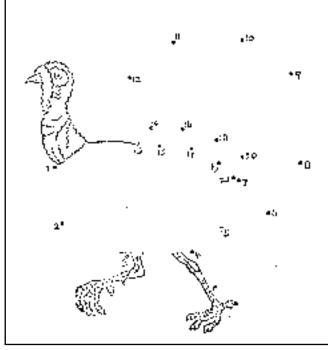




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# **Murder of the Month**

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A huge scandal was about to unfold and a serial killer revealed. A horrific discovery had been made. All the bodies contained the poison pyralion. An arrest was made. The killer was a nurse. In the days before Shipman and other medical serial murderers, little was understood of the motive of such killers. France was shocked. In the years after the First World War, the nurse was a revered professional. They were considered angelic after their ministrations to the wounded soldiers. This was a crime that created a national sensation. Within two years the nurse, Antoinette Scieri, was infamous throughout Europe as a murderess. She carried out her activities in the small village of Saint-Gilles on the edge of the Camargue.

Five years earlier she had arrived in the village with a man called Joseph Rossignol. They became notorious drinkers and brawlers and Antoinette often had a black eye from the beatings that Joseph gave her.

When war broke out in 1914 Antoinette was in France with her parents who had arrived from Italy looking for work but little is known of her before that. She trained as a nurse and went to a casualty clearing station at Doullens just as the opposing forces were preparing for a long period of trench warfare. She quickly found that there were hidden benefits to nursing. Many of the soldiers were unconscious are she carried out her duty to wash them before their treatment. Antoinette carefully searched their pockets and took whatever valuables they possessed. When the losses were later discovered, she simply stated that they may have been disposed of with the filthy and torn uniforms. She paid particular attention to the many British soldiers that passed through the station.

But she became over-confident of her abilities to fool the authorities. Detectives were put in place to watch her and eventually she over-stepped the mark. She stole an officer's pay book and tried to obtain 5,000 franks from the army bankers. On other occasions she would write to the families of the soldiers, saying that they were unable to write themselves and she would ask for money. Some families were fooled into sending cash. But the forgery finally sent her to jail.

When she was released the war was over and she found it hard to get work. She met and married a man called Salmon by whom she had two children. But she managed to put them all behind her and we know little of how she left her family. Her husband was none to happy to find out that she was sleeping with a variety of other men, including the aforementioned Joseph with whom she arrived in Saint-Gilles.

Joseph found work in the vineyard and Antoinette bought a nurse's uniform and began her work again.

She offered her services as a home nurse and she earned a very good reputation at her work. Then she fell pregnant and gave birth to a little girl in 1922. The villagers trusted her even more after this, seeing motherhood as proof that she knew her profession as nurse and midwife. She went back to work quickly and her reputation again increased as her patients seemed to recover quickly and the local doctor was pleased. Just before Christmas 1924 she was nursing a 60-year-old laundress Mme. Drouard who was extremely annoyed at being bedridden. Antoinette assured her that she would soon be on her feet again. The doctor was pleased with the progress his patient was making but suddenly, on December 11<sup>th</sup>, the laundress collapsed and died. The death certificate said that it

but suddenly, on December 11<sup>th</sup>, the laundress collapsed and died. The death certificate said that it was heart failure. No one questioned the death and Antoinette next attended a couple who were both ill. She looked after the Lachapelle husband and wife with the same care she had shown elsewhere. On Christmas night Mme. Lachapelle died in a coma after having convulsions. The doctor signed the certificate saying that she died of ptomaine poisoning that was common before the advance of modern drugs. But two days later the doctor arrived in the house to find that M. Lachapelle was also dead. The doctor concluded that it was the same cause of death and attributed it to ptomaine poisoning again. Nurse Scieri was paid and she went home.

Christmas in the house was very unhappy with Joseph going on an almighty binge and Antoinette decided that she had had enough of the beatings and the bruising. She made a wonderful meal of moules marinieres. Two days later Joseph was writhing around in pain and Antoinette seemed very distressed. Her friend Rosalie Gire witnessed this and when Rossignol died she said that Antoinette threw herself across the body in grief. This was quite an impressive act from a woman who had become accustomed to such performances. Rosalie burst into tears along with her

Shortly after this death, Antoinette was asked by the woman upstairs to care for her sister Marie Martin. When she heard that money was scarce she offered to care for her free of charge. The sisters were very impressed and grateful. Indeed Nurse Scieri had a reputation for being indifferent to payment. After some days, Antoinette brought coffee to the two women. The patient Marie Martin drank her cup but her sister, the widowed Mme. Doyer found it very bitter and poured it away unknown to Nurse Scieri. Marie Martin died four days later after she had eaten a meal of shellfish that the nurse had cooked for her.

Shortly afterwards a Mme. Gouan-Criquet took ill and her husband took the nurse to look after her. The 75-year-old woman died within 2 days. On this occasion the doctor was not happy to sign the certificate of death and the police were called to the house. They found a medicine bottle under the bed containing a mixture of ether and pyralion. This contained acetate of lead and they used it in the vineyards to kill weeds. If humans take this it would produce the symptoms

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There was enough liquid in the bottle to kill 300 people.

When the exhumations were ordered the nurse had already moved on to her next intended victim – a Mme. Mirman. The patient's husband found an unidentified bottle in the house and became suspicious. It was sent away for analysis and found to contain digitalis that comes from the foxglove. It can be used for heart disease in tiny doses but an overdose was lethal. Antoinette was arrested.

Her reaction was under-stated to say the least. She casually admitted poisoning five people and her friend Rosalie Gire was charged along with her. Rosalie was acquitted and took the stand against her former friend. Antoinette blamed Rosalie for all the murders, saying that she planned them all and suggested that she kill her husband, Rossignol. She also suggested that the killings were for robbery and that Gire had slept with her husband.

The trial took place a year after the events and it was a colourful affair with the former friends screaming and shouting at one another and both obviously lying. The judge was extremely annoyed and said that criminal history contained few criminals like her. She was sentenced to death but this was commuted to hard labour for life, following many precedents of its kind.







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Wider Options PLC offers courses to full time homemakers while V.T.O.S. caters for people who are in receipt of social welfare payments for a minimum of six months. The majority of participants who complete their courses move onto employment with a minority progressing to 3<sup>rd</sup> level education. Most participants come from Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock, Clane, Ardclough, Lucan and Clonsilla. In the last two years the groups were delighted to welcome students from Somalia, Angola, Kenya, The Congo, Cameroon and China. Students from Maynooth include Brian Tracey, Old Greenfield, Ann Comerford, Greenfield Drive, Charlotte Quinn, Greenfield and Mary Guinan, Parson's Lodge.

Mr. Noel Dalton, Adult Education Organiser with Co. Kildare V.E.C. presented the awards to the recipients, and the Students Council organised light refreshments and entertainment. This consisted of drama sketches and music performed and sung by the students themselves.

Leixlip V.T.O.S./Wider Options PLC operate under Co. Kildare VEC's adult education initiative and are based in Scoil Eoin Phoil, Green Lane, Leixlip. Wider Options PLC is also affiliated to Confey College.

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Pictured below are students from VTOS at the Awards night that took place on Tuesday night







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# Maynooth Action Strategy Bike to the Future – a cycling strategy for Maynooth

#### **Foreword**

Maynooth Action Strategy is a partnership umbrella group with a steering group composed representatives from the four major commercial, educational and community organisations in the town: Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Chamber of Commerce, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, and Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, It has as an objective the creation and implementation of a development strategy for Maynooth incorporating social, economic, recreational and infrastructural aspects. The vision that Maynooth Action Strategy has for improving the quality of life in the town was incorporated in a strategic blueprint entitled Maynooth: choosing a future, which was published two years ago. This blueprint was acted upon by the identification of specific projects, through a series of public workshops, which was outlined in the document Maynooth: the next steps. These project actions are now either at the implementation stage or have been implemented. In Autumn 2001, Maynooth Action Strategy held a public meeting, which resulted in the institution of four including a sub-committees, Planning Development committee. This committee has transportation within its remit and one of the suggestions that followed from the public meeting was a "Safe Routes To School" project. This document outlines Maynooth Action Strategy's vision for this

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#### **Executive summary**

Safe Routes to School is a government-funded programme to encourage cycling and walking because of concerns about the increasing use of cars. These concerns are based on safety, health, environmental and sustainability grounds. Safe Routes To School looks at entire routes from home to school, identifies areas of high risk and develops proposals to minimize the risk of an accident.

Safe Routes To School in Maynooth was originally proposed as a measure to lessen traffic congestion in the town, particularly during the morning peak but the study evolved to the wider issue of why the overall level of cycling is currently less than 2 %. The study looked at the existing cycling infrastructure. It examined cycling by young people to school, afterschool and weekend activities. In contrast to other journeys, which were centred on young people, the level of cycling to religious services was also considered, as such journeys remain very much family based. The low level of cycling within the community

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in general was also reflected in the universities and lack of support by political parties for national networks serve to further weaken an already weak culture of cycling.

Bike to the Future is a strategy, which seeks to build on Safe Routes To School, to promote cycling within the wider Community of Maynooth. It recommends actions by Maynooth Action Strategy and by Kildare County Council. The foundation stone of that strategy is the inclusion of Maynooth as the first choice of Kildare County Council in the next Safe Routes To School Programme.

### Introduction

- There are many different indices that can be used to define a community how that community views itself and is viewed by others. One such index is modal split, which measures how people travel about by car, by foot or other means. Of particular interest and concern is the modal split for "short" journeys on account of the increasing use of the private car for distances that people would have walked or cycled some twenty years ago. These concerns are on safety, health, environmental and sustainability grounds.
- This document began as a response to increasing traffic congestion, and particularly in considering a "Safe Routes to School in Maynooth" as a means of reducing the congestion caused by ever increasing numbers of school going children being driven to and from school. It evolved from that into the consideration of factors that result in the current low levels of cycling.
- Part 1 of this report discusses existing levels
  of cycling facilities in the Community of
  Maynooth. Part 2 examines "Safe Routes To
  School" and other school / cycling related
  issues. Part 2 also briefly examines the role of
  walking in a "Safe Routes To School" project.
  Part 3 of this document sets out a number of
  proposals and recommendations, which
  Maynooth Action Strategy consider to be the
  most appropriate way forward for this project.

# Part 1 The Community of Maynooth and cycling

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The first part of this document examines the current use of cycles as a mode of transport in Maynooth - to/from schools, sports and in the wider community. It looks at facilities that promote and more

importantly militate against cycling and refers to developments by cycling groups that may impact on Maynooth.

### 2. Infrastructure

- 2.1 In Maynooth, there are three isolated sections of off-road cycle route that is where cyclists are separate from motorised traffic: first, on the Straffan Road, a section 1.30 km (0.80mls) in length was constructed between the Royal Canal and the N4 interchange; a second section, 0.45 km (0.27 mls) in length, was constructed along the Main Street between Parson Street and the Old Dunboyne Road; third a relatively short section has just been completed opposite Parsons Hall.
- 2.2 Usage of the cycle tracks varies. While cyclists are often to be observed on the Straffan Road section, discontinuity with the Main Street cycle track discourages many younger cyclists.
- 2.3 The Main Street cycle tracks are rarely used. At the junction of Main Street and Straffan Road, the track is discontinuous on the north side and the width available is reduced due to an architectural feature which commemorates the opening of the Maynooth-Kilcock By-Pass. Cyclists may aim for the cycle track at the start of the next section but a gully and drainage channel have been constructed in the middle of where the cycle track should be. Furthermore, the gully does not drain properly in wet weather. Cyclists traveling towards the Tesco Shopping Centre and who choose to use the cycle track have to give way twice - once in crossing the Dunboyne Road and again in joining the main traffic flow travelling towards Leixlip. Although only completed a few years ago and not generally subjected to motorised traffic, the markings are almost entirely worn away in parts. Furthermore, there is little contrast in colour between the cycle track and the footpath proper with the result that pedestrians wander across the tracks.
- 2.4 With regard to the Parsons Hall cycle track, at the inbound southern end, it is unlikely that the cycle track will be often used, as there is no provision for cyclists to gain access and as they would then have to give way to cars entering and exiting the estate. Outbound cyclists, who in the absence of a cycle track were travelling on road and who wish to enter

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Parsons Hall, are also likely to avoid the track, for by remaining on road they have equal status with traffic travelling in the same direction and have only one traffic lane to cross.

2.5 Kildare County Council periodically cleans the cycle tracks on the Straffan Road and Main Street with a road sweeper. It is assumed that the Council will also take in charge the section of cycle track on Rathcoffey Road but it is not known if regular cleaning is proposed.

# 3. Cycle Parking

- 3.1 The only cycle parking facilities in Maynooth are provided at the universities, the Glenroyal Leisure Complex and the railway station. On Main Street, there are some "Sheffield" type cycle stands immediately beside public seats but, on account of their location, it is assumed that they form part of the seat, although sometimes used for cycle parking.
- 3.2 At the railway station, covered parking for 38 cycles has recently been provided in line with government policy to integrate different modes of transport. However, in general, less than half the parking spaces are occupied with an additional one or two cycles chained to nearby railings.
- 3.3 In the centre of the town, the most common location for leaving cycles is at the side of the Garda Station at the junction of Leinster Street and Main Street. Spot checks revealed that up to 13 cycles have been locked to the railings during the week and weekend. Although some of the cycles may belong to students attending lectures in the university during the week, this would not hold true for those cycle owners who park there at the weekend.
- 3.4 At the three main shopping centres, despite significant development work being carried out on each within the last few years, no facilities have been provided for cyclists. By comparison, approximate 440 spaces have been provided for cars (this figure includes only part of the car park shared between Glenroyal Shopping Centre and Glenroyal Hotel, and excludes the nearby Council car park). It has been

estimated that the value of a car parking space ranges from ∈320 to ∈1900 per annum (£250 to £1,500) depending on location. Even assuming a value at the lower end of the scale, the promotion of cycling would clearly make financial sense.

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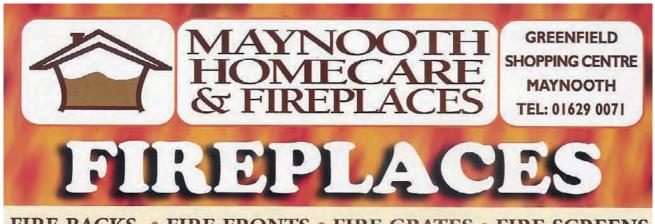
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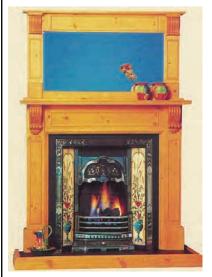
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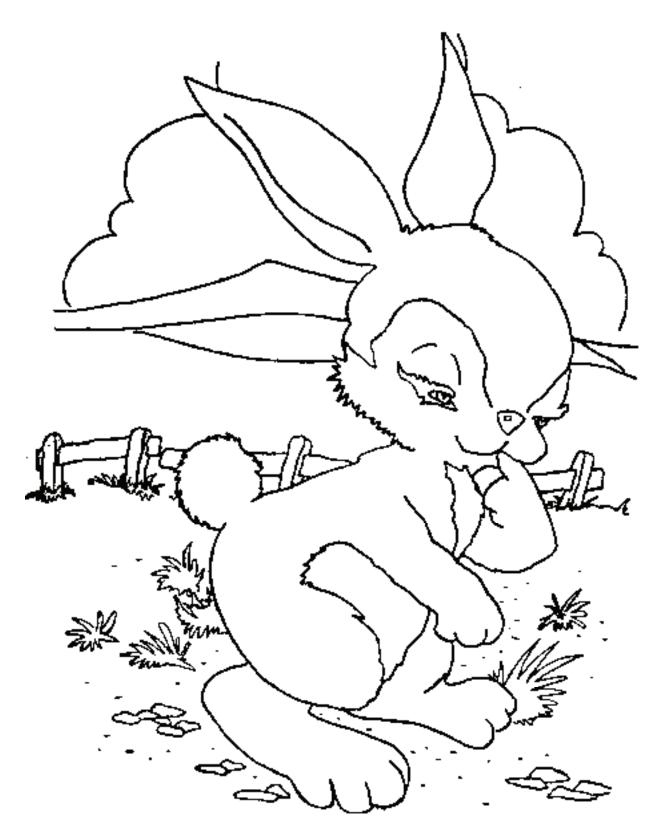




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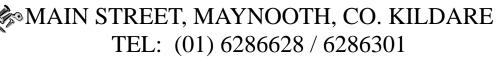
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1 bay leaf

1 small onion, sliced

1 carrot, sliced

Pinch of sea salt

1/4oz pint milk

1 1/2oz butter

1 1/2oz plain flour

4oz sweetcorn kernels

Freshly ground black pepper



### Method:

Put the chicken into a pan. Add the bay leaf, onions, carrots, salt and 1/2 pint water. Bring to the boil, then cover and reduce the heat. Simmer for 20 minutes, turning the chicken once. Meanwhile, roll out half the pastry on a lightly floured surface and use to line a deep 8in pie dish. Roll out the remaining pastry for the lid. Strain the cooking liquid from the chicken into a measuring jug. Remove the bay leaf and reserve the vegetables. Make up the stock to 3/4 pint with the milk. Remove the chicken meat from the bones. Dice the chicken and set aside with the vegetables. Melt the butter in a pan. Add the flour and cook gently for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and gradually add the stock and milk mixture. Cook stirring, until thickened and smooth. Add the chicken, reserved vegetables and sweetcorn. Stir to combine. Season with black pepper. Preheat oven to 200c/400f/ gas 6. Spoon the filling into the prepared pastry case. Dampen the edges with a little water and put the lid on top. Press the edges down to seal and brush the pastry with milk. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until golden brown.

### Rich Steak & Kidney Pie

Serves 4-6 You will need; 6oz plain flour Pinch of sea salt 4 1/2oz butter, frozen Beaten egg, to glaze



### Filling;

1oz plain flour

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 1/2 lb stewing steak, diced

8oz lamb's kidney, diced

1oz beef dripping or 2-3 tbsp vegetable oil

1 onion, chopped

1 pint beef stock

1 bay leaf

1 tsp dried mixed herbs

1 tbsp tomato puree 8oz button mushrooms 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

### Method:

For the filling, season the flour with salt and pepper. Toss the meat in the flour. Heat the fat in a saucepan and brown the meat. Add the onion, beef stock, bay leaf, herbs and tomato puree. Bring to the boil, then simmer for a further 15 minutes. Season. Leave to cool completely. Sift the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl. Grate the butter into the bowl and add 7 tablespoons cold water. Mix to form a rough dough. Wrap and chill for 30 minutes. Spoon the meat mixture into a 2-2 1/2 pint pie dish. Preheat oven to 220c/425f/ gas 7. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pastry large enough to cover the dish. Cut out 1/2in circle from the outside edge. Brush the edge with a little water and lay the pastry circle on the edge. Press down with your fingertips to secure. Re-roll the remaining pastry and use to cover the pie. Seal and crimp the edges. Score a criss-cross pattern on the top of the pastry with a sharp knife. Brush with beaten egg. Bake for 40 minutes, or until crisp and golden. Serve with green vegetables and potatoes.

### Tip;

When grating frozen butter, keep dipping it in flour so that it doesn't block the holes in the grater.

### **Seafood Vol-au-vents**

These seafood pastry snacks are filled with a cheesy mushroom sauce.

Makes 16 vol-au-vents You will need; 1lb 2oz ready-made ready-made puff pastry Beaten egg or milk, to glaze

### Filling;

6oz haddock fillet 1 onion, sliced 3 black peppercorns Sprig of fresh parsley 1 bay leaf 7floz milk 1/2oz butter 1/4 small onion, chopped 2oz button mushrooms, finely chopped 1 small celery stalk, sliced 2 tbsp plain flour 2oz cooked mussels 2oz cooked prawns 3 tbsp canned sweetcorn 2oz Cheddar cheese, grated 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method:

Preheat oven to 220c/425f/gas 7. Roll out the pastry 1/4in thick. Using a 2in fluted pastry cutter. Score a cross on the



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cross on the top. Put the pastry rounds and lids on 2 baking sheets. Using the 2in pastry cutter, cut partway through the rounds. Brush the rounds and lids with a little egg or milk. Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until well risen and golden. Remove any soft pastry from the centre of each vol-au-vent. Set aside. Put the haddock, slicied onion, peppercorns, parsley, bay leaf and milk in a pan. simmer for 10 minutes, or until the fish starts to flake. Drain the fish, reserving the liquid. Skin and flake the fish, removing any bones. Melt the butter in a pan. Add the chopped onion, mushrooms and celery. Saute over a low heat, stirring, for 5 minutes, or until softened. Stir in the flour and gradually add the reserved fish liquied. Return to the heat and stir for 2-3 minutes, or until the mixture thickens. add the flaked fish, mussels, prawns and sweetcorn and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese and parsley. Season to taste. Spoon the filling into the vol-au-vents. Put the lids on top and serve immediately.

### Tips

You can use ready-made-vol-au-vent cases and cook from frozen — just follow the instructions on the packet.

### Vegetable Gratin

A Crunchy topping hides a selection of tasty vegetables and tomato-flavoured lentils.

Serves 4-6

You will need:

1 vegetable stock cube

8oz red lentils

1lb 3oz passata

1 tsp Tabasco sauce

salt and black pepper

2 tbsp olive oil

6oz broccoli florets 8oz carrots, sliced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

8oz leeks, sliced

1 red pepper, sliced

8oz courgettes, sliced

3oz Cheddar cheese

2oz wholemeal breadcrumbs

### Method:

Dissolve the stock cube in 1/2 pint boiling water. Pour the stock into a large saucepan and stir in the lentils and passata. Bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 minutes, or until the lentils are just tender. Stir in the Tabasco sauce and season to taste. Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Heat the oil in a large frying pan. Add the broccoli and carrots and saute over high heat for 2 minutes. Add the garlic, leeks, red pepper and courgettes. Saute for a further 3 minutes. Add the cooked lentils to the vegetables and stir to combine. Transfer the mixture to a 4 pint ovenproof gratin dish. Grate the Cheddar cheese into a bowl. Add the breadcrumbs and stir to combine. Sprinkle over the ve

Sprinkle over the vegetables and press down gently. Bake for 30 minutes, or until the top is golden brown. For a really crispy topping, put the gratin under a hot grill for 2-3 minutes after baking.

### **Tips**

Passata is made by sieving plum tomatoes and can be found in large supermarkets. The gratin tastes even better the day after baking as the flavours develop overnight. Make it a day ahead and heat in a medium oven for about 30 minutes.

### **Apricot mousse**

Serves 6

You will need:

1lb fresh apricots

4 tablespoons cold water

Thinly peeled rind and juice of 1/2 lemon

5oz caster sugar

1/2oz powdered gelatine (1 packet)

3 large eggs, seperated

1 tablespoon apricot brandy or brandy (optional)

1/4 pint double cream

1/4 pint single cream

Few flaked almonds

### Method;

Wash apricots. Put in a pan with 1 tablespoon of the water, lemon peel and 2oz of the sugar. Cover and simmer until tender. Discard lemon peel and apricot stones. Sieve apricot pulp to make about 1/2 pint puree. Dissolve gelatine with remaining water in a small bowl over a pan of hot water. Put egg yolks, remaining caster sugar and lemon juice in a large bowl over a pan of hot water. Whisk until thick and pale. Remove from the heat and blend in the apricot puree, dissolved gelatine and apricot brandy if used. Leave in a cold place until just beginning to set. Whisk the cream until it forms soft peaks. Whisk egg whites until stiff. Fold most of the cream and all of the egg whites into the apricot mixture. Pour into a 2 pint glass dish and leave in a cool place until set. Just before serving pipe a small whirl of remaining cream on top of each; decorate with flaked almonds.

### **Potato Croquettes**

### Method:

Prepare and sieve 2lb potatoes as above. Put over very low heat, add 2 egg yolks, salt and grated nutmeg to taste, beat well, remove from heat, and leave to cool. If liked, add 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese. Shape into croquettes on a floured board, dip into 1 egg white, lightly beaten, then roll in breadcrumbs. Let stand for a while, then fry in hot deep oil. Lift out with a slotted spoon and drain on absorbent paper.



# **Features**

### **General Tips**

To Remove stains and smudges from a window blind, lay it on a flat surface then carefully clean it withwith a soft rubber or dough-type wallpaper cleaner

**Books** To flatten wrinkled corners, put a sheet of paper on top of the straightened page and press with a warm iron

Carpet stains To remove greasy stains, apply a nonflammable dry-cleaning agent to the spot with a flannel; work from the edgges toward the centre. Don't scrub, because you will damage the fibres; dab gently until the spot comes clean. (Always test any cleaning agent on the carpet first, and let it dry before continuing).

**Chewing gum** To remove chewing gum from a rug or carpet, harden it with an ice cube and scrap it off with a blunt knife. To avoid wetting the rug, put the ice in a plastic bag

**Chimneys** To reduce the possibility of having a chimneys fire, ensure your chimney is cleaned once a year so that any build-up of material within the flue is removed. In the event of a chimney fire, extinguish the fire in the hearth using soapy water and call the fire brigade.

### **Eggs**

Test eggs for freshness by placing them in a bowl of cold salted water. Discard any that float to the surface or turn their broad ends up-they're stale.

### **Grease spots**

If you're in a hurry to remove a grease stain, apply shampoo to the stained fabric, then rinse and blow dry.

### **Mirrors**

Never spray cleaner directly on a mirror-the drips could seep onto the silver backing and damage it. Instead, spray the cleaner on a clean soft cloth or paper towl and wipe the mirror.

# Rice

To stop grains of rice from sticking together, add a few drops of cooking oil or a teaspoon of butter or margarine to the cooking water.

Rinse uncooked rice in a sieve under a cold running tap before cooking, this removes excess starch, so preventing the rice from becoming sticky.

### **Seed germination**

For fast germination of pea and bean seeds, soak them in water overnight before planting. To speed the process even more, add a drop or two of detergent; it reduces the water's surface tension, helping it to penetrate the seed's coat. An easy way to soak seeds is to empty each seed packet into the individual cups of a egg box, then fill each with the detergent solution.

# **Toasters**

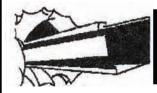
If you can't reach a broken piece of toast in the toaster, use dry wooden chopsticks. **Never** use a knife, and allways unplug the toaster first.

### Vacuum cleaners

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# Irish Permanent & T.S.B. = permanent tsb

The merger of the Irish Permanent and the T.S.B. Bank has been announced. It will take effect on 20th April 2002. The name of this new service is permanent tsb. All staff from Irish Permanent will be relocated to T.S.B. Both Michael (from the former T.S.B.) and offices. Grainne (from Irish Permanent) will be available to existing and new customers in Maynooth. range of services such as mortgages, new car finance and life assurance will be available at permanent tsb's new premises on Main St., Maynooth. Mr. Michael Moran manager stated "We hope to fulfil our customer demands with an enhanced and continued community service to our customers. The new bank has the best of both worlds and advice to offer all our customers" Mr. Moran also requested that members of the public who wish to partake of the government SSIA scheme do so now before the deadline closes in April.

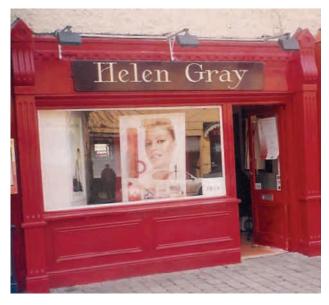


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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

# MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Membership gradually increased in the last month with 6 new members signing up, most of whom had completed a number of our easier hikes and have now decided to progress on the next level of activity. Members of the club continue with their programme of training for the Ring of Imaal mountain marathon challange. Members are also now making plans to attend a number of weekend walking festivals over the next few months.

Feb 16/17 brought us on our first weekend activity in the Glendalough area of the year which involved map and compass practical training, a nine mile night hike commencing at dusk followed by a visit to the local hostelry for some well earned liquid refreshments. On the Sunday we were on the hills again this time completing a 10 mile hike.

Sunday 3rd March brought us back to the Glendalough area. This time to complete an Easy Hike on the open Mountainside. This Hike took us from the Wicklow Gap onto the top of Turlough Hill and then down into the Glenalo Valley above the waterfall to the west of Glendalough's Upper Lake, returning to Glendalough over the Spinks close to St.Kevin's Bed. This is a very scenic hike covering a distance of 11.5Kms/7 Miles with ascent in the region of 450M/1,200ft. ascent through the Glendalough forest. More experienced members of the club conducted a harder hike in the Glenmalure area.

Don't forget to keep Good Friday free. We will be conducting a canal walk from Enfield to Maynooth along the Royal Canel. The meeting point will be Maynooth Railway Station at 10.55am. At the moment Irish Rail assure me the train will run. We expect to stop for lunch around the harbour area at Kilcock. Distance will be 17.5Kms/11 Miles on flat ground.

Club members will be attending an annual outing to Lugnaguillia on Easter Monday, April 1st. (if they are not attending one of the many festivals over this weekend).

Sunday 14th we will be taking part in harder hikes all round to encourage club members to progress in hiking grades.

Our first evening hike of the year will take place on Wednesday evening, April 24th. We will meet at the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 5.15pm, and travel by cars to Robertstown. Anyone making their own way can meet us in Robertstown outside the Garda Station at 6pm. This hike will cover a distance of 14kms/9 miles.

On Sunday 28th April we plan to conduct an Easy Hike around the scenic Lough Brays located at the foot of Kippure. From here we plan to follow the River Liffey from its first bridge to its origin approx. 500 meters and then across the open mountainside of Powerscourt Mountain, the Tonduffs and Maulin before we pick up the Wicklow Way and pass above the Powerscourt Waterfall in the valley below. This hike will require the use of a minibus.

Seats will have to be booked and paid for in advance no later than Wednesday 24th April. The expected cost will be in the region of  $\in$ 12 per person and will be non refundable except where the bus will be cancelled due lack of interest. In this case alternative hiking plans will be made. Anyone interested in booking contact 6285367 for details.

On Sunday 12th May we will be on our first outing to Newcastle, Co.Wicklow to take the coastal path back to Bray and for the more energetic a quick visit to Bray Head. This hike will cover a distance of 22.5kms/14 miles with an ascent of 260 meters/853ft, it is an enjoyable hike passing through a nature reserve at Kilcoole, and a stop for lunch at the Harbour of Greystones. There is a lot of interesting things to see on this hike and if we are lucky maybe a seal or two.

As this hike is on the open mountainside it should be noted that because we are still in the wet season of the year it is important that proper footwear and clothing is worn on our activities. A good quality rain jacket is essential as well as over-trousers. We will have to restict attendance's to those properly equipped for the season. In the last issue I gave contact numbers for two walking festivals over the May and Whit weekends. Now I have received information on a different type of activity which may be of intrest to those who might like relive their teenage years in the Gealteacth area. Oideas Gael, centred in the Glencolumcille area of Donegal offers weekend and week courses to adults which from Irish language, Archaeology, Marine Painting, Celtic Pottery, Flute Whistle and Bodhran playing as well as Hillwalking along the Cliffs of Slieve League and in the mountains (Hills) of Donegal, details from 073-300248. The bonus of the course is the music and craic in the local lounges. The second activity is in the Loughanure area of Donegal where the range of actitivies range from week courses in the Irish language to long weekend actitivies of Song, Music and Dance, to rambling in the Hills of Donegal and visiting Errigal. This centre orgainises actitivy weekends for retired If you are interested why not contact the orgainsers at 075-48416 or 2895932. If you do take up any of these actitives give us a plug and let them know where you got the information. Accommodation is arranged locally. In May we will conduct an Easy Hike on Wedensday 22nd. from Clonsilla to Maynooth, meeting Maynooth railway Station at 6.55pm. and talking the Orient Express to Clonsilla. If there are more than ten travelling a group fare will be available for those arriving on time. Ticket holders and those arriving late can make their own arrangments with larnrod Eireann. Evening hikes during June and July will bring us to Howth and North Bull Island with a dip from Dollymount Strand for the more energetic. It is also planned to have one or two Moderate Hikes during the longer evenings walking in the Hills of West Wicklow. There will be notices in later editions. Club membership details available on request or from our web site. Please note weather conditions may restrict our actitives. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the actitivy with one

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## (Maynooth Hillwalking Contd.)

of the contact numbers below. Please note most of our hiking actitives cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000ft.

In cases where would be less ascent we may have longer hikes as is the case on 13th January 02 on our canal outings. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings 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 and activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling in the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car.

# **Mountain Safety Note**

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and Anyone on medication or with a involvement. medical condition should inform the leader of the of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly. Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. Contact numbers: 6285367 or 086-2703348

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### FINNIGAN'S WAKE

Tim Finnegan lived in Watling Street, A gentleman Irishman - mighty odd-He's a beautiful brogue, so rich and sweet,

And to rise in the world he carried the hod. But, you see he'd sort of a tipping way: With a love for the liquor poor Tim was born, And to help him through with his work, each day, He'd drop of the craythir' every morn.

### Chorus

Whack; fol-de-dooh-dah; dance to your partner Welt the flure, yer trothers shake, Isn't it the truth I've tould ye? Lots of fun, at Finnigin's wake?

One morning, Tim was rather full; His head felt heavy, which made him shake, He fell from the ladder, and broke his skull, So they carried him home a corpse to wake. They rolled him up in a nice clean sheet, And laid him out upon the bed, With fourteen candles around his feet, And a gallon of porter at his feet.

### Chorus

His friends assembled at his wake: Missus Finnigan called for the lunch, First they laid tea and cake; Then pipes and tobacky, and whiskey-punch Miss Biddy O'Brien began to cry; 'Such a dacent corpse did ever you see? Arrah! Tim avourneen, an' why did ye die? 'Och, none of your gab, 'sez Billy Magee.

Then Peggy O' Connor took up the job, "Arrah! Biddy, 'says she 'ye'er wrong, I'm shure,' But Biddy then gave her a belt in the gob, And left her sprawling on the flure, Each side in war did soon engage, 'Twas woman to woman and man to man, Shillelah-law was all the rage —An' a row an'a ruction soon began.

### Chorus

Mickey Mulvaney raised his head When a gallon of whiskey flew at him, It miss him and hopping on the bed, The liquor scattered over Tim! Bedad he revives! See how he rises! An' Timothy jumping from the bed Cried while he lathered around like blazes, In the name of the devil! d'ye think I'm dead.'

Chorus

# **Features**

# **File Type Descriptions**

**Temporary Files** (\*.TMP,\*.~\*,.~\*..\*,.??\$,\*^\*) Temporary Files are files created for Temporary Use, either by a user or a program. Temporary Files have the extension . TEMP or are located in a folder call TEMP or TMP. Also, files that have a tide(~)or dollar sign (\$) anywhere in their name are considered to be Temporary Files.

# Backup files (\*.BAK.\*.OLD)

Backup files are earlier versions of files you have edited and save. Some programs preserve the next-to-most-recent version of a file in case you want to that version or you somehow lose the most recent version. Backup files typically have an extension that indicates they are backups (such as .BAK or OLD).

# **Lost Cluster Files** (CHKLIST.\*,\*.CHK,File ????.-DD)

Lost Cluster Files are files which are created my CHKDSK.EX, when lost clusters are found. You can safely delete all of this files

# **Help Temporary Files** (\*.GID,\*.FTS,\*.FTG)

Files created by Windows 95/NT to speed up word research in help files. Deleting them won't prevent help files from running

# **Setup Temporary Files** (MSCREATE.DIR,\*.---)

Setup files are compressed copies of files before they are installed. Some install programs do not properly remove them. MSCREATE.DIR files are created by installation of Microsoft applications why these files are not deleted. You can safely delete all of this files.

System Log Files (BOOTLOG.PRV,MODE-MDET.TXT,SUHDLOG.DAT,SYSTEM.1ST, \*.LOG.TXT

Files that Windows 95/NT creates when it detects new peripherals or when errors occurred.

# Tips on removing files

Although this application a list of more common files types. You can define your own file type group or files pattern when searching for files. Be aware, removing the wrong files can cause unpredictable results. Here're some tips on how to remove files

- If you are ever in doubt about deleting a particular file then do not delete
- If you feel uncomfortable about deleting files, send them to the Recycle Bin. This will allow you to restore any files that may be needed later. Remember, sending files to the Recycle Bin will not free disk space until you empty it. Files sent to the bin are simply compressed and move to hidden directory called Recycled.
- Be extremely careful when removing DILL's and ActiveX controls. Only remove these files when you find duplicate versions and make sure that the remaining copies stay located in your Windows
- Do not delete the following files: Autoexec.bat, Command.com, Win.ini, System.ini, Installers/ uninstall files (eg. st4unst.exe), files located in the Windows folder and sub-folders, and finally .... any file you have to think about.
- Never attempt to remove a file that is currently in used. Close all other applications when using System Cleaner 2000. This will increase speed and performance.

# **Search Information and tips**

Explore files prior to deleting them. Sometime after viewing the contents of a file you may decide to hold onto it for little longer

If you're still unsure about removing a file, simply move it to a different folder. Run the applications associate with the file to ensure that no run-time errors. IF the file is needed then all you have to do is move it back (you can also use the Recycle Bin to do this)

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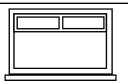


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Sunday &	9 a.m.	-	6.30 p.m.	
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# Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

# DDSL Under 9A1 Maynooth Town (0) 1 v St Joseph's Boys (2) 3 Sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Maynooth

The home side were given a lesson in organisation, determination and commitment by a good St Joseph's side. Right from the kick-off the Saints established dominance with a more purposeful performance. The home side conceded possession and lost out in the 50-50 situations too easily both in midfield and defence. The sluggish start by Maynooth was punished by the visitors who raced into a 2-0 lead early on. They retained this lead to the interval.

The second half proved slightly more of an even contest. Andy Foxe and Conor McCourt were proving more of a threat up-front with the little possession they achieved. Garvan Dowling came to grips with his tackling and proved a stubborn opponent for the visitors to get past. He also proved his versatility by scoring a fine goal from a free kick. This however did not spur Maynooth to more reward. They huffed and puffed a lot when the simple hull was the obvious choice. St Joseph's exploited this weakness admirably to score a third goal to leave the final score 3-1 to the visitors.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Andy Foxe, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Garvan Dowling, Conor Mc Court, Mark Donnellan, Shane Hawthorne and Conor Glynn

Any Managers wishing to have match reports included in the Newsletter should contact John Doogan on 6289720 or e-mail to the address above.



Photo: Rat infested rubbish dumped at the entrance to Maynooth Town F.C.'s Dublin Rd pitch. A sad sign of the times we live in and a poor reflection on the Town to the visiting teams. The registration of the offender was recorded and reported to the Gardai. A trace on the vehicle's registration showed it was from outside the Town. Kildare County Council have been requested to remove this eyesore and we thank them for their continued efforts in combating this recurring problem. Any information regarding illegal dumping in the area can be passed on to the club or direct to the local Gardai.

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17-Feb-02	5,8,10,22	€1150	OISIN HOPKINS LAURA DOOGAN BER FAHEY	
24-Feb-02	1,3,25,27	€1225	BRENDAN Mc GRATH MARTIN CORCORAN CARMEL GREHAN	
3-Mar-02	15,17,20,26	∈1300	SEAN COSTELLO RED DEVILS' c/o T. DALY ANNE CASSIDY	
10-Mar-02	9,15,18,21	€1375	PETER FITZPATRICK TINA KERRIGAN PIUS KELLY	
THERE WAS ONE JACKPOT WINNER FOR €1375 ON 10th MARCH - CAROL SCANLON				
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# **Maynooth Labour News**



Rejection of Storey
Apartment Blocks at Parson Street:

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the comprehensive rejection by An Bord Pleanala of the appeal lodged by Leatron Developments Limited against Kildare County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for 90 apartments in 6 three storey blocks at Parson Street, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg in welcoming the decision stated that An Bord Pleanala had quite rightly refused permission for an inappropriate development in the historical core of Maynooth which had little visual relationship to the buildings which form the original townscape of Maynooth. The developer had sought to maximise the density of the site with no regard for the historical nature of the area, the consequent overlooking of two storey houses in the area, and the impact the development would have on the Royal Canal.

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have called on the Developer to await the adoption of An Action Area Plan for the area between Parson Street and The Harbour as proposed in the Maynooth Development Plan, which will indicate how the site might be developed in a sensitive manner.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley complimented the Parson Lodge Residents Association on their success in the rejection of the proposal.

# New Bus Bays at Girls School:

Cllr. John McGinley was advised at the Leixlip Area Committee meeting of the Council on 1 March that funding has been provided by the Dublin Transportation Office for the provision of bus bays outside the Girls School. The cost of the land acquisition and the civil works is estimated at  $\in$  45,000. Cllr. McGinley has been trying for some time to get the Council to provide these bus bays in order to improve safety and now that the funding is available hopefully the work will begin soon.

# Litter Bin Required at Kingsbry Bus Stop:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide a litter bin at the Kingsbry bus stop on the Straffan Road. This is a much used bus stop and people using it are throwing litter over the low wall into Kingsbry. As a result the area is an appalling mess and it is very unfair to the Residents of Kingsbry. The extraordinary thing is that a litter bin has been provided at the bus turning point at the ESSO station, a location where it is not needed as nobody enters or leaves the bus here.

# Bin Lorries Damaging Entrance to O'Neill Park:

Bin lorries are causing damage to the entrance to O'Neill Park as they are taking the turn in too sharp and are driving up on the green at the footpath. They have also flattened the shore here and put it out of order. Cllr. McGinley has asked that repairs be carried out and that the bin lorry contractors be asked to stop causing such damage.

### **Cluain Aoibhinn Trees:**

At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 1 March Cllr. John McGinley proposed that  $\in$ 6,200 be provided from the  $\in$ 90,000 Parks Department Funding to implement John Joe Costin's recommendations following the tree survey that he carried out in Cluain Aoibhinn. The work will involve the removal of 23 trees at a cost of  $\in$  4,000 and their replacement with appropriate trees as specified in the survey at a cost of  $\in$ 2,200.

# Grass Cutting of Public Areas in Maynooth:

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee got a quotation of ∈ 6,480 for 18 cuts of the public open spaces in Maynooth. The areas are: Leixlip Road on both sides, Convent Lane, Kilcock Road, Moyglare Road, Straffan Road and the Rathcoffey Road new green at Castledawson. Cllr. McGinley has asked that the contract be awarded without any further delay and the funding from the Parks Department be used.

### **New Hedge at Laurence Avenue Fence:**

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council has agreed to plant a beech hedge along the fence at Laurence Avenue. This was part of the agreement reached when the new footpath to the Gael Scoil was put in place.

### **Wheelchair Friendly Footpaths:**

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated some of his Discretionary Grant Funding to make Greenfield Estate wheelchair friendly. This approach is necessary because of the Councils failure to carry out this essential work.

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# "Green" Area at Maynooth Castle:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked for a raised kerb to be fitted around the green and for a footpath to be laid at the Castle railings. This should prevent vehicles from driving on the green and make life safer for pedestrians. Cllr. McGinley is providing some of his Discretionary Grant Funding for this purpose.

# **Kingsbry Estate:**

Following requests from the residents' association Cllr. John McGinley has asked for the banning of GHV's from Kingsbry Estate and for the provision of traffic calming on the main road in the estate.

# Redesign Required for Traffic Calming Signs:

Traffic calming measures have been completed in Parklands and on the Moyglare Road. Cllr. John McGinley has objected to the number of signs and their size. To say that they are not aesthetically pleasing is putting it mildly. Design wise it is also a complete overkill---one sign on the left hand side is adequate as we drive on the left hand side. The poles for the sign on the right side at the church on the Moyglare Road are preventing people with buggies from using the footpath and they have to go onto the roadway with them; hardly enhancing safety. The engineers agreed at the Area Meeting on 1 March to review the size and number of signs, so hopefully something sensible will result.

# Creation of Left Turning Lane out of Parklands:

Cllr. John McGinleys motion that a left turning lane be created out of Parklands in order to alleviate the problems for motorists exiting Parklands has been referred to the Integrated Framework Study for Maynooth which will cover all aspects of roads and traffic in Maynooth.

# **Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field:**

The County Secretary had a meeting with representatives of the Trustees of the Harbour Field in order to clarify the various options for both the Field and the Geraldine Hall. The Trustees wanted assurances that the Field could never be sold or built on. In the meantime the Councils solicitor is arranging for both properties to be transferred from the owner, Hon. David Nall-Cain, to Kildare County Council.

# **Bond Bridge on Target for September Start:**

Council officials advised Cllr. John McGinley at the Area Meeting on 1 March that work is on stream for a September start on the new Bond Bridge.

# Rathcoffey Road at Castledawson:

Cllr. John McGinley was advised by the residents' Association that the Council asked them for  $\in$ 1,300 to level, seed and plant the area outside their estate. Given the fact that the residents had paid £2,000 previously for the erection of wooden bollards, it was simply unacceptable for the Council to seek this further funding. Accordingly, Cllr. John McGinley has allocated  $\in$ 1,300 from his Discretionary Grants for this purpose.

# Recycling Policy to be Implemented in Maynooth in October:

On the insistence of Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley the Waste Management Plan for the County has a recycling policy of door to door collection of separated waste in all large urban areas. The pilot scheme for this will begin in Leixlip this month when bins for dry recyclable materials will be distributed to the 4,300 houses and the seven schools. The bins will accept newsprint, light cardboard, steel and aluminium cans. It is hoped to add plastic to the list in the near future. The bins are collected on a monthly basis and the householder can replace the ordinary bin with a smaller bin if they so wish and thereby saving  $\in\!60$  per year. It is hoped to extend the scheme to Maynooth and the other large towns in October.

# Meadowbrook Link Road:

Cllr. John McGinley expressed his complete dissatisfaction with the proposed Contract Documents for the new Link Road at the February Area Meeting when he discovered that none of the extras, which were previously agreed, were included. As a result he met the Council's engineer, George Wiloughby, on site on 18th February to discuss and agree on the extras e.g. walls at the greens, safety railings at pedestrian walks to the Meadowbrook Road, culverting of the stream between Meadowbrook Court and the Avenue to create two new safe green areas. It was confirmed at the Area Meeting on 1st March that all of these are now included in the Contract Documents.



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# **Fine Gael Notes**



Bernard Durkan, T.D.

### **Disabled**

# **Drivers Disadvantaged**

Disabled Drivers are seriously disadvantaged due to the current interpretation of the 1994 Disabled Drivers/ Disabled Passengers (Tax Concession).

Hundreds of people are deprived of tax concessions in respect of specially adapted cars, which would enable them travel to and from work without employing the service of a driver, said Deputy Durkan. It is a disgrace said Deputy Bernard Durkan, that despite repeated calls on respective Ministers to conclude the current review and broaden the eligibility of disabled drivers that the situation has not been resolved.

Source: Parliamentary Questions

### **Still No Accommodation**

Still no accommodation for young offenders despite the constant references by the Courts, says Deputy Bernard Durkan.

The Department of Education has commissioned an "independent review of residential requirements for young offenders", despite the fact that the whole country knows about the shortage of places, particularly in view of the repeated comments of Justice Peter Kiely, Deputy Durkan stated "surely the needs should be obvious at this stage".

Source: Parliamentary Questions.

# **Harbour Field**

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin are continuing to press for a completion in transferring the properties (i.e. Harbour Field/Geraldine Hall) to Kildare County Council. Discussions about the transfer of ownership of the Harbour Field are still ongoing between MDA, Naul Cain and Kildare County Council's legal representatives. The Leixlip Area Committee has given KCC the authority to proceed and take over the transfer of the Harbour Field and the Geraldine Hall without effecting the standing of the Maynooth Development Association. Deputy Bernard

Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin will continue to push for a completion in transferring the properties to KCC.

# **Bus Bay at Charter House**

Finance has been made available from the Department of the Environment to assist with the provision of a bus bay for the Girls National School at Charter House on the Dunboyne Road. Kildare County Council envisage that some safety work will need to be carried out within the grounds of Charter House / the school grounds. Cllr. Griffin has requested that the Department of Education & Science provide finance to the Girl's School in order that these safety works are completed without delay.

### **Bus Shelter**

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested Dublin Bus and Bus Eireann to provide a bus shelter at the 67A bus terminus / Bus Eireann stop opposite the Glenroyal Hotel. Cllr. Griffin has also requested that adequate public lighting be included in the project.

# Wall at Moyglare Road Junction

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to remove the low-level wall at the junction of Moyglare Road and the Kilcock Road in order to allow for safer access to the Boy's National School. Cllr. Griffin has requested that the engineering staff investigate the possibility of a cycle lane from the Main Street, along Mill Street to the schools on Moyglare Road.

# Road Flooding at Kilmacraddock

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested KCC to survey the Obelisk Lane / Kilmacraddock / Easton Road with a view to resolving the continuous flooding along this road. In the view of Deputy Durkan, this road should be piped for surface water and widened in order to accommodate local traffic.

# **Speed Ramp at Moyglare Road**

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that another speed ramp be put in place on the Moyglare Road at Moyglare Abbey. The position of the speed ramps beside the schools is proving to be a success and are definitely slowing traffic as they approach the schools.

### Cluain Aoibhinn Trees

Cllr. Senan Griffin submitted a motion to KCC requesting them to assist the residents of Cluain

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Aoibhinn with a renewal of tree planting in their estate. KCC have now got a price for this work and Cllr. Senan Griffin has demanded that those trees requiring pruning also be treated. J.J. Costin of Costin's Nurseries in Kilcock carried out the survey on behalf of the residents. It is expected that work on this project will commence shortly.

# Traffic Lights at the Motorway Interchange

Cllr. Senan Griffin has expressed concern to KCC about the proposals to erect traffic lights at the northern side (Noone's garage) of the M4 Maynooth interchange. During discussions on the Maynooth Development Plan, Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that the only option was the provision of a proper roundabout at this location, which would also then accommodate the Blacklion Link. The provision of these lights is a poor second choice and should be seen as temporary. In Cllr Griffin's view, the NRA should have got the interchange and access correct when the motorway was constructed in 1996.

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# **MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL CUMANN**



Cllr. Paul Kelly

At time of writing its just after St. Patricks Day and once again Maynooth was privileged to have had its great annual Parade. Compliments are due to all who organised the event and to all who took part. The Cumann were delighted that Minister McCreevy had the opportunity to attend on the very kind invitation of the organising Committee.

With regard to the Cumann, March has already proven to be an extremely busy month – starting on 1<sup>st</sup> March when we hosted our annual :

# Breakfast with Minister Charlie McCreevy T.D.

I included a few photographs taken at the event, which was a fantastic success. This year almost 105 people attended including invitees. We would sincerely like to thank all those who supported this fund-raising event − not easy when it begins at 8.a.m. !!!!! As with our Breakfast last year we will shortly be announcing the Local Community group to whom we will be presenting a cheque for ∈600. Last year the Maynooth Community Games were the very deserving recipients.

### Fundraising Lunch in Glenroyal 28th March

On the above date the Kildare North Fianna Fail organisation, the Comhairle Dail Cheanntair, will be hosting a fundraising Lunch to be held in the Glenroyal Hotel. Anybody interested in attending please phone either myself on 087-2052649, Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187 or Austin Stack on 086-2651796.

Below I will detail some of the local topics and issues which are being handled on behalf of the Community by the Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. and by our local Councillor Paul Kelly.

# Minister McCreevy Notes.

### New Fire Appliance for Kildare County Council.

The Minister has informed the Maynooth Cumann of a notification he has received from the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D. confirming his allocation of funding for the purchase of a new Fire Appliance for Co. Kildare. Over ∈1,327,000 has been allocation for Counties Kildare, Offaly and Westmeath for provision of these facilities.

### 2002 Grant Allocations for Local Investments Scheme.

Bobby Molloy T.D., Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal has written to Charlie McCreevy T.D.informing him of the allocation of ∈102,416 to County Kildare for the Local Investments Scheme or LIS Grant.

The overall provision for this scheme has increased during the lifetime of this Fianna Fail/PD government from  $\in$  3.8 million in 1997 to  $\in$ 11 million in 2002. This scheme plays a pivotal role in assisting local development projects on non-public accomodation roads.

### Roundabout at Maynooth Business Park,

The Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy T.D. has written to the Cumann confirming that he has currently made on-going representations to Kildare County Council regarding the operation and initiation of the roundabout at the new Maynooth Business Park.

### 2002 National Roads Allocations for County Kildare.

In February 2002, Minister McCreevy gave details to the Cumann of the allocations being made to County Kildare for National Roads in 2002, amounting to <u>e69,733,000</u>. Minister McCreevy welcomed this allocation saying "The production of high quality road networks is critical to Irelands economic advance. As a result of our growing population in County Kildare it is important that we continue to develop the road network for people living in the area and for those who commute to and from Kildare on a daily basis. This years allocations will further assist in

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the delivery of quality road links."

Full details are available from myself of the breakdown of those allocations but among the most relevant to ourselves in North Kildare are:

4 Improvement Allocations totalling ∈6.5 million for the Celbridge Interchange

7 Improvement Allocations totalling  $\in$  6.5 million for the Naas Road Widening scheme.

7 Improvement Allocations totalling ∈35.5 million for the Kildare Bypass.

Among the National Road Schemes to be completed in 2002 are the N4 Enfield Relief Road – standard 2 lane – 5 kms., and the M4 Celbridge Interchange.

Among those Major National Road Projects which are through the Statutory Approval Process are the Kinnegad Enfield By-Pass (Kilcock/Enfield) and the Monastrevin Bypass.

Among the Major National Road projects in Planning are the Leixlip/M50 Junction, the Naas Road Widening (Kildare) and Kilcullen/Waterford (Sth and Nth Section).

# In fact, Kildare has received the 5<sup>th</sup> largest allocation towards Improvement and Maintenance Grants in the Country.

### 2002 Grant Allocations for Non-National Roads.

Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D., Minister for the Environment and Local Government has written to the Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. advising him of the details of the 2002 Grant Allocations for Non-National Roads. Overall the provision for non-National Roads is  $\in\!438.6$  million, an increase of  $\in\!38$ million or 9.37% on the 2001 figure.

Once again, detailed breakdown of these figures for Kildare are available on request but the overall figure for Kildare is  $\in$  21,078,509.

As Cllr Paul Kelly has commented:

"The grant of over 121 million for Kildare represents an increase of 187% in funding for non-national roads in the county since 1997. Investment in roads in Kildare has improved significantly over the past 5 years and clearly demonstrates the commitment of this government to improving the road network in Kildare." He also believes that the roads to be built using these grants will help to reduce traffic problems in several of the towns. "Traffic congestion is the latest scourge to hit growing towns such as Naas, Clane, Celbridge and Leixlip for example. We now have money to build ring roads for Naas and Clane and to rebuild the Salmon Leap Bridge, Leixlip and the Kildare Bridge, Maynooth. There is also money to carry out road repairs and reconstruction on a whole host of roads around North Kildare. Particularly important is the allocation of ∈ 100,000

for repairs to roads within housing estates in Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. Many of our housing estates are over 20 years old and some of their roads badly need attention."

Individual figures are available on schemes such as the Barberstown Cross/Maynooth Road improvements, the Taghadoe Cross, Clane-Kilcock, Clane Inner Relief Road, Naas Ring Road etc etc

For example a figure of ∈625,000 has been made available for the Kildare Bridge, Maynooth.

### **CLLR PAUL KELLY NOTES.**

# Funding for Refurbishment of Kildare Schools a welcome development

Cllr Paul Kelly welcomed the announcement of funding for the maintenance and minor refurbishment of classrooms, toilets, windows, doors and other related works in Kildare schools recently.

Scoil Dara – Kilcock, Scoil Mhuire – Naas and Leixlip Community School will all receive much needed refurbishment work as a result. Cllr Kelly believes that this scheme gives schools the responsibility to use these funds as they see fit thereby ensuring school management have greater control over their spending. Among the works to result will be repair of stairs and lifts, roof leaks, gas installation, installation of alarms and CCTV, provision of septic tanks, boiler replacements, improved heating systems and general refurbishment.

# Cllr Kelly calls on Minister for Health and Childcare to improve Orthodontic services.

Although primary school children are offered free dental care when they reach the teenage years, problems arise in getting orthodontic care and treatment. The waiting list is long so that by the time the child is called for treatment, the problem might then be insurmountable. Cllr Kelly has suggested that the Minister introduce a system of grants or refunds which would enable children to have orthodontic treatment done by private practitioners and to recoup some or all of the cost from the state. Tax relief should be available for any part of the cost not paid by the State. Another option could be to travel outside the State for treatment if necessary, also at the States expense.

Orthodontic treatment is required for the utmost importance both for the childs dental health and also their self esteem. Funding from the government to train new Orthodontists must also be provided, according to Cllr. Kelly.

### **Funding for Playgrounds.**

Cllr Kelly has firmly put the provision of Playgrounds at the top of his agenda for the North Kildare area. Apart from a Swimming Pool which is also needed, Playgrounds are severely needed in the growing populated areas of North Kildare. Playgrounds encourage children to meet and interact with other

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children to play together and to learn from one another They also allow children and adults to play together and provide children with the skills they will need to successfully navigate the world beyond the playground. Children can learn about behaviour, communication, acceptance and friendship.

Paul intends to vigorously pursue this issue until a number of such playgrounds exist in our towns and villages. In light of the lands becoming available to the Council as a result of the new Development Plans in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth, there are huge opportunities for us to do something about this.

Advancing into teenage years, where action, sport and fitness is required, facilities for skate-boarding and roller-blading areas must also be provided. Cllr Paul Kelly will pursue this issue through the Kildare County Council but he has also written to the Minister for Children, Mary Hanafin to seek funding from the National Childrens Office to develop playgrounds in Kildare North.

# Bring back the String Bag ????????

Paul has welcomed the introduction recently by the Government of the tax on plastic bags, something he has been advocating since 1996 when Fianna Fail were in opposition. He believes plastic bags are a menace to the environment and have no place in a sustainable environmental policy. Paul says he hopes to see everybody using re-usable bags when shopping from now on. Revenue from the plastic bag tax is to go into a special fund to pay for environmental initiatives in the litter and waster management areas. Perhaps the old string bag long ago used by our grandparents may become fashionable again !!!.

### Ard Fheis appearance by Cllr Paul Kelly

During the recent Ard Fheis held in Citywest on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March, Cllr Paul Kelly addressed the attendance during a televised session on the Economy and Business Development, citing his own experience in the North Kildare area, vis a vis the rapidly expanding nature of the infrastructure and business opportunites which have arisen during the lifetime of this Government.

Cllr Kelly also appeared during the Taoiseachs Address that evening of 9<sup>th</sup>, on a video clip which had been recorded previously in Leixlip.

Finally, the Cumann would like to thank sincerely all those who accepted our recent invitation to both the Maynooth G.A.A. Club and the Glenroyal Hotel at which it was planned to meet with the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Mr. Jim McDaid T.D. Unfortunately critical negotiations were taking part on the appointed night with a fast running-out deadline of 24 hours in relation to the joint Ireland-Scotland hosting of 2008 Soccer Tournment and the Minister had no alternative but to cancel that evening. We notified people as quickly as possible and everyone

was very gracious and understanding.

We hope to re-organised the event in the coming months.

The Cumann would sincerely like to extend our sympathies to the Kavanagh family on the recent death of Mr. Thomas Kavanagh Snr. Many of the people of Maynooth will fondly remember him as he provided much needed employment during harder times in the 50s,60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. He was a man of impeccable character and played a very active part in the life of Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann in earlier years.

May he rest in peace.

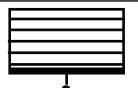
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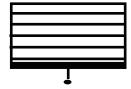
Minister McCreevy with Mr. Bill Donovan and Mr. Sean Donovan, Londis Supermarket, Greenfield Shopping Centre



Cllr. Paul Kellky and Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. with Glenroyal Leisure Club Member of the Year, Martha O'Rourke



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# **Maynooth Tidy Towns**

### Maynooth Tidy Towns -Spring cleaning 2002

With ambitious plans for 2002, Maynooth Tidy Towns are pleased with the work to-date. On March 16<sup>th</sup> the shrub beds at the church were cleaned up and the first grass cutting there took place shortly afterwards. Thanks to everybody that took part in these tasks. Further cleaning in litter black spots will take place during the An Taisce Spring Clean in April. If you can spare some time please contact us through the Community Council office at 6285922 or at maynoothcc@eircom.net.

### Grass Cutting in public places

Maynooth Tidy Towns has identified ten areas in the town that will require grass cutting this Summer. We have asked Kildare County Council to maintain these areas under their Parks Department budget for 2002. Local Councillors Senan Griffin and John McGinley have supported this plan. However as we go to press we are not aware of a definite commitment by Kildare County Council to undertake this work. As it seems likely that the council would be using contractors to do this work , Maynooth Tidy Towns submitted an indicative tender from a local contractor to Kildare County Council. No money was spent from the Park's Department budget in Maynooth last year. It is not possible for Maynooth Tidy Towns to undertake this work as either a contracting party or on a voluntary basis this year. Carton Avenue or Pound Park are not included on the list this year.

### Parking on the traffic islands at St. Mary's Church, Kilcock Road

Since the Church re-opened in February the traffic at mass times is back in this area. Despite appeals from Msgr. Stenson a small number of people consider it appropriate to park on the grass in the traffic islands. Maynooth Tidy Towns has maintained and enhanced these greens for well over a decade. They form an attractive feature as one approaches the town from Kilcock. The matter has been referred to the Gardai to take the necessary actions if this problem continues.

### Maynooth Tidy Towns propose the closure of the old Straffan Road footpath

Maynooth Tidy Towns will submit a motion to the April meeting of Maynooth Community Council seeking the endorsement of our plan to partly close off this area. The area is becoming a major visual eyesore in the town and is of no practical benefit to the people of the town as it is an unattractive area where few people now go. The final decision will rest with Kildare County Council.

### Paul Croghan, Secretary, Maynooth Tidy Towns



Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann members with Cllr. Paul Kelly and Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D.

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Sureshwari Devi

What should prove to be a very interesting event takes place in our local library on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, when a visiting teacher will give an introductory talk on meditation and yoga.

Originally from New Zealand, Sureshwari Devi is a teacher of Transpersonal Relaxation and Divine love meditation. She has helped thousands of people in her workshops and programmes in New Zealand, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, England, Canada and the United States. Her extensive studies over the last twenty-four years include years of advanced studies in India, where she investigated the deeper aspects of both the philosophy and practice of Meditation, and incorporating spirituality into daily life.

Thursday's presentation will include a guided meditation, which will bring deep relaxation to the mind and body. It will serve as an introduction to its practise in daily life and will also introduce and explain the programme in the upcoming workshops.

The form of meditation as taught by Sureshwari Devi is a very simple and natural process and is extremely effective in developing a person's positive potential.

Its benefits are profound: Sincere practice deepens the awareness, bringing inner peace and contentment in life. Sureshwari Devi will also conduct a number of workshops during her visit to Ireland and the following are some of the comments from previous course participants:

"Nothing could have prepared me for the total relaxation I experienced in the workshop. And so easy to do! It awoke feelings of great love in my heart"........Gerard, Galway.

"It is rare in life that you come across something so special, so pure, so beautiful, that it can touch the essence of your being and change your life".......Carol, Dublin.

"This joyful programme gave me insight and tranquillity. But what is more surprising for me is that this something special never left me, it says and guides me, it became a strong foundation that streams joy, peace and love. Alex, Dublin.

You are invited to attend this free, public lecture at the library at **8.00pm on Thursday**, **25**<sup>th</sup> **April**. For further information telephone **(01) 490 5495 / 086-891 5580**.

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### Letter to our Readers:

This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

### Acknowledgement

Fingleton (Nee O'Dwyer) Eileen, late of Manor Court and Rail Park Maynooth. The Fingleton family wish to express their appreciation to all who sympathised with them on the recent sad loss of their mother Eileen. We are overwhelmed by the numbers who attended her funeral services, sent Mass cards and letters of sympathy and made donations to the Irish Heart Foundation. The friendship, companionship and generous assistance of her many wonderful neighbours and friends of all ages, contributed enormously to Eileen's happy life in Maynooth. Despite her ill health in recent years, your care and concern contributed enormously to Eileen's happiness and comfort. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the intentions of all Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hainm dílis.

# **Birthdays**

Happy 40th to Patrick Conway who celebrates his birthday on April 25th with love from Linda, Martin, Sinead, Laura and Chloé.

### DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

# **ART EXHIBITION**

Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group will hold an exhibition on the 13th -14th April. Further details will be advertised locally All Welcome!!

Table Quiz
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