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Editorial

Maynooth is set to become the main retail centre for North Kildare with the expansion at Tesco and the large-scale development, including Dunnes Stores, by Dulcedo on the site of Kavanagh's Mill. The Park at Carton Avenue as part of the Area Action Plan will be a great amenity for the expanding town. These are welcome but it is imperative that the infrastructure should be built beforehand. The town is already at a standstill all day; huge HGVs still use the town unnecessarily and if there is no improvement in the road structure before these developments take place there will be permanent gridlock. Trying to drive onto the Main Street from the Rathcoffey Road is now life-threatening with angry, frustrated motorists trying to negotiate this ridiculous outmoded situation. The debate for and against traffic lights has gone on long enough. Since the lights were placed on Bond Bridge the problems at this junction have increased dramatically. The lights need to be put in place immediately.

We welcome the fact that the Meadowbrook Link is to proceed but without the realignment of Bond Bridge and related works the Link Road will not be sufficient. Bond Bridge must go ahead in the interest of safety. Kildare County Council have the option of funding this project in the same way as the planned Enfield-Edenderry road. In that case 75% will be funded by central Government and the remaining €8 million required will be raised by county-wide development levies. The Council is allocating €2 a year for the next 40 years to provide a new Council headquarters – there will inevitably be cutbacks, it appears that the County Manager wants Bond Bridge to be the first casualty. The other Ring Roads must also be built before these two large developments take place never mind the large housing estates for which planning permissions are being sought.

The intimidating advertising campaign about the race against waste launched by the Minister might be welcome if the Government had a policy on recycling. They don't. Locally, the number of bottle banks has not increased despite the fact that people are trying to recycle with the result that they are frequently overflowing. There is no incentive to cut down on waste; charges should be levied by volume of waste produced not per bin. Large businesses, supermarkets and retail stores should be forced to cut down on the packaging that they produce instead of paying into Repak. The present Government's policy is to incinerate and landfill instead of taking recycling seriously. Most of the materials that we are collecting to recycle are being sent to the Far East, the UK and Scotland. Even the glass goes to Northern Ireland.

Finally, it is astounding the amount of fireworks that have been going off over the past number of weeks with impunity. They are illegal and parents should be aware that they and their children are breaking the law. They are frightening for older people and also for cats and dogs. Please stop making Samain a nightmare for everyone. Pet owners – please keep your animals indoors and protect them from the noise. Remember that their hearing is more sensitive than that of a human being.

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Community Council Notes

The October meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 13th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

There were two new co-opted to the Council, Frank O'Shea and Cyril McAree both of Carton Court.

Geraldine Hall

It was noted that the Geraldine Hall has still not been made secure.

Removal of wall opposite the Church

It was felt that the wall was dangerous in that there was not enough room for kids to walk or cycle said Cllr. Griffin. Paul Croghan suggested that it could be rebuilt further in as it was a heritage feature.

It was also noted that the wall was of no great architectural value.

Bond Bridge

It is unlikely that the Bond Bridge Project will go ahead. Both Cllr. John McGinley and Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that land was given free of charge to accommodate the building of the Meadowbrook link road. He felt that both projects are in jeopardy. Senan said he hoped the Meadowbrook link would go ahead first, also that they don't know what is happening at the moment. He said they will have to go to Kildare County Council to get answers.

Des Matthews felt that the Meadowbrook link could now effect Beaufield also that there should be lights at the Roost, he said it is dreadful that there are no lights and they should be put in place with a view to safety.

Muireain Ni Bhrolchain said that traffic in Maynooth is now a living nightmare. She said infrastructure will have to come first, she said people have to use the country roads around Maynooth to get in and out of the town, and these roads have become rats runs. She also said the Ring road should be followed up urgently.

"One the question of levies", it was noted that levies have being allocated over the past 28 years for Bond Bridge and improvements on the Rathcoffey road, it was also noted that €600,000 has to be given back to the development of Castledawson if not used.

Paul Croghan said there should be no more levies enough is enough, it has to stop. Nobody can afford to pay more.

Cllr. Griffin said people living in different quality homes are paying the same levies as people living in stated homes should have relief from huge levies.

Chairperson Hugh Gallagher said Maynooth

Community Council will write to Kildare County Council objecting to levies and also all Residents Groups in North Kildare should look for money back where no work was done.

Muireann said she will write and demand to know where all the levies money has gone. People are frustrated and we will also to demand that Bond Bridge goes ahead.

It was also noted that individuals and Resident Groups should write to Kildare County Council, and look for levies money back if Bond Bridge does not go ahead.

Paul Croghan said that there are now 29 new service Rail cars, he said this will mean nothing for Maynooth. People are being left in Drumcondra, also along the line other towns are being developed and thus there are more people using the trains. He also said we will have to ask for point to point transport between stations.

Development on Rathcoffey Road

It was noted that K.C.C. has objected to further development, there was also fears raised about the development of the Ring Road as this looks very uncertain. It was also noted that the Dunboyne Road has also become a Rat Run with dreadful driving. And also reported that the guards are unable to man the roads.

Kavanagh Development

Robert Wilson, Kingsbury asked was there anything done about rats in the Mill. K.C.C. told him that the situation is under control.

Halloween

A note of warning went out to people at this time of year, to be vigilant of elderly people and animals as this can be a terrifying time for them.

Sub-Committee

Tidy Town

Paul Croghan said they will be holding there are annual awards on the 30th October also this year they will be having a new award this year for a person who does work in this area.

Festival

Chairperson Andrew McMullon said all interested in getting involved should ring the office. He said he hoped to see a big interest in the Festival next year.

**Next Meeting of Maynooth Community Council
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Letters to the Editor

Bond Bridge

Another year another lot down for 27 years we have been promised a new Bond Bridge 20 odd years ago after several years of writing to K.C.C. Re danger of Bridge a series if demonstrations took place. I have a photo of my son as a very young boy holding a placard walking in a march on the 23rd Feb 1991 to get Bond Bridge sorted out. We have listened to promise after promise and each new resident on the Maynooth Rathcoffey Road have been forced to pay higher prices for their homes towards the cost of Replacement of Bond Bridge; This has been going on for years and year after year the cost of the Bridge goes up and now again there is talk of of postponement. I call on all those involved in past demos and all of residents in Newtown to write to the Manager to express our feelings that enough is enough and as Micheael o' Leary said about Bertie Ahern its time to get up off their arse and do what they are paid to do. Complete Bond Bridge Meadowbrook link and all other work involved as the council has been given full permission by the Representatives to borrow the money along with what has been collected. So get on and finish the Job.

Tom McMullon

How Do We Know The Students Are Back

It is with great regret that once again this subject has to appear in print. Yes the students are back. How do we know as can be seen from another horror Cluain Aoibinn had a major job done in removing trees that could be dangerous those were replaced by young mature ones just before the Summer Holidays. The youngsters ensured there welfare during this period and were very protective of them. Within 4 days of student life returning 1 Tree was snapped in half, since then another 3 or 4 have followed suffering similar fates. We have also had wing mirrors broken and flowers damaged. We have also has the usual excuse parties. "It's someones birthday " It's someones Engagement" all the usual excuses we have heard over the years. But it is no consolation for the residents who have small children or persons who have to be at work early . The students can sleep all day after there is no sackings for them if they don't appear unlike the normal working person. Another sure indication is the worrying litter collection this usually consists of crisp packets lolly pop papers coke or orange bottles. Now it is cider cans, larger, cool, occasional ½ bottles of vodka and assorted other cans ect. Also the window laundry display and smoke butts on windowsills. It is time that those ' bright young people' realised that the resident esates and town is not a student campus and out of the University enviroment they should behave in a mannon befitting where they are living. I often wonder if they would behave in the same fashion where they live normally and they shold remember that replacing trees wing mirrors pulling up flowers all for a laugh Ha Ha, Costs people money and also that all the residents of Maynooth through their efforts at work are the ones who are helping to pay for their space in the collage towards the hope that they will become an asset to the country as a whole.

Tom McMullon

Kildare County Council Do it Again

What has Kildare County Council got against trees?

What has Kildare County Council got against Cluain Aoibhinn estate?

As most readers will remember some time ago we published the fact that K.C.C. removed trees from the front of our estate for what appears no excuse. This was highlighted by the local Kildare papers and newsletter, we are still waiting for clarification on this issue.

Recently due to the growth of many trees on our estate we contacted John Joe Costin a Landscape Consultant from Kilcock and was has an intimate knowledge of every tree on our estate to do a report and recommendation for submission to K.C.C. At the request of John McGinley, this was done and K.C.C. agreed to proceed according to the list.

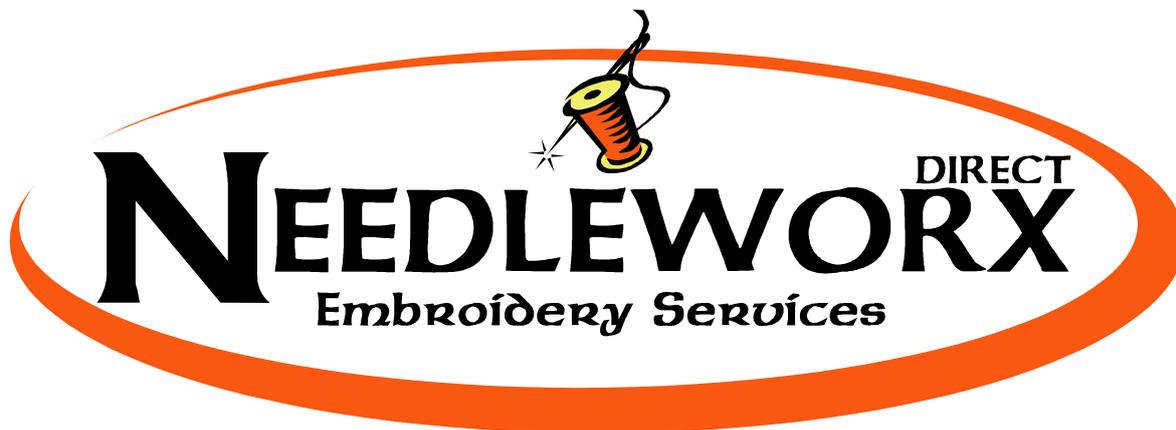
The residents were pleased with the result and with the replanting. However in the last 2-3 weeks 'Shaws' who are used by K.C.C. returned to the estate and removed 3 beautiful poplar trees and would not listen to any protests made to them.

I contacted John McGinley who got back an answer from the local engineer saying they did not know of any plan to remove trees. I have asked John Joe if he could find any reasons for removal and to enclose his report when clearly it shows no reason. We have also received an estimate as to the value of trees and we will be submitting a claim for as much and if necessary we will implement legal proceedings against K.C.C. and Shaws for compensation of loss of trees.

As stated at a recent Community Council meeting K.C.C. manages without consolation of councillors appear to be riding rough shod over the people who are paying their wages and instead of serving the people by using their brains are bandying to control government. It is time the people of Cluain Aoibhinn and all other residents stood up to this form of dictatorship.

Tom McMullon

Cluain Aoibhinn Residence Association



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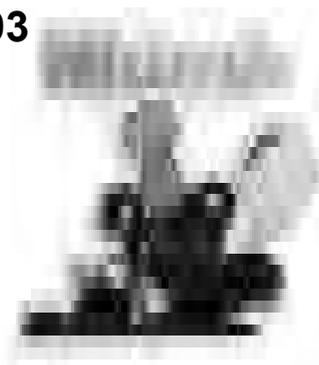
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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1877	Sinead Dunne	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/09/03	For proposed extension to the side of main dwelling consisting of utility room, breakfast room, study and porch on the ground floor and two bedrooms and shower room on the first floor dormer window on rear of dormer bungalow	261 Castletown Leixlip
03/1890	Paul and Karen Harnett	47 Rockfield Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/09/03	New first floor extension with pitched roof at side of house and single storey extension with lean-to roof at rear	47 Rockfield Court Maynooth
03/1971	Joe McFadden	Rye Lodge The Maws Kilcock Co. Kildare	P	30/09/03	To construct a dormer bungalow and septic tank	The Maws
03/1989	Sharon & Colin Fitzpatrick	9 Vesey Park Lucan Co. Dublin	P	2/10/03	To erect a bungalow and biocycle tank	Clover Farm Newtownmacabe Maynooth
03/2007	Noel Kenny	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/10/03	A dormer bungalow garage and Puraflo treatment system	Clonfert Maynooth
03/2015	John Gannon	Ballycaman Kilcock Co. Kildare	P	07/10/03	Two semi-detached dormer bungalows with new entrance to side of same	356 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2029	Larry McNutt	43 Newtown Court Maynooth Co Kildare	P	09/10/03	For two storey extension to side of existing house, consisting of 1 bedroom, ensuite, study, utility, downstairs, toilet etc. and extended tiling to rear all at	43 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2040	John and Mary Gallen	12 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	10/10/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	12 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2080	Edward F. Duvivier & Emer McDermott	121 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/10/03	Development consists of the demolition of an existing garage and boiler house and the construction of a new two storey living room, bathroom and utility area and also the construction of a garden shed (for domestic purposes) only etc	121 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2084	Glenmoy Developments Ltd	Grafton Buildings 34 Grafton St. Dublin 24	P	17/10/03	For a residential infill development on a 5.9 acre site at Dillons Row, Maynooth. Proposals include a total of 91 dwellings and a single storey crèche comprising: 6 no. single storey sheltered houses, 1 no. single storey two house, 28 two etc.	Dillons Row Maynooth Co. Kildare.



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Features

Tony Blair- A Political Crisis

Tony Blair is in trouble. The fallout from the invasion of Iraq is damaging the unity of his Government. The continuing revelations from the Hutton Inquiry do nothing for his credibility or his future political career. Tony Blair continues to be on the receiving end of bad press over the death of Doctor Kelly, a gentleman hounded to his death by the House of Commons committee acting under instructions from their political masters. There are a good number of disgruntled Labour backbenches with a score to settle and no lack of potential candidates who fancy their chances of becoming the leader of the Party. There is a feeling among many people that the Blaires are getting what's coming to them and that few tears will be shed over their demise. The recent by-election will only add to the Prime Minister's woes and make it more difficult for him to survive.

There are implications for this country if Blair fails to survive. He is the first British Prime Minister fully committed to improvements between two countries. Some might disagree with this but there is an analysis of the career of Gladstone (supposedly one of the good guys) who introduced the first Home Rule Bill in 1866 showed that domestic considerations guided his policy in Ireland. If he required the backing of Irish MP's to form a liberal Government, he put Home Rule on the table. If he had a liberal majority Home Rule was taken off the table. Successive British Prime Ministers who showed no interest in Anglo-Irish affairs carried on this policy for over fifty years. Excuses were many but the core problem was the unwillingness of the British to improve the conditions in which the Irish people lived and were governed. By 1916 home rule was still an aspiration, fifty years after the introduction of the first Home Rule bill. Its beggars believe that columnists like Kevin Myres (Irish Times) have such a disrespectful attitude to the first Dail. The Provisional Government was forced to take to arms to advance the cause of Irish people. The history of Home Rule in Ireland was a history of deception, bad faith and pure trickery. The physical force movement, which Myres despises, arose from an exhaustion that had been stretched to the limit by British policy in Ireland.

A Russian General once said that for people to ignore history was to look to the future with both eyes closed. It is therefore important to review the path of Anglo-Irish affairs. Since the inception since the state in 1922 and glean what lessons should be learned if Blair falls. We often dwell on the quarrels of Civil War without recognising the policy gifted men and women, who formed the first Provisional Government. All had to learn the art of government and diplomacy quickly in order to secure the gains that were made possible by the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1922. W.T Cosgrave, Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith and later Eamon de Valera all

lacked the political guile and training that was a feature of the men from St. James' Palace (The Foreign Office) in London. Yet inspired by the love of their country and its people they delivered independence from the British Empire and the Irish people were free for the first time in 800 hundred years.

The partition of Ireland was a cause of much pain and heartbreak to many. What is important to remember is the decision of the majority of the Irish people to vote themselves out of the United Kingdom caused as much bitterness and anger to many in the British establishment. Bitterness fuelled by arrogance is still a feature in the political thinking of some members of the Conservative Party and surprisingly some elements in the British Labour party. It has manifested itself from the times of Lloyd George right up to the premiership of John Major and the Labour Governments of Wilson and Callaghan. Will we ever forget the pathetic Northern Ireland Secretaries of State, Merlyn Rees and Roy Mason. They were both members of a Labour Government who managed to damage Anglo-Irish relations.

Margaret Thatcher was most hostile to the idea of an Ireland totally removed from British influence. She was fully committed to the Unionist in maintaining their dominant status in Stormont Assembly. We remember her body language at the Dublin Summit with Charles Haughey, deeply uncomfortable in the mist of "Republicans". Thatcher gave the impression at photo call that she could not get away quickly enough. She had a basic distrust and dislike of the Republic of Ireland. In her autobiography "The Downing Street Years" she expresses her disappointment in the Anglo-Irish agreement and regrets signing it. It must be said that the agreement reflects great credit on the Fine Gael-Labour coalition ably led by doctor Gareth Fitzgerald. It also reflected great credit on Sean Donlon and his young bloods in the Department of Foreign Affairs. To have Margaret Thatcher sign an Agreement and later admit she was outmanoeuvred, was some play and reflects the progress that this Nation has made in the last fifty years. The pact that her successor John Major made with the Unionist Party in order to hold a Commons majority elected him badly. To make this deal in a critical period for Anglo-Irish relations with implications for the IRA cease-fire shows him as a Prime-Minister without moral principals. The Labour leaders Wilson and Callaghan were no different. Wilson presided over the collapse of the Sunningdale agreement when he failed to enforce the law and Callaghan increased the number of Unionist Seats in the House of Commons to win their backing for his minority Government. In all of this the interests of the Irish people, north and south took a back seat.

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Features

Tony Blair - A Political Crisis contd...

Most political analysts would agree that we were approaching the approaching the political end game in Northern Ireland. A crude head count shows both communities are heading towards a fifty/fifty split. This does not mean that there will be a majority seeking a United Ireland in the foreseeable future but it does raise the possibility of a Nationalist First Minister. This situation is fraught with danger and the implications of civil order will place a responsibility on the next British Prime Minister whoever he might be.

Blair, I believe, fully understands the potential problems that might arise. There is no doubt that he is working hard to consolidate the structures that were set up on Good Friday Agreement. These structures will be vital in dealing with a period of change, which will affect everybody living on both islands. What is required is a fully focused British Prime Minister who will disregard party considerations and work for a peaceful resolution to a very difficult political problem.

The greatest fear is that Gordon Brown should replace Blair. A Scot from the reformed church he has little or no knowledge of the Republic of Ireland. He may have spent some holiday time here, but has never shown any great interest in Anglo-Irish affairs. He has made little or no contribution to the resolution of the Northern Conflict. There is a danger that under his leadership any progress made in the Good Friday Agreement could slip and we could find ourselves going backwards because of his lack of political commitment. We have to take heed of what happened to previous Labour Administrations and realise that it is in our best interest that Blair remains as leader of that party and Prime Minister.

Jim Healy

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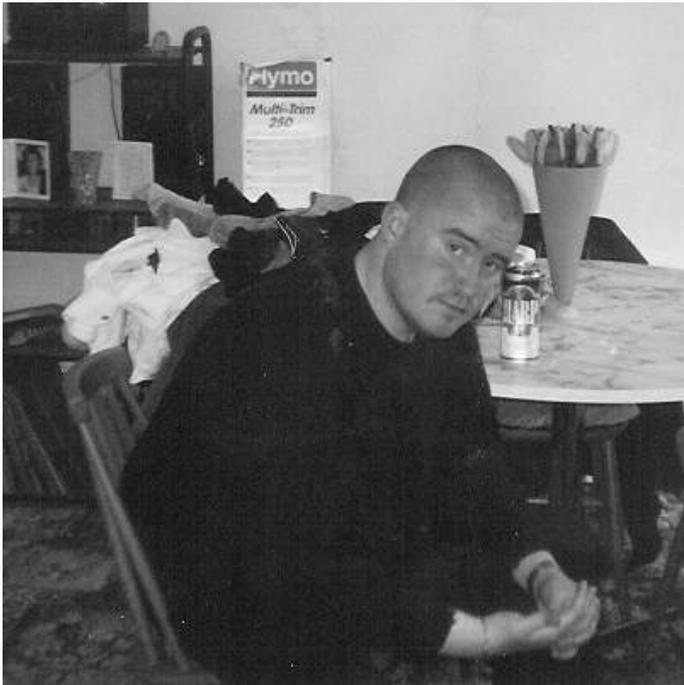
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Features



A True Lilywhite

The 23rd of August saw the sudden passing away of Ross Tobin aged twenty three. His loss is deeply felt by his twin John, Brothers, Patrick, Gerry and Shane, sister Bernadette, Grandmother Dinah, niece Leanne, nephew Aaron, sister in laws, relatives and close friends.

Even though he only graced us with his presence for a short time, he left a powerful impact on those around him. It's very hard to put into words what he gave to people who really knew him. He had a great sense of passion especially when it came to the subject of Kildare football. He was totally devoted to the Lilywhites, which stemmed way back before the "Mick O'Dwyer" era. He also took great pride in the town he grew up in and never liked straying from Maynooth and definitely not Kildare, unless it was to Croke Park to cheer them on.

It would be so easy for me to write a book on what Ross gave to me his "Twin" and others, but on a personal note, not many people got to know the real Ross. He was a thoughtful, caring and loving person to me as a twin and as a best friend, and was mentioned at his funeral "he was just too good for this world". He has left behind me and the rest of my family and is gone to a better place, and when Kildare eventually win Sam he will look down on us all with that big broad grin of his and say "I told ye so".

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Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum

Maynooth Local History Group organised two events as part of Heritage week 2003. More than 30 people attended a guided tour of St Patrick's College Maynooth on Sunday 7 September. Our tour guide was Mary Cullen whose expert knowledge and love for the college made it a most interesting afternoon.

The second event, A talk on Anne Devlin: heroine of Robert Emmet's rising of 1803, was held in the town library on Thursday 11 September at 8pm. Mary Cullen who once again shared with us her vast scholarship gave the talk. In the space of one hour she brought vividly to life Anne Devlin's involvement, as Emmet's friend and confidante and her subsequent imprisonment and mal-treatment in Kilmainham jail.

Following on from this talk, our secretary Rita Edwards organised a special tour of Glasnevin Cemetery on Saturday 4 October. Our tour guide on this occasion was Glasnevin's resident historian Shane Mac Thomais. With exactly the right mix of hard facts and Dublin wit, Shane guided us through the cultural and political divisions within the walls of the cemetery (the final resting place of some one and a half million people) which mirrors so well our development as a nation over the past 170 years.



The last grave visited was Anne Devlin's, where Mary Cullen laid a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the group. The Maynooth Local History & Civic Forum meet on the last Thursday of the month in the town library. New members welcome. Contact Rita Edwards (01-6016332).

MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

The October meeting of the Maynooth ICA was the annual auction, the proceeds of which go to sponsor two members for a week in An Grianan Adult Education College. The auction itself is a popular event, as part of the fun is guessing what is in each of the parcels, which everybody brings, already wrapped, and then figuring out what to bid on. Margaret Holohon, whose lighthearted approach encouraged the bidding, ably conducted the auction.

Ten members of the group visited An Grianian, which is an oasis of quiet in Termanfecin, County Louth, last weekend. On setting out, all of the women felt they could not afford the time to go and only followed through on the idea as they were already committed but all that was forgotten when they got there. From the wide variety of courses available members of the group chose copper repousse, cushion making, flower arranging, and oil painting. They enjoyed making the crafts and had the added pleasure of bringing home the finished pieces. The women who took the aromatherapy and massage course, returned both relaxed mentally and physically and with a plan to include regularly some of what they had learned, in their busy lives. Before the group left on Sunday afternoon, following a superb lunch, the only talk was of when they could arrange another visit.

To mark its fiftieth anniversary, the ICA is taking stock: every long-lived organisation must redefine and reinvent itself. It must retain what is good and at the same time not become irrelevant. This also means attracting new members with new perspectives. That's why we are circulating a questionnaire among our members. If you think the ICA could play a positive part in your life, why not join us? Craft sessions are held every Monday evening at eight in the ICA Hall in Leinster Street, by the canal at Maynooth.

Anyone interested is welcome to come along and see what is going on. The general monthly meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month at nine. There are always activities: November's is a memorial service and December's is—you've guessed it! —A Christmas party!

Even if you are interested but cannot attend at the moment, we would welcome your ideas. We can be contacted through the *Maynooth Newsletter*.

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The European meeting hosted by the Irish partners from St. John of God Kildare Services, commenced on Sunday 5th October 2003 and finished Wednesday 8th October at the Glen Royal Hotel Maynooth. Twenty-three participants travelled from Austria, Germany and Slovenia. Brother Gregory welcomed them, at a reception held in the Glen Royal on the Sunday night. They were joined by Adult Learners and staff from the Genil training and Employment services and Re Nua Service for older persons. The theme of the conference was for the Inclusion of People with learning Disabilities in Adult Education and Life long learning. This European Union driven Programme encourages involvement in arts and crafts and exchange visits between the participants. It encourages the participants from each country to work with each other and develop new friendships. The Presentation given by the TOPS drama group on the opening night, on the theme of inclusion, was greeted by a standing and sustained ovation by the audience. The Programme Manager, Theresa Doyle, was ably assisted by a dedicated group of volunteers in making the conference an outstanding success.

Tree Pruning in Cluain Aoibhinn



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Know Your Rights

Question

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

Answer

The National Fuel Scheme operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs is intended to help people who are dependent on long term social welfare or health board payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme people who qualify for the Fuel Allowance receive an extra €9.00 per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qualify for an extra €3.90 per week for smokeless fuel, but only if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal. The €3.90 may also be payable to those receiving Disability Benefit or Unemployment Benefit/ Assistance for at least 13 weeks and to those receiving Family Income Supplement, who do not qualify for the basic allowance.

In order to qualify for the Fuel Allowance you must satisfy a means test. You and the members of you or household cannot have more than €50.79 per week in combined income or savings/capital of €41,901.36 or more above the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension rate in order to qualify. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of €130.30 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed €130.30 plus €50.79 i.e. €181.09.

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

The allowance is paid for 29 weeks from the first week in October to late April.

If you think you are eligible you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated if you apply after the start of the heating season. Application forms (NFS1) are available from any Post Office or your local Social Welfare Office.

Question

I believe it is possible to claim tax relief for third level fees. Can you please give the details?

Answer

Tax relief for third level tuition fees for approved courses is available to those who pay their own fees or pay on behalf of their spouse, their child or a person for

whom they are the legal guardian. Relief is not available for administration or examination fees or for any part of the tuition fee that is paid for through a grant, scholarship, by an employer, etc.

Tax relief for third level tuition fees is available for the following courses:

Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in both private and publicly funded third level colleges in the state.

Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in both privately and publicly funded third level colleges in any EU member state.

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Post graduate courses in certain private and publicly funded third level colleges in non-EU countries.

Information technology and foreign language courses resulting in a certificate of competence (not just a certificate of attendance).

Tax relief, which is at the standard rate of income tax i.e.. 20%, is only available where the net tuition fee is €315 or more. The maximum relief available for 2003 is €3,175. Application form (IT 31) are available for the Revenue Commissioners Tel: LoCall 1890 306706.

Further information is available from your own tax office, the Revenue Commissioners Central Telephone Information Office Tel: LoCall 1890 605090 and the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

If my employer sells his business, does the new employer have to employ me?

Answer

Yes, if the business continues to operate as before. Under Statutory Instrument 131/2003 - European Communities (Protection of Employees on Transfer of Undertaking) Regulations 2003 - where a business is sold as a going concern the interests of existing employees are protected at the time of the changeover. This means that the new employer must honour your contract of employment, with the exception of pensions, but including rates of pay, hours of work, annual leave entitlements continuous service and so on. Where only part of the business is sold the employees working in that part are protected in the same way as if the entire business was sold.

Neither your previous or new employer can use the fact of the sale as a justification for dismissing you, unless there are valid economic, technical or organisational grounds justifying changes in the workforce.

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Dismissal on such grounds is redundancy and you might be entitled to a redundancy lump sum.

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Employment Appeals Tribunal, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide road, Dublin 2. Tel: 901) 631 2121.

Further information on your employment rights and entitlements is available in the new edition of 'Employment Rights Explained' published by Comhairle and available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I am dissatisfied with the quality of work I had done in my garden by landscapers and will have to pay for someone else to finish the job properly. I have asked the company to compensate me for the additional expense I will be incurring but I have been refused. Could you give me some information about the Small Claims Procedure as I intended pursuing the issue?

Answer

The Small Claims Procedure is for dealing with claims under €1,269.74 within the District Court structure. The aim is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way for consumers to resolve disputes without the need to employ a solicitor.

Anyone who has purchased goods or services for private use from someone selling them in the course of business may take a Small Claims Court action. Claims can be made for faulty goods or bad workmanship. Claims can also be made for minor damage to property and for the non-return of rent deposits. Claims cannot be made for debts, personal injuries or breach of leasing agreements.

To make a claim you need to complete a special application form which can be obtained from the Small Claims Registrar at your local District Court office where you can get assistance in completing the form. The completed form with the fee (€9) should be lodged with the Small Claims Registrar. A copy of the form is sent to the person against whom you are making the claim by the Registrar, who also keeps a copy.

If within 15 days of receiving your application, the other party does not reply to it, your claim will be

automatically treated as undisputed and the District Court will an Order in your favour for the amount claimed to be paid within a short specific period of time. But if your claim is disputed the Registrar will contact you and let you have a copy of the reasons why the other party is disputing your claim.

If you win your case, the other party will be allowed about four weeks to pay the amount the Court. But both parties to the case have the right to appeal an Order of the District Court to the Circuit Court where the Judge in question may decide on the subject of costs.

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Shopping List

Goat Cheese x 2
Smoked back bacon (packet)
Rocket salad x 1
Garlic x 1 bulb
Wholegrain mustard x 1 jar
White wine vinegar x 1 bottle
Caster sugar x 1
Star anise x 1 jar
Cinnamon sticks x 1 jar
Fresh root ginger x 1
Red chilli x 1
Mascarpone cheese x 1
Lemon x 1
Large pork chops x 4
Pate x 1 tub

From the Store Cupboard

Olive oil
Cocktail sticks
Salt and pepper

Goats Cheese and Rocket Salad

Cook time 20 minutes preparation time 15 minutes

9oz of smoked back bacon
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 small round, soft goats cheese about 3½oz each
3oz of rocket or watercress
For the dressing
1 clove of garlic
1 teaspoon of wholegrain mustard
2 teaspoons of white wine vinegar
2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 240°C/475°F Gas 9. Derind and dice the bacon, heat the oil and fry the bacon until crisp. To make the dressing, peel the garlic and crush in a small bowl add the rest of ingredients season with salt and pepper.

Line a baking sheet with baking paper, cut the goats cheese horizontally and lay the rounds on the baking sheet, bake for 5 minutes or until they begin to melt or turn a toasting brown colour on top. Meanwhile, trim, rinse and dry rocket and put it into a mixing bowl with the bacon pour the dressing over and toss lightly. Then arrange in circles on individual plates remove the cheese from the oven, place on round in the center of each salad, serve immediately.

Andy's Tip

For a vegetarain version, use toasted pine kernels or almonds instead of the bacon.

Pork Pockets

Preparation time 10 minutes Cook time 15 minutes

4 large pork chop
4 teaspoons of your favourite pate, garlic and mushroom work well
4 cocktail sticks
Oil for frying

Cut away the fat from the chops using a sharp knife, slice a pocket in each chop length ways. Fill each chop with pate and close with a cocktail stick. Heat oil in a pan and add chops, fry until golden brown on each side reduce heat cooking gently for 10 minutes. Serve with mash potatoes and vegetables of your choice.

Wine

French red wine goes very well with the whole dinner something like a Côtes de Rhone with its rich fruity flavours.

Hot spiced peaches with Mascarpone Cheese

Cook time 25 minutes, Preparation time 15 minutes

4oz of caster sugar
2 star of anise
½ inch stick of cinnamon or ½ teaspoons of ground
2 thin slices of fresh ginger or ½ teaspoon of ground
1 fresh red chilli not cut
6oz of Mascarpone cheese
1 lemon

Boil the kettle and add 150mls of water to a sauce pan, add sugar and dissolve, then add your spices and simmer gently for 15 minutes, then cut the peaches in half, remove stones and put into a bowl of boiling water leave for 1-2 minutes drain and remove skin. Cut each half into 4-6 slices and add to the sugar syrup, bring to the boil reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Meanwhile add the rest of the sugar to the Mascarpone, squeeze the juice from the lemon, remove the spiced peaches, then add the lemon juice. Transfer into individual dishes and serve warm or cold with a little syrup and Mascarpone.

Andy's Tip

When serving warm this dessert makes an excellent accompaniment to pancakes waffles or ice cream



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Features

Murder of the month – the body in the van

By the mid-1950s in England there was a large immigrant population and there were many from India and the West Indies in Wolverhampton. Among these were the Duggals. Jitendra Duggal and his wife Pushr Lata Duggal had moved to Wolverhampton to provide a better life for themselves and their two children and this was coming to fruition when disaster struck. Mr Duggal worked as an electronics engineer in a small firm and he also worked at the weekends as a credit draper. His wife was a qualified doctor and worked at a hospital in Coventry. Within a year of setting up as a credit draper he had 500 customers, mostly fellow immigrants living in Wolverhampton. This hard work allowed them to move to Shirley near Solihull where they bought their own home. Duggal left home to do his rounds in his van as usual on Sunday November 15th 1964 just three months after their move to their new home. He told his wife that he would be back at about 9 p.m.

When he did not fulfil this promise his wife phoned the police and reported him missing. It was a number of days before there was a development in the case. His van was found in Avenue Road, Wolverhampton where the residents reported that it been left in a cul-de-sac since late on the Sunday night. When they realised that the van was abandoned they reported its presence.

A digger-driver had already investigated the van and found that it was unlocked. But he did not look any further. He was looking for some identification and failing to find any he left the van as it was. It did not occur to him to look in the back. The police quickly opened the boot and found Mr Duggal's body with his feet tied with a pyjama jacket as well as a piece of string around his neck. His black notebook containing the names of his customers fell from his body as it was moved – 500 suspects! All 500 had a motive – robbery. He was in the habit of doing his business in cash and Sunday was collection day. He would have carried large amounts of money.

The men investigating his death were Detective Superintendent Frank Davies of Scotland Yard and Detective Superintendent Harold Williams of the Wolverhampton police. With the friends and relatives of Duggal's customers, who knew about his business the list of possible suspects rose to 5,000 people. This would a difficult and painstaking investigation. The police appealed to witnesses who may have seen the van after the last sighting at 3.00 p.m. that Sunday. The pathologist said that Duggal had not been strangled by the string; rather he had been manually strangled before the string had been wound about him. His face had 86 scratches and the police assumed that this was as a result of his struggle with his murderer.

A further clue was the fact that his widow had received two strange phone calls on the day of his murder but the caller had not spoken. When the van was searched for finger prints, apart from those of Duggal, his wife and the digger-driver there were other unknown prints. They were probably those of the murderer.

The police set about the momentous job of finger printing all his customers and checking all the addresses in his book. The immigrant population was partly transient and they decided to finger print anyone living at these addresses whether they were a customer or not.

After two weeks they were getting closer. On visiting an address at Williamson Street they found two Jamaicans whose names were not in Duggal's book but one of them was wearing his watch. He was Joseph Lawrence who said that he lived at this address. The other man was his friend Philbert Walker who had an address elsewhere. When Lawrence was questioned about the watch he said that he bought it from his friend Walker. He denied any knowledge of either Duggal or his van. But their fingerprints matched those found in the van and the story began to change. Each began to finger the other. Friendship quickly disintegrated in the face of murder charges.

Walker said that he was involved in the robbery but denied knowing that Lawrence would kill the man. He added that Lawrence said that he had to kill him in case he went to the police.

Lawrence told a different tale. Refusing to speak until he had a solicitor, he then blamed the entire episode on Walker. He maintained that he was not strong enough to kill anyone.

The police were having none of it – both men were charged with murder and the case went to trial on February 2nd 1965. They were accused of the capital murder of Mr Duggal in the course of a robbery, robbery with aggravation, robbery with violence and being an accessory after the fact of murder. The jury were told by the QC for the Crown that this was a brutal and cruel murder of a man who was a decent and hard-working individual.

Throughout the trial the defendants continued to blame the murder on one another and the Justice said during his summing up that each of them was as guilty as the other, directly or indirectly. He added that if the jury were satisfied that Walker had helped Lawrence in the robbery that he should be considered guilty of murder whether or not he had intended to kill the victim or not. It took the jury only 5 hours to find Lawrence guilty of capital murder and Philbert Walker guilt of just plain murder. The judge said that he agreed with the verdict and he sentenced Lawrence to death.

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Features

Murder of the month – the body in the van Contd...

The Jamaican wept as he left the court for the condemned cell in Birmingham's Winson Green prison. Coincidentally, the last man hanged there in 1962 was also a Jamaican. Walker was sentenced to life imprisonment but that was not the end. The case went to appeal. Lawrence's sentence was retained but the lawyers contended that the judge had misdirected the jury in Walker's sentence. He had said that if Walker was prepared to take part in the robbery then he was complicit and guilty of the murder. But it was pointed out that this had ceased to be law since 1957 and that the judge should have told them that Walker was only guilty of murder if he knew that Lawrence was going to kill Duggal.

Three judges upheld Walker's appeal but he did not walk free. He was sentenced to 7 years for accessory to murder after the fact.

Lawrence was never hanged. There was a new Labour Government and they decided that no one would be hanged during their term. When he left prison after serving 15 years he was promptly deported.

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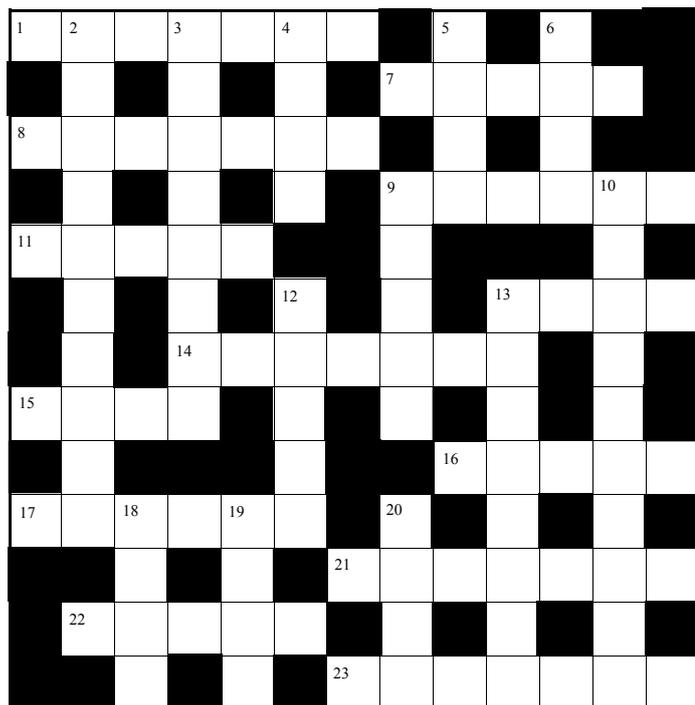
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7. Prankster (5)
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9. Truman..... US author (6)
11. Bowling surface (5)
13. Birds bill (4)
14. Lake between Israel and Jordan (4,3)
15. Cunning (4)
16. Thrall (5)
17. Ensnare (6)
21. Intolerance (7)
22. Group of a species (5)
23. Room (7)

Down:

2. Departure to a new country (10)
3. Wobbly (8)
4. Kind of bulb (4)
5. Spanish artist (4)
6. Mexican currency (4)
9. Thicket (5)
10. Lying crosswise (10)
12. Former county name of Shropshire (5)
13. Dace hall (8)
18. Long journey (4)
19. Shivery fever (4)
20. Lillian..... Silent screen star (4)

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4th	-	John Byrne	59pts
5th	-	Joe Bibic	58pts
6th	-	Mick Flynn	56pts
7th	-	Colm Loftus	54pts
Fronts 18	-	Mick Fahy	
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*Tess Kenny and John Saults winner of the
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Members of the Maynooth Golfing Society who attended the Christy Kenny Memorial Cup

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Features

The Dawning of The Day

Tim rested his arms on the wooden fence. The field fell away to a small river that meanders its way through a landscape of rolling hills that is a feature of the West Wicklow countryside. At peace with himself and just a little annoyed that even after all these years he was unable to grasp and fully appreciate the beauty of the area and the tranquillity that it brought him. In the field the grass rustled quietly in the breeze as it swayed gently to the everchanging direction of the winds. The sun shone down on a cloudless sky giving warmth and a golden sheen to the acres and acres of corn and wheat that covered his field of vision. Nothing much had changed in this landscape in his lifetime except his memory suggested that the summers were warmer and longer in his younger days. Tim moved slightly and emptied the burnt tobacco from his pipe going through a time-measured ritual of refilling and re-lighting. Nothing fazed Tim; a lifetime of looking after animals taught him a humility and acceptance to the forces of nature.

His eyes focused on the five year old gelding trotting round the field. The chestnut colour lightened by the rays of the sun and the four white feet parting the swaying grass as he galoped from one end of the field to the other. Tim was initially moved by the honesty of his horse, the gentle eyes and the intelligence that shone from his face as he enjoyed his romp before being returned to his box. The horse trotted to the fence and nudged Tim's arms. He was not disappointed as an apple was produced and eaten in an environment of contempt that only nature can provide. Tim studied his horse. The chestnut measured sixteen hands high, a product of mating by a Strong Gale and a mare from the Mah Mahal line. The birth had been difficult and only the good hands and experience of the local vet saved the foal. He had mused over a name for the foal for some time always believing that somehow he might turn out something special. He had chosen the name "Marshy Ney" the bravest of the brave and one of Napoleon's great generals. He smiled wryly at his choice and reflected on his uncharacteristic brashness of choosing the name. Marshal Ney was extremely game and built like a little tank. He had not rushed the preparation of the horse's racing career. He finished second in his only race as a four year old, a two mile flat national hunt race at Punchestown. Tim now in his sixty-seventh year had seen many false dawns and although hopeful for the horses did not raise his hopes on gaining that exclusive first win. Almost unnoticed and without a word Toby, Tim's trusted farmland led the gelding from the paddock and walked him backed to the stable.

Tim returned to the house. Built nearly one hundred years ago it stood at the end of a short tree lined

driveway. The Georgian architecture and the magnificent colours of the surrounding gardens never ceased to excite him ever since he seen the house for the first time nearly forty years ago. He smiled as he saw his wife Nancy in the garden. Busy as usual she was tending to rose plants that would in time grow and enhance further the beautiful environment that surrounded the house. Nancy saw him and walked towards him. She kissed him on the cheek and they joined hands and walked slowly towards the house. "Ted called" She said "and he thinks you have lost it".

Ted Sloan, champion jockey and good friend of Tim had called in the previous week to discuss the racing future of Marshal Ney. Ted had seen the horse at Punchestown and liked him. He assumed that Tim would pick an easy maiden hurdle for his first run over the jumps. Tim said nothing until they both sat down in kitchen. He poured Ted a generous whiskey and patted his collie as the warmth from the open fire spread across the stone floor. "I am going to run him in the Champion Novice Hurdle at the Punchestown Festival". Ted nearly dropped his drink. "I know it is a bit ambitious" Tim said "but I believe he is good enough". He lacks experience but I have seen Toby school him over hurdles and he is a natural. "Listen Ted time is something I may not have a lot left and this is as a good chance I may ever get of winning a big race". Ted was silent for a while swirling the remainder of the whiskey the glass and looking at the fire. Five foot three in height and weighing 9 stone seven he was smaller and lighter than the average national hunt jockey. He had however a great ability in making horses run for him, he sat quietly in the saddle and his use of long rein instilled a confidence in his mounts. He as a great judge of pace and always left something for the finish. Tim gave him his first leg up on a horse when he worked his summer holidays on the farm. Ted had never forgotten the kindness shown to him by Tim and Nancy was a frequent visitor to the house. Ted a champion jockey on five occasions had already been contacted to ride three other horses in the race and each had a better chance in the race on the book than Marshal Ney. He sipped his whiskey and tried to balance his friendship with Tim against his potential loss of the prize money which would amount to 10,000 euro. Tim read his thoughts and gently leaned over to pat him on the shoulder. "You owe me nothing Ted it was a pleasure for me and Nancy to be involved in your career and whatever decision you make it will change nothing, you will always be our friend and welcome in our house. I believe Marshal Ney with luck in running has a good chance of winning. Please think about it and let me know.

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The Dawning of The Day Contd...

Tim listened as Nancy continued "Ted does not agree with you running the horse in the champion novice, however he will ride Marshal Ney and will drop over Thursday to pop the horse over a few hurdles" Tim was happy with the news as he thought Ted was the perfect jockey for this horse.

The rain continued to fall steadily as the mount up bell was sounded in the parade ring. Tim a man of few words had even less to say to Ted. It had been agreed that Marshal Ney would be taken to the front and try to make all the running. As the horses trotted out onto the track, Ted was pleasantly surprised by the feel that the horse was giving him. Striding down to the two mile start the horse appeared eager and enthusiastic about battle ahead. As the field circled at the start Ted identified the two horses that he would have preferred to ride, Palestine with John Palmer up, a big brute of a horse who was going to prefer the rain softened ground and Durzetta a classy mare whose current form made her race favourite. There was no love lost between Sloan and Palmer. John Palmer with a powerful upper body build and an aggressive whip action was opposite to Ted who relied on his hands to get a response from his mounts. A massive cheer from the crowded grandstands signalled the off and Ted took the marshal into an immediate lead. He cleared the first hurdle well and headed for the turn at the bottom of the first ten lengths in front. Marshal Nry was travelling easily and jumped the second and third hurdle in a manner that belied his lack of experience. Ted Sloan began to believe in his mount and the exchange of the mutual confidence between horse and jockey soon became apparent to Tim who was watching from the grandstands. Marshal Ney was pounding out a demanding pace and with one mile to run it was apparent that most of the field was struggling to keep in touch. Durzetta with young Ross Brady up was the first to react and brought his mount to lead the chasing pack. Palmer lay behind in the knowledge that the inexperienced Brady was going to give him a lead to Marshal Ney. Tim watched and experienced an strange serenity. He had never built up his hopes and in a way was intensely proud of his horse's performance. Honest and courageous Tim Sloan and Marshal Ney headed for the second last hurdle. Durzetta a length behind was now in trouble as Brady had done the donkey work in bringing Marshal Ney back to the chasing pair. Palestine passed Durzetta and Palmer showing a nasty triumphant grin, mounted a challenge on the outside to Marshal Ney. They crossed the second last together and raced to the final hurdle. Crack, crack, crack like three pistol shots in rapid succession Palmer tested the outer parameters of the whip rules as he laid into Palestine. His powerful strength brought Palestine to a half length lead at the last. Ted responded urging and

encouraging his mount. He need not have bothered. Marshal Nry as if mindful of his famous name would not give in. Inch by inch he clawed his way back and with his great heart busting drew level. But it was too late, the winning post had arrived in time for Palestine. he crowed was in uproar, they had seen a titanic battle and cheered the participants to the high heavens. Ted offered his hands to Palmer who ignored the gesture and responded with a sneer "put on some learn ho

weight and learn how to use a whip". Ted knew this was going to be a long and lonely walk back to the unsaddling enclosure.

Nancy from an early stage in their married life never watched a race with Tim. After a succession of bad luck with fancied horses trained by her husband she was unable to bear the tension of watching his horses run. She had always loved him dearly and each reverse nearly broke her heart. She had often questioned her ability to lift and encourage him to try again. She had watched the race unfold on the television in a tented catering area beside the grandstand. Nancy was numb her glass gripped tightly in her hand. She heard nothing her world had suddenly gone quiet as the tears started to trickle from her eyes. Looking towards the teeming skies she silently rebuked the almighty. "Dear God just once could you have given Tim his day in the sun". She started to walk towards the parade ring. Devastated as Nancy was, she was determined to retain her composure for Tim's sake and try lift him on this awful day.

"STEWARDS INQUIRY", "STEWARDS INQUIRY" She did not comprehend the announcement until a gentle hand was placed on her shoulder. Her sensibilities were shattered by the voice of Robert Springer, the stewards secretary. "Nancy I am in a hurry, a stewards inquiry has been called an Marshal Ney is Certain to be given the race. Palestine into your horse twice before the final hurdle and leaned into him on the last 100 yards. Palmer took no corrective action and failed to change his whip hand. Congradulae Tim for me and have a congratulatory drink on ice I will drop over next week". Nancy started running towards the parade ring, this time with tears of joy. She saw Tim beaming from a distance and at that point could not remember being as happy in her life.

By Jim Healy

Maynooth Newsletter

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Riverbank Arts Centre and Kildare Library & Arts Service

Guide to events:

Frances Black In Concert Saturday 15 November €20

There are those who sing and then there are those who in singing manage to weave a web of magic, creating a conspiracy with their audience, a common bond of enjoyment, revelling in the joy of the music. Frances Black is one such artist, a singer for whom the link with her audience is paramount, from her early days singing with her siblings in the Black Family, through her time with Kieran Goss, to her current success as a solo performer. Her heartfelt and moving renditions continue to draw audiences to her.

Twenty 4 Seven Magpie Theatre Company Tuesday 4 November 1.30 & 8.00pm. €6

Directed by Louise Lowe, and starring the members of Magpie Theatre Company, this drama is set in the Dublin of today. The play is a raw and unflinching exploration of crime, domestic violence, addiction and imprisonment in one 24 hour period.

Thanks for the Mammaries Quick Change Theatre Thursday 6 & Friday 7 November €14

Andi and Rachel meet up ten years after leaving school together and discover the different paths their lives have taken. Rachel has just left her husband of ten years and Andi has spent the years flitting between a number of men. Join them as they chart the ever changing territory of love, sex, friendship, relationships, and...er...sex!

Bouncers Everyman Theatre Thursday 20 to Saturday 22 November Thursday €10/8 Friday & Saturday €14/10

After is acclaimed fun at the Everyman Palace Theatre in Cork, the Smash Hit Irish Comedy, BOUNCERS, by John Godber, embarks on a nationwide tour. It's Friday night, it's club night time - time for bouncers to come alive! In this hilarious parody of the contemporary nightclub scene, four bouncers portraying over 30 different characters invite us for a night out on the town. We meet giggly girls, lads on the make, D4 Poseurs, lager louts, and smooth talking DJ's all set against the glitzy glamour, flashing lights and the pulsating beat of the dance floor.

Translations by Brian Friel Newbridge Drama Group Wednesday 26 - Saturday 29 November €10/7.50

Fresh from a long romance with the Seer of the South (Newbridge Drama Groups last two plays were Sive and Many Young Men of Twenty) the Group now looks North for adventure. In translations, Brian Friel welcomes us to the town of Baile Beag, an Irish-speaking community c. 1833. Into this setting comes a detachment of the Royal Engineers engaged on behalf of the British army and government to make the first Ordinance Survey. There follows a story of love, hatred, and endurance. A modern classic, this play engages the intellect as well as the heart through the detailed examination of individual lives.

An Evening with Niall Tobin Comedy Saturday 8 November €25

One of Ireland's best-loved actors and comedians, Niall Tobin has spent over forty years performing. From his theatre roles as Brendan Behan in The Borstal Boy to his TV role in the popular series, BallyKissangel, Tobin is a household name. But it's his role as a comedian that enchants most of all. Enjoy an evening of hilarity with one of the all time greats, the legendary Niall Tobin.

Bob Dylan and the Poetry of the Blues Michael Gray Friday 14 November €12/10

This is more a one-man show than a talk. The author of "Song & Dance Man III: The Art Of Bob Dylan has been inspired by the blues and how much of its poetry has been smuggled inside Dylan's own work. Michael Gray's events are always lively, witty and acute, and mix surprising slices of music and video/DVD with a thoroughly entertaining fresh account of music history and Dylan's part in it.

An Introduction of Drawing Thursday 8.00pm-10.00pm From 13 November

A five week introductory series of drawing classes will be held at the Riverbank Arts Centre beginning on November 13th and continuing until December 11, from 8.00 to 10.00. The fee for the course is €60 and will be payable on registration which will take place on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm.

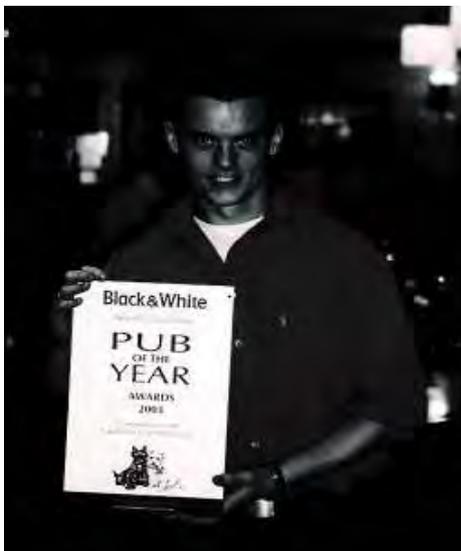
If you wish to have a copy of our guide posted to you, please can the Riverbank Box Office on (045) 448333. The guide is also available on www.kildare.ie/arts.

For further information, please contact Catriona Fallon on (045) 448314/5, or on artscentre@riverbank.ie

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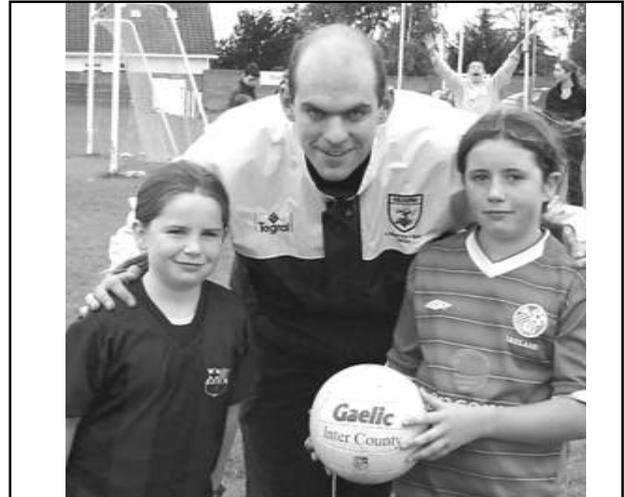
FOR THE BEST PINT IN MAYNOOTH

Maynooth GAA Football Blitz

Maynooth GAA Club held a very successful blitz for boys and girls in the GAA field recently. Up to 80 children took part all playing in at least five games each. There were no overall winners except the children, the parents, and the Maynooth Club, who provided light refreshments for the children. The trainers would like to thank all who helped and especially Kildare and Maynooth goalie Paul Flood. Despite moving into his new house Paul made time for the children. Training continues on Saturday Mornings at 11.30 to 12.30.



Representing Cork



Jane Finnegan, Paul Flood & Elaine Kelly



Paul Flood & Bronagh Dunning



Representing Offaly

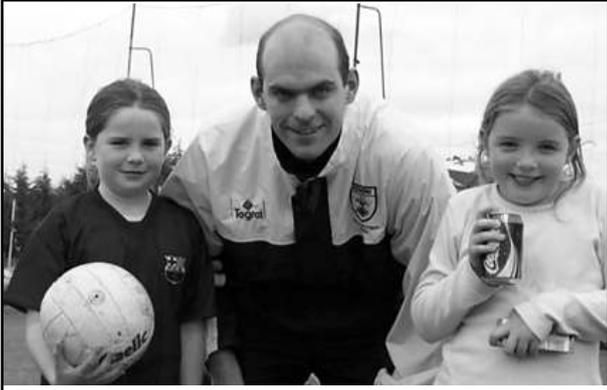


Representing Dublin



Paul Flood &

Maynooth GAA Football Blitz



P. Flood, Jane Finnegan & Siobhan McNutt



Representing



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Maynooth

Maynooth Local History Group published a very important book about the resting places of our people in our parish of Maynooth Laraghbryan. It is a wonderful book - full of lore, and with an account of each cemetery in the area - all marked on a large-scale map. Did you know that there are twelve - try counting them, and then read the twelve chapters! The book *Myth and Memory* is in Byrnes bookshop. I think that the Family Tree of graves on pages 98 and 99 is very important.

This month, when we are visiting family graves let us remember that we owe it to those gone before, to keep this Family Tree for descendants. This is even more important in Maynooth, where people are on the move away from places of origin, away 'from some quiet hill where mountainy men (and women) hath sown and soon would reap near to the gate of Heaven', or 'playing on the streets of the little towns of Connacht'.

This poem, on the back cover of the book, by poet Patrick Pearse brought all to mind.

The Wayfarer.
The beauty of the world hath made me sad,
This beauty that will pass,
Sometimes my heart hath shaken with great joy
To see a leaping squirrel in a tree,
Or a red ladybird upon a stalk,
Or little rabbits in a field at evening
Lit by a slanting sun.
Or some green hill where shadows drifted by.
Some quiet hill where mountainy men hath sown,
And soon would reap, near to the gate of Heaven.
Or children with bare feet upon the sands
Of some ebbd sea, or playing on the streets
Of some little town in Connacht.
Things young and happy,
And then my heart hath told me
These things will pass.
Will pass and change, will die and be no more.
Things bright and green, things young and happy:
And I have gone upon my way
Sorrowful.

WHAT IS MYTH AND MEMORY?

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Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS WEEKEND

Would you like to be part of a new group in Maynooth?

Join others for Cinema, Theatre, Hill Walking, Pitch and Putt,
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You Are 25-50 professional male/female and wish to meet new friends.

Contact Clare or Danny 01-6016929 after 8p.m.

Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

E-mail: maynoothtownfc@eircom.net



Maynooth Town's North Dublin Schoolboy's League Under 13's Squad at their recent medal presentation.



Team Managers Bill Gannon (L) & Pat Moynan (R) with Team Captain Sean Durcan, Top Scorer Stephen Byrne (with over 40 goals) & Player



Having raised €1100 for Maynooth Town F.C. development Fund in a summer tandem jump Morgan Lettice took to the skies a second time recently to complete a solo parachute jump again raising in excess of €1000. The club would like to thank all those who sponsored Morgan on his second daring deed and a special thank you to Morgan's wife Mary who was by his side (at least when he was on the ground) throughout the ordeal.

Maynooth Town F.C. Weekly Lotto Results

Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners		
27-Jul-03	1,9,12,22	€975	BERNIE DOYLE	CAROL CONWAY	H. Mc LENNON
03-Aug-03	3,4,16,28	€1,050	JOHN COOKE	WILLIAM GANNON	AARON DONOVAN
10-Aug-03	5,6,16,26	€1,125	IMELDA DOWLING	WILLIE DONEGAN	EMMA JANE CASSIDY
17-Aug-03	10,16,18,20	€1,200	MAURICE BYRNE	COLLETTE KAVANAGH	JOHN DALY
24-Aug-03	10,12,22,24	€1,275	NOEL CROSS	DES FINNAN	J. DALY
31-Aug-03	1,2,10,28	€1,350	E. BRADLEY	R. COSTIGAN	MAURICE CARTY
07-Sep-03	8,14,20,22	€1,425	CATHAL FENTON	TOM BUCKLEY	PAUL FLOOD
14-Sep-03	16,18,23,25	€1,500	EMMET DAWSON	M. O' DONNELL	EAMON CARTY
21-Sep-03	10,13,17,27	€1,575	DAMIEN CODFREY	TOM KIRBY	PATRICK WILLIAMS
28-Sep-03	6,10,20,28	€1,650	MARY JENNINGS	LAURA DOOGAN	JOHN GANNON
05-Oct-03	8,10,15,16	€1,725	PADRAIG TRACEY	PAUL CURTIS	PHIL DOYLE
12-Oct-03	4,9,11,15	€1,800	JOHN GERAGHTY	PATRICIA MORAN	SARAH MORRISSEY

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Features

Being an avid reader of the Newsletter myself, it struck me that so much of what is going on in the college remains inaccessible to people of the town. The Philosophy Department, for example, of which I am a member, has a seminar series, which is open to the public, free and generally accessible to anyone interested. We would in particular welcome members of the local public. The series of lectures runs every Thursday in term from 12 to 13.

Faculty of Philosophy

Staff/Postgraduate Seminar 2003 - 2004

Thursday - 12.00 noon - 1.00 - Theatre 2

6 November 2003 Dr. Brendan Purcell,
Department of Philosophy,
University College, Dublin.

Evolution and Human Origins.

Chair: Dr. Michael Dunne

13 November 2003 Dr. Gordon Campbell,
Department of Ancient
Classics, NUIM

Man-Faced Ox-Creatures in the 21st Century: Recent Interpretations of Empedocles' Zoogony

Chair: Dr. M. Dunne

20 November 2003 Dr Michael Clarke,
Department of Ancient
Classics, NUIM

Doubts and Worries about the Human Language Faculty.

Chair: Dr. Thomas Kelly

27 November 2003 Professor Candice Taylor
Quinn, History
Department,
Wheaton College.

The Metaphysics of Light.

Chair: Mr. Eamonn Gaines

4 December 2003 Mr. Tony Fahey,
Department of Philosophy,
NUIM.

Vico on the Heroic or Dignified Mind.

Chair: Professor James McEvoy.

11 December 2003 Dr. Miguel DeArce,
Genetics, Trinity College,
Dublin.

Selfish Genes; Fifty Years of Self-Replication

Chair: Ms. Mette Lebech.

18 December 2003 Mr. Eamonn Gaines,
Department of Philosophy,
NUIM.

Chair: Mr. Tony Fahey

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our annual sale of work takes place on Sunday 16th November in the Parish Hall at 3pm. Tickets for the Monster Raffle will be on sale at Tesco Supermarket for the 2 weekends before the 16th November. Members of our committee will distribute flyers to the households in Maynooth during the weeks prior to the sale of work. As in previous years your generosity is much appreciated. All our committee carry personal identification. At this time of the year we would like to remind our Senior Citizens regarding **Spark Guards and to check batteries in smoke alarms and torches.**

Our next Tea Dance will be held on Sunday 23rd November at 3pm in the GAA Club on the Moyglare Road.

Patsy O'Rafferty
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Gardening Tips

Rotate on the vegetable plot, don't forget to rotate your cropping plan both to reduce any build-up of pests or disease, and to create the right levels of food in the ground for various crops. In general, lime for brassicas, incorporate manure for Legumes, and apply general fertiliser for root crops.

Paeonies can be planted now. They need deep, rich soil and prefer a little shade to full sun. Spare bulbs, any unused bulbs can still be potted for a display in late winter. Sow Carrots Forcing carrots can be sown now, though they will have to be grown under glass.

APPLE STORING

The way apples are picked and stored makes all the difference to your chances of keeping the fruit in sound condition right through the winter. Choose a dry day if you can pick the fruit and not too early in the day so that the dew has had a chance to dry off. The fruit must be fully mature. To test this left up one apple. It should come off the tree very easily. Then cut it in half. If the pips are brown the fruit is ready for harvesting. Pick carefully and place each one in the container don't drop it in as a bruised apple will not keep. Every fruit should be examined individually and any malformed or damaged fruit kept apart for immediate use. In other words, store only perfect, full-size fruit. Each eating apple should be wrapped. Cooking apples need not be wrapped. In both cases they should be placed side by side in a single layer in a box, making sure that the apples do not touch each other. The best boxes to use are those with little wooden posts, higher than the sides, at each corner. These are usually called Dutch trays and can often be obtained from a greengrocer. The advantage of the high corners is that the boxes can be stored one on top of another without the one above touching the fruit in the one below. The ideal place to store apples is one with a moist atmosphere and a temperature of about 37-40°F.

The cellars of old houses were ideal but not many of us have cellars nowadays. The spare room would probably be all right but not in centrally-heated house. The attic might do if it isn't too cold but the best place would probably be a garage or well-built shed garden shed, provided it is rat and mouse free. For the first month leave the boxes of fruit uncovered as they give off a lot of moisture to begin with, particularly in damp weather. After that cover them with black polythene or sacking to exclude light, but don't tuck it round them snugly as they need plenty of air. Inspect the regularly and immediately remove any showing signs of decay before it can infect the others.

Complete the pruning of bush fruits as soon as practicable, remembering to leave late fruiting raspberries until late February..

When staking trees remember to place the stake on the side which receives the prevailing wind. This way the stem is blown away from the stake and bark is less likely to be chafed.

With a severe winter ahead the care of plants in a greenhouse or cold frame assumes greater importance to avoid losses. Watering plays a very important part in this care.

Do not leave cans or buckets of water in the greenhouse during severe weather. The presence of such water increases the moisture content in the air in the house at a time when you want to keep the atmosphere as dry as possible.

Give the pot plants only a little water at a time, as the drier the soil, the less likely it is to freeze. In very severe weather you can probably withhold water altogether.

Always mop up any water spilt on the staging or floor as a damp atmosphere is an encouragement to problems such as mildew and mould...It is always wise to use tepid water rather than cold.

To keep the atmosphere buoyant, give the greenhouse or cold frame some ventilation during a suitable period of the day, even if it is only for half an hour. It is just a piece of wood of a suitable size cut into a stepped shape, so that the frame light can be raised to different heights, in accordance with the weather.

In the greenhouse, of course, you can similarly regulate the ventilation by the amount you open the window. Use a top window, on the side away from the wind.

If you do get a pot plant's soil frozen don't plunge it into hot water to thaw it out, as I have known people do, as that will almost certainly kill the plant. Plunge it into a bucket of cold water. Also spritz the foliage with cold water and then stand the pot in a cool place that is properly frostproof. And don't stand it in sunshine, if we have any, as that would be just as bad as the hot water treatment. When the plant has thawed out, move it into a warmer atmosphere. It will probably be several hours before it has completely thawed out naturally so don't be in too much of a hurry to transfer it to a warmer place.

Features

Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

Crossán, buffoon and composer of satirical verse

Among the entertainers mentioned in laws texts there is the *crossán* (buffoon) and composer of satirical verse. The only one with an independent legal status (*soíre*) is the *cruit* (harpist) who has an honour-price of 5 *séts*. He is expected to be able to play music that will make one cry (*goltraige*), the music of joy (*gentraige*) and music for sleep (*súantraige*). These survive as the main categories of Irish music until the present day. The other entertainers are called *fodána* (subordinate profession) and they have no independent honour-price. Offences against them are paid for as a proportion of the honour-price of his employer or master and the amount is not specified.

Other entertainers mentioned by texts are the musicians; *cuislennach* (piper), *cornaire* (horn-blower) along with those who perform at feast and assemblies – *clesamnach* (juggler), *fuirsiore* (jester), *monach* (acrobat), *creccaire* (rconteur?) and the *braigetóir* (professional farter). The *crossán* seems to come from the cross-bearer in Church ceremonies but there is no sign of a religious function in the description of his activities from one law text: ‘three things that confer status on a *crossán*: distending his cheek, distending his bag, distending his belly’. The *crossán* could also amuse with a form of crude satirical verse (*crossántacht*) but this later attained some measure of respectability. The Annals of Clonmacnoise mention the death of Moyle Issa called Crossan ffyn a king (? Ó Cuinn) in the year 1137. He is called ‘arch-poet of Ireland in that kind of meeter which is called Crossanaght’.

The word *drúth* can refer to a congenital fool but it can also refer to the professional entertainer who earned his living by imitating him. The sagas mention that he told stories and composed satirical verse.

At certain times it appears that the numbers of poets was excessive. According to Geoffrey Keating the meeting called *Mórdáil Droma Cet* was held in 573 to limit their powers. The king of Tara at the time, Aed mac Ainmirech, brought the kings of Ireland together with the intention of limiting the number of poets or sending them into exile. The kings had to keep them for 6 months of the year. The famous poet Eochaid Dallán Forgaill stood for the poets in the dispute and Colm Cille intervened as mediator. He saved the poets from exile and the number of poets was reduced. This episode shows the power of a Christian monk at a very early stage. Despite the power of the *fili* it was possible to limit them and both sides accepted Colm Cille’s intervention and mediation. The relationship between the secular poet Dallán Forgaill and the saint Colm Cille is further indicated by Dallán’s composition of a eulogy for Colm Cille.

Another important incident in the growing relationship between the native and ecclesiastical tradition is that of Cend Faelad supposedly from the 7th century. During a battle he suffers a blow to the head and he loses his ability to forget. He goes to the school of Tuaim Dreacain in Bréifne, Co. Fermanagh. There were said to be three different schools on that site; a school of Latin learning, a school of native legal learning and a school of native lore (*senchas*). Cend Faelad learned to write in the Latin school and then he was able to write down the native learning that he acquired. The historicity of the incident is unimportant – it is the symbolism and their explanation of how the two traditions became entwined that is important.

The *fili* are also mentioned as storytellers, or at least that they should have a large store of stories at their disposal. But the *scélaige* is also mentioned as a separate profession. There is a proverb *ní ba dúnad cen rígi, ní ba fili cen scéla* (‘there is no *dún* without a king; or a *fili* without a story’). The poet Forgaill is said to have been able to tell a story every night from *Samain* to *Beltaine* (November to May).

The eleventh century tale lists say that the *ollam* had to learn up to 250 *prímscéla* (main tales) and 100 *foscéla* (secondary tales). A comment on the lists says that: *ní fili nad chomgne comatharnad scéla uile* (he is no *fili* who does not preserve *coimgne* or all the stories).

It has been suggested that one of the *fili*’s duties is preserving *scéla* (stories) and *coimgne* (knowledge that is essential for court cases with an historical bearing). It is assumed that the stories in his repertoire were learned solely for the purpose of enabling him to provide entertainment for his patron and his guests. But it is also possible that the reason for learning such tales was their exposition, for example from the genealogical point of view, to the noble classes just as he might have been required to do at an earlier date in a lawsuit. Secondly he was expected to use them for the purpose of illustration. This is better demonstrated by the later bardic poets in their use of incidents from heroic tales.

The scholar Osborne Bergin commented on poets in general saying:

‘A great deal of it is not really what a modern critic would call poetry in the higher sense. But though it may lack inspiration, it is never wanting in artistic finish. For we must remember that the Irish *fili* or *bard* was not necessarily an inspired poet. That he could not help. He was, in fact, a professor of literature and a man of letters, highly trained in the use of a polished literary medium, belonging to a hereditary caste in an aristocratic society, holding his knowledge of the history and traditions of his country and his clan. He discharged ... the functions of the modern journalist.

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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry Contd...

He was not a song writer. He was often a public official, a chronicler, a political essayist, a keen and satirical observer of his fellow-countrymen. At an earlier period he had been regarded as a dealer in magic, a weaver of spells and incantations, who could blast his enemies by the venom of his verse ... but whether he was a poet in this higher sense or not, he always composed in verse.' (Bergin, O., *Irish bardic poetry*, p 4)

In the Memoirs of the Marquis of Clanricarde we find the following 18th century account of the poets and their methods of composition. This is very late and cannot be assumed to be relevant to our period. He says:

'It was likewise necessary the Place should be in the solitary recess of a Garden or within a sept or enclosure far out of the reach of any noise, which an intercourse of people might otherwise occasion. The structure was a snug, low hut, and beds in it at convenient distances, each within a small apartment without much furniture of any kind, save only a table, some seats, and a conveniency for cloaths to hang upon. No windows to let in the day, nor any light at all us'd but that of candles, and these brought in at a proper season only ... the Professors ... gave a subject suitable to the capacity of each class, determining the number of Rhimes, and clearing what was to be chiefly observed therein as to syllables, quartans, concord, correspondence, termination and union, each of which were restrain'd by peculiar rules. The said subject ... having been given over night, they word'd it apart each by himself upon his own bed, the whole next day in the dark, till at a certain hour in the night, lights being brought in, they committed it to writing.'

(Continued in the next issue)

Major Honours go to Maynooth Man

We have heard about the recent success of Kevin Tracey. Kevin was recently conferred with the Fellowship of Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers. It has also come to our attention that this is the second Fellowship to be conferred on Kevin this year. Last February at an Engineering Function attended by over 650 Engineers at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, Kevin was conferred with the Fellowship of the Society of Light and Lighting, an international organisation.

Kevin is a Chartered Engineer and a Consulting Engineer by profession and was a major player in the design of such projects as the Intel Fabrication facility at Leixlip. Kevin is the son of Doreen and Sean Tracey of Old Greenfield.

We wish Kevin continued success in his Engineering career and commend him on his outstanding achievements.

Local Bands Rock for Child Cancer Care

A most entertaining rock concert was held in the Aula Maxima, Maynooth College at the end of August. The event was held to raise funds for Crumlin Hospital Child Cancer Care Unit. The concert was the idea of Karl Mahon, Paul Nelson, Cian Byrne and Stephen Connolly all members of local bands. A total of €1,368 was raised for this worthy cause. A special word of thanks to Willie Kiernan Sound Services and Sean Donovan, Londis Maynooth for their kind help in organising this event. Thanks also to all bands who performed on the day.

Colm Nelson

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Useful Hints

Job Hunting

- A good careers adviser can be a great help. Choose one who has excellent references and charges by the appointment or, better still, find one that is free.
- Invest in an answering service or machine so that you can receive messages from prospective employers.
- Inform friends, business associates, acquaintances and former employers that you're job hunting.

Research a prospect

- If you come across an interesting job through your network or the press, research the firm thoroughly. Read newspaper and magazine articles about it.
- If possible, talk to people who work for the firm. Find out its position in the industry, what its main problems are, and what it's like to work for. Does it promote from within? Does it educate employees, or help them to advance?
- Visit the company if it is practical to do so. Do the employees look enthusiastic? Do they talk positively about their work?
- Write a letter to whomever is in a position to hire you and use headed notepaper, if possible; it looks impressive. Indicate your knowledge of the company, state how you could contribute to it, and request an interview. Say that you'll follow up by phone in about a week. Then do so.

If you have a job

- Ask agents or prospective employers to call you at home or leave only their first name if they call you at work.
- Arrange interviews for before or after work or during your lunch hour.

Job Interviews

- Prepare a customised CV for each interview, tailoring your stated objectives to suit the job.
- Choose four or five highlights from current and past jobs that show your accomplishments and work style. Create a success story for each one to help answer such questions as 'What are your major accomplishments?' or 'What is your relevant experience?'
- Rehearse the interview with a friend or family member. Anticipate likely questions and practise telling your success stories without rambling. Ask for feedback.
- Give yourself an extra hour or so to dress and get to the interview. If your hands tend to be clammy, use antiperspirant on your palms.
- Look the interviewer directly in the eye and follow her lead in shaking hands.
- Remember that you are making a choice as much as she/he is. Ask any questions necessary to decide if this is a job you really want.

Leaving a Job

Be very careful not to alienate your boss when you leave. You may need his reference later on.

Give at least 2 weeks' notice, although 3 or 4 may be required if you have been with the company for some years. Your contract will specify the minimum time that you must give. If you're in the middle of an important project, ask your new boss if you can stay until it's finished. Whether the answer is yes or no, your commitment to your old employer will be respected.

Your letter of resignation is part of your permanent personnel file. Keep it simple and factual. If you're leaving because you are unhappy, don't put this or your reasons in the letter.

Offer to train your replacement. If no one has started before you go, leave a list of things the new person should know. Make copies for your boss, your successor and any relevant colleagues. Tell your most important contacts you're leaving and give them the name of your replacement.

Letters

The art of letter writing, as practised by previous generations, is rare in today's electronic world. But there are some occasions when only a letter, note or card will do. When you must write, keep these tips in mind:

Personal

Don't write only about yourself and your family. Ask questions, even rhetorical ones. Even if you don't expect a reply, at least express interest in the recipient's welfare and activities.

Avoid dwelling on dreary topics such as a minor personal illness.

Choose plain white cards for letters or sympathy. Don't be mawkish, but do say that your thoughts are with the bereaved and then recall a fond personal memory of the deceased. Offer specific help, if possible - babysitting or shopping, for example.

Wait 24 hours before positing an emotion-packed letter - whether written in love or anger. Read it over and then decide if you still want to send it.

Business

If you're writing to a company, address your letter to a specific person. Call the headquarters and ask who's in charge of the department you want to reach.

Letters of complaint should be straightforward, factual and polite. Expressing too much indignation will merely antagonise the reader. If possible, work a touch of humour into the letter; it can be effective in getting results.

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Report on Tress recently felled at the entrance to the estate

Observations

The trees in question are Poplar trees, *Populus alba Canescens*, one of our few native species. The trees were in fine healthy condition. Growing in open space. The instruction was to prune 10 metres off the crown of the trees in order to reduce its bulk. In our opinion there was no justification in cutting down the trees in their totality.

Valuation

A neutral system of values was developed to value trees, particularly in urban areas. The trees are valued on their sq.cm cross sectional area. This value is indexed linked. A total value is assigned for:

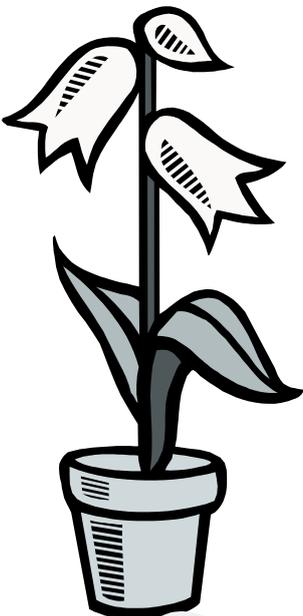
1. The value of the species. It is a native species.
2. Its location value. Urban areas are assigned higher values.
3. Condition. They were healthy.
4. Landscape Value. They enhance the ambience of the estate, as is evident by their loss.

Tree Evaluation

Valuation for three Poplar trees cut down on the right hand side of the approach road into the estate.

Code	Plant Name	Common Name	Girth	Replacement	Area	Maturity	Species	Location	Condition	Land- scape	Value
T1	Populus alba	White Poplar	182	5.35	2641	14128	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	3255.08
T2	Populus alba	White Poplar	170	5.35	2289	12246	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	2821.59
T3	Populus alba	White Poplar	170	5.35	2289	12246	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	281.59

Total Value (euro) €8898.26






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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMME

To highlight the seriousness of bullying issues Maynooth Post Primary School held an Anti-Bullying Week from September 29th to October 3rd last. On the advice of the department of education's Cool School's Anti-Bullying Programme, students were taught about the problems associated with bullying, ways to prevent problems, how to help victims and how to tell if you are effected. As part of the week we also ran a competition for students. They were asked to design a poster or write a poem or prose piece based around the theme "A busy school can be a lonely school". The week was big success with most students commenting on it's importance. Unfortunately in the same week national newspapers brought to light a case in Westmeath where a 13 year old had committed suicide due to bullying. We hope through campaigns such as this to keep Maynooth Post Primary a safe and unthreatening place for all students attending.

Presentation of prizes will take place at the Parents Association Meeting Tuesday October 14th in the school at 7.30pm. Mr Pat Courtney of the Cool's School's Programme will speak on the night.



Free Public Talk and Mediation by Sureshwari Devi in Maynooth Library on Thursday 20th November at 8pm

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Sureshwari Devi's discourses have a warmth and clarity that appeal to both the heart and mind. Her programme includes a beautiful chanting mediation which contents the heart and brings one close to God.

Workshops: Two one-day workshops will be held in Marley Park House, Rathfarnham on Sunday 16th November and Saturday 22nd November. Please contact (01) 4905495 for brochure and details.

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Spiritual Discourses and Meditation by Sureshwari Devi at Maynooth Library

A free introductory presentation will include a guided mediation, which will bring deep relaxation to the mind and body and it will serve as an introduction to its practise in daily life and will also introduce and explain the programme in the upcoming workshops.

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-five years include years of advanced studies in India, where she investigated the deeper aspects of

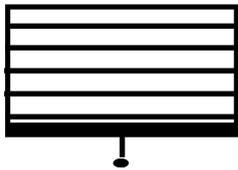
both the philosophy and practice of Meditation.

The form of mediation 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 awareness, bringing inner peace and contentment in life.

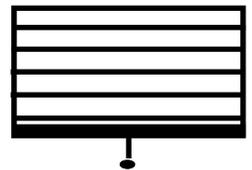
Everyone is invited to attend this free, public lecture. While in Ireland Sureshwari Devi will also conduct two one-day workshops in Divine love Mediation. These will be held in the beautiful surroundings of Marley Park House, Rathfarnham on Sunday 16th November and Saturday 22nd November.

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Clare Mulryan and Celeste Lang at the Recent Heritage Day in Maynooth



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Foreigners

- **Are you going home for Christmas? - asked a new girl at work.**
- **No, we don't celebrate Christmas, we don't have it at all, but we party at the New Year's night.**
- **How strange...**

That's how many people learn that you are from another country, with totally different culture and traditions. Is it strange? I don't think so. Our story will start with the events of 1996-98 when Ireland was enjoying the most successful economic period and the country needed a lot of people for the development of the IT, agricultural and services industries.

I remember the number of companies, who were promoting Ireland abroad, telling about the benefits foreign workers, how friendly the Irish people are, how cosmopolitan are big cities and how "it will be place for everybody". And this call was answered - by people coming from all over the world to work in Ireland.

But the reality turned out to be somewhat different – many people had to overcome language and culture barriers, many had troubles with landlords and neighbours, some were really welcome and some were met with hostility. It was different for everybody. I try and tell you the general story.

I would never forget the excitement of the airport and thoughts "Oh, gosh, I'm working in Ireland now!" Then the first days when I was waiting for the beginning of my work (the induction included several days-off to adapt to the country), the idea of working with English-speaking people was so stimulating. On my first day it turned out that people at work are very friendly, we even had staff parties. There were also several foreigners working with me. However, my name was so difficult to pronounce so that I had to shorten it in order to make everybody's life easier. I remember the same story about the Lithuanian girl Jurgita, who eventually said, "Call me J – it's better". Not a very painful procedure, but rather explicit.

As the days passed by I learned more and more about the country and pubs (we were invited to go there every single Friday), I travelled around the country – Galway, Sligo, Waterford, Mullingar – even been to the north in Belfast. On the one hand I had lots of opportunities – on the other hand I didn't feel free at all - if I wanted to change a job, or start a college it turned out I couldn't do it. My visa and the documents enabled me to work for one employer only and when I learnt about the tuition fees for foreign students I could understand why so many people who come here to work even at the small positions don't bother to broaden their education.

There was also one more point – Irish people although they were sincerely welcoming and friendly never became your friends. But there were Indians, French, Australians, Lithuanians, who would invite you to the parties, birthdays and welcome you as a member of their community. I would never forget the day when I visited my friends from Cuba who used to be asylum seekers – Antonio and his Russian wife Helena. They met in Russia where Antonio was doing his Engineering Degree, and then both came back to Cuba only to discover that the country is suffering the worst and poorest state ever. I will never judge their decision to ask for a refugee status – they want a happy life and education for their kids, they think about their future. By the way, Antonio wasn't sitting and doing nothing – he was studying English in the Language Centre and composing music.

Today more than 5 years later, many things changed. Life introduced new rules for the game and with increasing unemployment the things aren't as good for foreign workers as they used to be. Collapse of the IT sector caused many people to leave for good, my friends from Galway got transfer to another country, a couple of people who I knew decided to go to their native countries just because "it's getting more tough every day".

But many people decided to stay. And today these people are still doing their jobs, seeking for new opportunities and are optimistic about the future. The interest in their opinion caused me to look around and to ask these people what they think about life in their countries, and how they feel about Ireland. Among more than 80 foreign people, several answers were selected and are represented here.

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

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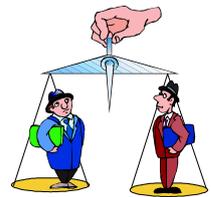
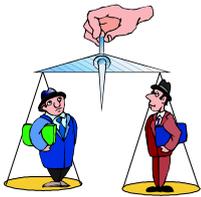
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Foreigners Contd...



I honestly like it here. I'm in Ireland for 3 years and I'm planning to stay here. I have a relationship here and hopefully if everything will be right, I wouldn't mind to stay here.

Many things changed since the time I came here – I'm very confident with my English, I'm financially secure (I'm supporting my son who is at college and my retired mother)

Sometimes I'm really frustrated about my work, you know, relations between staff and managers are far from perfect.

People around me are really nice, I enjoy the pub atmosphere, the Irish know how to enjoy life, it's amazing!



Vergilio Lanutan Philippines

It's almost two years that I'm in Ireland – I came here through the recruitment agency to work as a lorry driver for a big logistics company.

I think people around here are very helpful – I will never forget when during the first winter here oil ran out and our Irish neighbour was helping us out by giving his own electric heater.

It is not easy to live here, no. Ireland is really expensive, but today I work here because I hope to build a house in my country and start my own business there.



Natalia Aravena

I came here 2 years ago because my husband (he is a citizen) lived and worked here. In Nicaragua the situation was far from good – it's very hard for my children to get proper education – the salary is very low and you can't afford to pay the fees. To compare, you can buy 10 loaves of bread for 1 euro, but to study in college, you need as much as here.

More people turn poor and you can't do anything about it. But people of my country are very warm and nice. As for the Irish, I know only my neighbours. My children here do miss this atmosphere where everybody is your friend and can socialize freely.

Most of all I miss my coffee at my mother's – but here I have my own place, where I gladly welcome the friends who share my beliefs and feelings.



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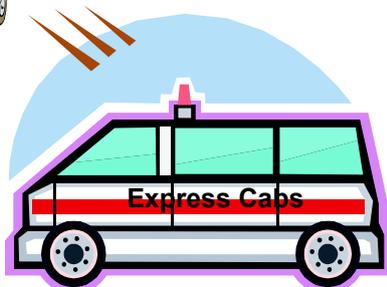


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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Carton Avenue Action Area Plan

At a meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 3 October, at which the public and the press were excluded, densities of 24 dwellings to the acre and buildings 4 stories high were agreed to by the Area Committee. Cllr. John McGinley argued very strongly that such densities and height of buildings would be an eyesore and would stick out like a sore thumb as the area is the Gateway entrance to the Town from Leixlip. However, he was outvoted by the other three Councillors and the Draft Plan will now go before the Full Council before going on public display for one month. There are 3 separately zoned areas:

Area A This 14.5 acres is the 2 fields east of Lyreen Park on the Dunboyne Road.

Cllr. McGinley proposed that the density be a maximum of 8 houses to the acre, that the max height be 2 storey and that there be no apartments. He got agreement on the height of buildings and the exclusion of apartments. However he was outvoted on the density and the other 3 Councillors agreed on 10/14 to the acre. This means of course that the developer will go for 14 to the acre in an area where the adjoining site at Lyreen Park has a density of 6 houses to the acre

Area B This land is 10.5 acres approx. and is located opposite the Old Mart on the Leixlip Road.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed that the density be set at a maximum of 10 houses to the acre, that the maximum height be 2 storey and that apartments be excluded. He was outvoted by the other 3 Councillors on all 3 issues and the density will be 20/24 per acre, the heights will be 3/4 storey and there will be apartments. The Developers in their submission stated that they would be satisfied with these densities and height of buildings which speaks volumes. They will of course go for 24 to the acre in a location adjacent to O'Neill Park where the density is about 4 to the acre and across the road from TESCO where the building heights are 2 storey.

Area C This site is some 15 acres and is on the Leixlip Road next to Carton.

Cllr. McGinley proposed that the density be a maximum of 8 houses to the acre, that the building heights be a max of 2 storey and that there be no duplex buildings. He got agreement on the height and on the exclusion of duplex buildings. However he was outvoted by the 3 other councillors and the density was set at 8/10 acre.

It will now be up to the general public to convince the other councillors to have a re-think so as to ensure that Maynooth does not have buildings more suitable to inner Dublin.

Development of the Park

Cllr. McGinley proposed, and it was agreed, that a clause be inserted in the Draft Plan stating that the development of the building land is conditional on the landscaping of the public park i.e. no building to take place prior to the landscaping and this includes the development of the two new soccer pitches.

Community Centre

Cllr. McGinley proposed, and it was agreed, that the site for the Community Centre/Swimming pool Complex be moved from the first field east of O'Neill Park to the next field east. As the first field is zoned for housing it would lead to difficulties with the owner if a community centre went there instead.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

At the monthly of the Council on 29 September councillors were given a written Progress Report on Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road. It stated:

"The tender process is complete and the estimated costs of these projects are as follows:

- ❑ *Bond Bridge---€6m*
- ❑ *Meadowbrook Link---€1.6m/€1.8m*

Given the scale of funds involved, it is very unlikely that both projects can progress in the short term. A report has been compiled for the County Manager on a possible option, which may be to the satisfaction of the members, who will be appraised when a decision is to hand."

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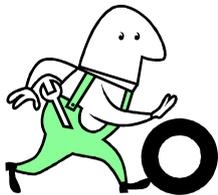
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Party Political contd...

Cllr. John McGinley expressed his outrage at this extraordinary decision of the Council Management. As Councillors were advised at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 5 September that a decision on the awarding of the contract was expected within two weeks Cllr. McGinley demanded to know what had happened in the meantime to change things so dramatically. The Director of Services in his reply stated that the Council had only €480,000 in funding for the bridge. Cllr. McGinley stated that this could not be so as special levies of €1,200,000 had been collected on houses in the area and that the Council had also set aside €128,000 per year for the past 5 years in its Annual Budget, so the Council should have €1,840,000 already in funding for the bridge. Also, the €6m in the tendered price includes a cost of €1.9m for the culverting underneath the bridge which is one of the measures that has to be taken in order to prevent a recurrence of the flooding in November 2001. Funding for flood relief should of course come from central Government as is the case with the Dodder River in Dublin.

Cllr. McGinley demanded a full report at the Area Meeting on 3 October. However he was told that the County Manager has not yet approved the report. It is obvious that this U turn by the Council Officials arises as a result of cutbacks due to a deterioration in the Council's finances. At the Council meeting last March, when Fianna Fail and Fine Gael Councillors voted to spend two million euro per year for the next 40 years on a new Council Head Quarters, Cllr. McGinley and his fellow Labour Party Councillors warned that such expenditure would inevitably lead to cutbacks in major projects. It now would appear as if the Manager wants Bond Bridge to be the first casualty.

However, Cllr. McGinley and his colleagues will not give up the fight for the new bridge and for the associated culvert to remove the threat of flooding of the houses in Meadowbrook. The people of the area have fought too long and hard to surrender now and give up their battle for their safety both on the bridge and in their homes.

Unfortunately, the Department of Local Government has refused to fund the project which leaves only one avenue of funding open to us i.e Development Levies on new buildings. In the past the Council collected development levies and allowed houses to be built prior to the provision of the necessary infrastructure. Cllr. John McGinley wants to reverse that policy and in order to bring matters to a head he has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the contract for the construction of Bond Bridge be awarded to the winning bidder and that a special levy contribution of €5,000 per housing unit be set on all future housing in Maynooth in order to fund the contract."

Meadowbrook Link Road

It is absolutely ridiculous that the Council has still not decided to go ahead with this essential ring road, which will relieve traffic on Main Street, Maynooth. It should cost the Council nothing as the link road will facilitate the development of the 30 acres opposite the ESSO station and it is normal in such cases for the developer to pay for the construction of the road or to build it himself. As it is a green field site construction should only take 6 months and it could be completed well before site work would begin on Bond Bridge (i.e. the bridge would be constructed off site and dropped into place by crane) if it started now.

Traffic Lights Exiting From the Train Station on the Straffan Road, Maynooth

Train users and residents of Parklands, Castlebridge, Silken Vale and Old Greenfields will be well aware of the crying need for traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing at the train station exit on the Straffan Road. Following a motion from Cllr. John McGinley a number of years back the Council carried out a traffic and pedestrian count to see if there was a need for such signals. Needless to say the count proved that there was a warrant for the signals, however, Council Officials used every excuse possible for not installing them. For the past 2 years they have refused to carry out any improvements in traffic management anywhere in Maynooth (including the traffic lights at The Roost) until the Integrated Framework Plan for Land Use and Transportation (IFPLUT) is completed. This Plan is being carried out by consultants and was due for completion last August. Cllr. McGinley has now been told that it will not be ready until January 2004. John has decided that enough is enough and he has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That traffic signals be erected at the exit from the train station on the Straffan Road, Maynooth, without any further delay, in order to facilitate cars and pedestrians exiting the station."

Bus Bays at the Girls' School, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on the provision of the bus bays at the Girls School at the Area Meeting of the Council on 3 October:

"Total cost of the scheme is €83,500 of which the D.T.O are providing a grant of €41,750. Preliminary design has been completed and the Council's Consultants, Moylan & Partners, are currently finalising the detail design. This will have to be approved by the D.T.O. in due course before works can commence. There are also issues relating to local agreements. (L.Dunne, S.E.O. to clarify). In brief the works involve the provision of bus bays (to be constructed as part of the initial phase) and hard standing areas, bollards etc to prevent car parking at the gate. I will keep members apprised of progress."

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Cllr. McGinley again expressed his total dissatisfaction at not having the bays in place for the start of the school year and he asked that officials do everything possible to speed up matters as safety was the issue. He got a follow up E Mail reply on 6 October which stated:

"A meeting has been arranged with the DTO and Consultant to reach agreement on the design. The issue of Doctors Lane, possibly of one way system, footpaths, cycleways in the area, etc., will also be discussed."

Mycete Planning Application 02/2491 for 538 Dwellings Units at Moyglare Road

People who objected to this Planning Application got a letter from Kildare County Council, dated 25 September, advising that significant Further Information (FI) was received in relation to this huge development and giving them only 10 days from the date of the letter to make submissions. Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council acknowledged their mistake and agreed that the last date for receipt of submissions would be extended to 25 October. At John's request they also agreed to put a copy of the FI request and the reply from the developer on public display in Maynooth Library. Having examined the FI it is Cllr. McGinley's belief that the new proposals are still highly unsatisfactory for the following reasons

1. There are no plans in their proposals to tie in the new ring road with the Meath road at Moygaddy contrary to Clause 3.8.1.T1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan.
2. There are no proposals for the upgrading of the Meath road from Moygaddy to Kildare Bridge. in line with Map No.1 of the Maynooth Development Plan
3. If Points 1 and 2 above are not completed prior to the development of the lands all of the cars from the 538 houses will drive down the Moyglare Road to get access to the shops in Main Street and TESCO's and to the M4.
4. There is a vehicular exit onto the Moyglare Road contrary to Clause 3.8.1.T1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan
5. The density proposed is greater than that used when the Council decided on the Population Targets for Maynooth in the County Development Plan. The proposed density is 11 houses per acre, whereas the Council envisaged 7 houses to the acre when setting a population target of 12,600 by 2006. If this application is approved it will make the population targets meaningless.
6. The proposal is in conflict with Clause 2.1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan for the following reasons:
 - a) It does not have the full range of social facilities needed for such a large development.

- b) Proposals for such large developments should be made in the context of Action Area Plans in order to ensure that new residential estates develop as integrated neighbourhoods.

Cllr. John McGinley is objecting to the Further Information along these lines.

Footpath and Hard Shoulder from Hands Corner to GB Glass, Dentist, Maynooth

This section of roadway on the way to TESCO's is in a very bad condition. It is now used by more pedestrians than ever since the Post Office moved to it's new location. As it is particularly dangerous for senior citizens and people with buggies, because of all the potholes, Cllr. John McGinley submitted a motion asking that a new footpath be laid and the hard shoulder resurfaced. He got the following initial reply on 3 Oct:

"There was a design prepared for a scheme some time ago and this is currently being revisited. There are also issues in relation to funding and probable land acquisition. Accordingly, the feasibility (or otherwise) of progressing this scheme is being assessed and a more detailed report will be available for the next meeting."

Band Stand and Pound Land/Pound Park

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update, at the Area Meeting on 3 Oct., on his proposal for a bandstand and other environmental improvements at Pound Park and Pound Lane:

"Brian Swan, Senior Architect, is preparing a sketch drawing for submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for approval, to include the proposals recommended by the members of the Area Committee. The members will be notified on receipt of approval from the Department."

Cllr. McGinley asked that members could be given a copy of the proposals immediately so that the local residents and members of St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band could be consulted.

Location of New Swimming Pool Complex:

Councillors were presented with a report on the submissions made and on the points in favour for the three locations i.e. Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge. The submissions supporting Doyles Land, Maynooth as the preferred location were from:

Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Community Centre Partnership and Cllr. John McGinley.

The Council Official commented as follows:

"A proposal for development of the Council Land at Mooretown, Celbridge is under discussion with a preferred developer following receipt of expression of interest. This includes a proposal to sell to Council alternative amenity lands in the area.

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Negotiations are ongoing but there is no indication at present that these discussions will provide any new option for the provision of the North Kildare pool.

The next step will be to recommend a preferred pool site subject to operational and funding matters. It is expected that negotiations can be concluded and a report nominating the preferred site will be submitted to a joint meeting of the Leixlip and Celbridge Area Committees in November."

Directing Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) to the M4
Cllr. John McGinley proposed some time ago that through traffic HGV's be taken out of Main Street, Maynooth and be redirected to the M4 instead. As usual it has taken Council Officials ages to act, however, Cllr. McGinley has been assured that the signs have been ordered and that they will be erected at Barretts roundabout and at Blacklion as soon as the Council gets them.

Westside Waste Update

Councillors were given the following update at the Area Meeting on 3 October on the status of Westside Waste operation at Leixlip Road, Maynooth:

"This site has been taken over by P.Thornton Waste and he has a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency to operate the site on condition that he scales down the operation on the site. A recent site inspection indicates that there has been a substantial reduction in activity."

Cllr. John McGinley disagreed with the report and stated that Thornton could not have a licence as he has to have a fully enclosed facility to get one. He was refused Planning Permission for the indoor facility and he withdrew his appeal to An Bord Pleanala in January 2003. Cllr. McGinley stated that in view of the foregoing, and in line with the Maynooth Development Plan, Kildare County Council is obliged to close the down the operation forthwith as it is located in the middle of a residential area.

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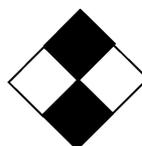
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Community Centre For Maynooth.

The local Fianna Fail candidate for the Local Elections 2004, Brid Feely has warmly welcomed the inclusion of a site for a Community Centre in Maynooth by Kildare County Council in its draft Action Area Plan for Carton Avenue.

This plan which has just been approved by the Area Councilors will be subject to public consideration and on display for a period of one month shortly. The plan provides for the designation of an area for use as a Community facility and centre. Possible uses, which could be incorporated within this area, would be a swimming pool, meeting rooms, kitchen/changing facilities, a children's play facility, indoor sports and leisure facilities etc.

Brid would like to congratulate the Maynooth Community Centre Partnership who have played a pivotal part in highlighting the importance of a Community Centre in Maynooth and whose aim it is to make sure this plan comes to fruition in the future. Brid would like to pledge her full support in whatever manner possible in the future to the successful outcome of this much needed venture.

Carton Avenue Action Area Plan

The provision of a Community Centre site is just one part of an overall area plan for the Carton Avenue area which has just been approved by the Leixlip/Maynooth Area Councillors. A majority of 3 to 1 of the Councillors voted in favor with the only exception being John McGinley.

On examination of the proposed Plan, the Fianna Fail Local Election representative, Brid Feely has welcomed the Plan and believes that it provides a well considered mixed scheme of amenity and residential development which will be complementary to the historical and service aspects of that part of Maynooth, but in a modern context.

Densities provided for in the Plan range from 10-14 houses to the acre along the Dunboyne road, 20-24 houses per acre on land opposite the old Mart, and finally 8-10 houses per acre on 15 acres on the Leixlip road.

As per the Maynooth Development Plan the view from Carton avenue along the Main St, and the trees on the Lime Walk are protected. Landscaping of a Public Park adjoining the Avenue and their zoning as amenity open space with the development of a Public Children's Play area are other aspects.

When the Plan goes on public display shortly all members of the public will be able to inspect and forward their views and ideas on the plan in a positive fashion so we can all help shape the best future for this wonderful town. Brid is available on her e-mail feelygorey@eircom.net and her mobile 087-2052649 to listen to any views people may have on this matter.

Town Council Status for Maynooth

In relation to town council status for Maynooth, Brid is fully supportive of the recent motion put to the Maynooth Community Council (of which she is a member) by Mr. Paul Croghan to push for Town Council status for Maynooth. At a recent Community Council Meeting Paul outlined his reasons for pursuing such a status and outlined why Maynooth would benefit should this proposition succeed. Among those reasons

- a the Town Council has access to a Town Manager who is a decision maker,
- b a Town Clerk would be appointed which would provide valuable local contact,
- c a budget would be allocated and distributed locally,
- d extra representation would be available on decision making bodies.

In response to representations made by Brid to the Minister for Local Govt., Mr. Martin Cullen T.D. the Minister has explained that the relevant statutory requirements for establishing of a town council are set out in Part 17 of the Local Govt. Act 2001. As this 2001 Act is a very extensive piece of legislation encompassing almost 250 sections, the various provisions are eased into operation by way of a series of orders and regulations and with regard to this legislation, almost 80% has already been released, with only 20% to be commenced in the coming months. Maynooths proposal can then be considered by the County Council, subjected to public consultation and considered by the Minister following recommendations by the Local Govt. Commission.

North Kildare Swimming Pool Site

At the recent meeting of the Leixlip/Maynooth Area Councillors on 5th Oct., Mr. Peter Minnock, Director of Corporate and Cultural Affairs, informed the Councillors that submissions had been received for 3 proposed sites for a Swimming Pool in the area – namely, near the Salesian College in Celbridge, at the Amenities Centre in Leixlip and in the Carton Avenue area of Maynooth. A decision is pending following consideration.

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Bond Bridge

At a recent Meeting of Kildare County Councilors, a shock report was given which stated that the tendering process for the Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook link road was complete with estimated costs respectively (and as expected) of €6million and €1.8million. but that due to the cost involved it was unlikely that the Bond Bridge aspect would be going ahead in the short terms, although the Meadowbrook Link Road would be going ahead. All councilors expressed shock as costs had come in as anticipated and many individuals had gone to the considerable expense of submitting tenders etc. Also, the Area Councilors felt they had been as Cllr Paul Kelly (FF) put it " led up the garden path " by Council officials.

At time of writing the Fianna Fail representatives in the area, ie. Brid Feely and Paul Kelly are pressing for answers from the Council with regard to this sudden and entirely outrageous turn of events. People living in Maynooth will understand the disbelief experienced that such a sudden about turn has been attempted.

Heritage Day in Maynooth Castle

Brid would like to congratulate the Maynooth Castle Committee for their organization of the very successful heritage days held recently in September which were extremely well attended by the people of Maynooth. It was great to see so many children in particular attending and taking part in a renewal and awareness of the rich historical past Maynooth has enjoyed and which shapes its present and future.

Fianna Fail Discretionary Grants in Maynooth

Cllr Paul Kelly has recently informed Brid Feely that approx. €13,000 of his discretionary grants will be apportioned to the repair of footpaths etc in Rail Park, Maynooth, an area which has long suffered from the poor condition of same.

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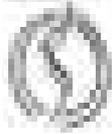
POLITICALLY ORGANISED WOMEN EDUCATING FOR REPRESENTATION is targeted for women with experience in grass roots activism and is aimed at promoting women's political development. The Fianna Fail Local Election candidate in Maynooth, Brid Feely would particularly urge women interested in politics or community affairs to explore this course and enrol. Any women interested should contact Brid at 087-

2052649 or by e-mail to feelygorey@eircom.net for further details. Alternatively interested women can get information by logging onto the website www.ucd.ie/werrc/power.html or contacting Susan Bailey on 087-2289147

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The month of October had been designated Breast Cancer awareness month and Brid would like to encourage everyone to contribute in any way possible to promoting such awareness not just in October but throughout the year. Although October has passed information is always available from the Dept. of Health and their website and also of course from the Cancer Society.

Finally, on an economic note, which affects all of us, both nationally and locally, Brid welcomes the recent announcement that the rate of inflation has decreased to just 2.9%, the lowest level since 1999 and indeed at time of going to press, the ESRI has also announced further good economic forecasts for growth in 2004 and 2005.



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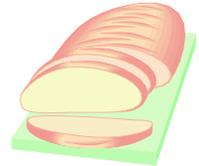
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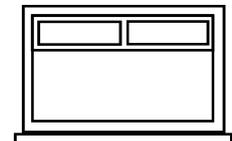


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The sad passing of Nora Price late of Woodville Donadea, Naas, Co. Kildare who died September 03 at Beaumont Hospital and buried at Staplestown Church, Donadea. Her son Jim and his wife Liz and family would like to say a special word of thanks to the doctors and nurses and many staff at Beaumont Hospital and the Motor Neuron Society who were of great support to them at this sad time.

Nora was such a popular lady and was known to frequent a few bingos in her time, she was a great character. She will be sorely missed by her family and large circle of friend's and by her very close sister Maria, her sister Kathleen, sister in law Betty, brothers Mick, Dan, Vincent, Brendan and Gus, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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