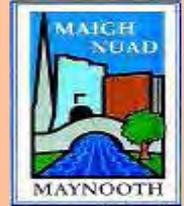


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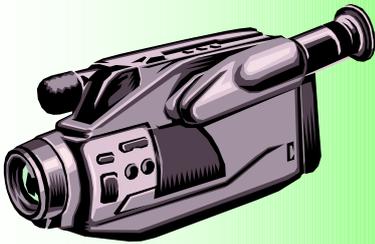
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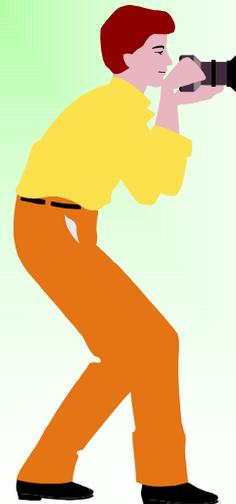
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# Editorial

We would like to take this opportunity to remind readers that as winter approaches it is essential that we all care for our senior citizens. This year the Government has cut the time that the carers are available to people so it is particularly important that all of us watch out for the older people in our community. The situation that occurred in Paris during the summer was quite appalling and it is to be hoped that Ireland has not reached that state of affairs. Congratulations to our local Old Folks committee and all the wonderful work that they carry out during the year.

The lunatics appear to have taken over the asylum, we will have cigarette and drink police while syringes pile up in flat complexes in Dublin and youngsters are attacked as they try to get enjoy themselves after their Junior Cert. results. The Luas has been declared a disaster, the A and E units are approaching crisis point, 200 beds are closed in Dublin hospitals while the 2,000 extra police that were promised have not materialised either. The overcrowded prison of Mountjoy now houses two bin charges protesters who will take up space for a month. The extra lane of the M50 had a 5 mile tail back just one after its official opening. Are we entirely incapable of self government? Perhaps we should consider returning to the United Kingdom. At least our heritage and our language would get more support and funding than it does at present. Not content with the Carrickmines disaster the planned M3 motorway is designed to skirt the incomparable site of Tara, the centre of early Ireland and the key our pre-Christian past. Is this a plot to destroy everything Irish? Are we trying to airbrush our past? It certainly feels like it. In the effort to become more Americanised we are destroying the very tourist attractions that bring visitors to this country. After all, with the exception of this wonderful summer, we do not have the weather and we are determined to destroy our landscape. What we do have is our heritage, the remnants of our language, our manuscripts, our traditional *céad mile fáilte* coupled with friendliness and old fashioned pubs with music. Why would tourists want to come to a country that is trying to shed its identity as if it were some communicable disease? Who wants to see cities and towns that could be anywhere in the world with nothing to distinguish them?

Which world are we living in and does our Government exist in some air bubbled, parallel universe? When did any of them sit in a pub with smokers and have a couple of drinks and a chat? Are they all living in security-gated mansions? Have they lost all contact with reality? Do ministers listen to radio programmes? Do they realise the anger that is mounting in the electorate? I doubt it. The fear is that when the local elections do come around that people will be so disillusioned that they will not bother to vote. That would be the ultimate disaster, leaving the dictatorship of Ahern, McCreevy, Mac Dowell, Harney and Martin to continue.

**Again – remember our Old Folks. They need us more than ever this winter.**

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# Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1617	Noel Farrelly	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/08/03	Sought for bungalow and septech 2000 effluent treatment plant.	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1622	Alan & Paula McCormack	24 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/08/03	Permission to erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion. Also permission for retention of detached domestic store and for single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and etc.	24 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1624	Brian and Winifred Noone	Boycestown Kilcock Co. Kildare	P	15/08/03	Sought for construction of a single storey pitched roof, discount food store and associated corporate signage, freestanding flag pole sign, car parking (151 spaces) and all associated site development works which includes demolition and etc.	Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1632	Playbarn Ltd	Johnstown Naas Co. Kildare	P	15/08/03	Permission for alterations to existing single storey factory unit and change of use from industrial to recreation (indoor adventure playground) together with associated ancillary site works.	Brian Noone Ltd Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1645	Swindon Investments Co. Ltd	Carton Demesne Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/08/03	Development consisting of a new two storey headquarters building in the Walled Garden for the Golfing Union of Ireland and the conservation and refurbishment of the existing cottage for a National Golf Museum and accommodation and etc.	Carton Demesne Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1658	Jason Keigher	39 Laurence's Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/08/03	Sought for a detached four bedroom dormer bungalow with puraflo waste water treatment system.	Old Railpark Road Barrogstown West Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1662	Sandra Donovan	172 The Wall Garden Celbridge Co. Kildare	P	20/08/03	Sought for a six bedroom two storey dwelling, stable yard, sand arena and paddocks for horses and biocycle treatment unit percolation area and associated civil works.	The Paddocks Clonaugh Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1673	Patrick McEvoy	'Fuinseog' Balraheen Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/08/03	Development consisting of constructing a dormer bungalow, detached garage, bio-disc treatment system and ancillary site-works	Balraheen Maynooth Co. Kildare

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03/1700	Paraic McAndrew	14 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/03	Permission sought for the development of a single storey one bedroom granny flat.	66 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1702	Robert Moran	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/03	Permission sought for one and a half storey house and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant.	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1752	Kevin O'Sullivan	Dun Ard Newtown College Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/09/03	For garage conversion to family room and detached domestic garage and shed to rear.	Dun Ard New College Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1777	John Noone	16 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	O	04/09/03	A 2 storey extension to side and rear and single storey extension to rear.	16 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1809	P. Barton Enterprises	Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/09/2003	Construction of an area of hard standing for use as a bus park for their own buses and the enclosing of same with a 225mm concrete block wall plastered both sides and capped 3m high on two sides of the enclosed area and for the erection of a etc.	Greenfields Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1837	Pearse & Sorcha McManus	No. 1 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/09/03	For first floor extension over existing ground floor playroom and utility room to side comprising of two bedrooms	No. 1 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare

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# Features

## Heritage Week in Maynooth Castle Seachtain Oidhreacht - Caisleán Maigh Nuad

Have you ever been to Maynooth Castle? Today this unique place is a tourist attraction and a must-see in our town. And not only because it's involved into the events of almost six centuries of Irish history, there is something more to it – some sort of magic in the air, which makes you understand what was behind those great walls, you can almost smell the scent of the medieval times, hear the clinking of swords and see the lavish dresses of its inhabitants.

The story of this legendary place dates back to circa 1200, when the stone castle in Maynooth was built for the Fitzgeralds, who were granted land in Co. Kildare by Strongbow, the Lord of Leinster. By the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century the Fitzgeralds became one of the most important families in Ireland, and were raised to Earldom of Kildare in 1316 after the army of Thomas Fitzgerald won a victory over Edward Bruce.

During the time of Garret Mór in 15<sup>th</sup> century the castle and the land around it was prospering as it was the most successful time for the Earls of Kildare marked with great luxury and exquisite lavishness. Only less than a fifty years later this place became a venue for utterly different events – the rebellion of Silken



Thomas (10<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare) who stepped out against the Crown, throwing down the sword of state and renouncing the policies of King Henry VIII. The rebellion, which started in early October 1534 at the walls of the Dublin Castle, ended in March 1535 in Maynooth where besieged castle fell after the betrayal from Christopher Paris, the foster brother of Silken Thomas. Kildare titles and lands were returned to the Crown and were restored only in 1552.

After rebellions of the 1640s, when the castle was a strategically important point and served as a stronghold for different forces, it was seized and dismantled by the Old Irish Catholics. So, since the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, when the 19<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kildare established a new residence in Carton, the castle fell into ruin.

Commemorating this great place and its history, we have a chance to see, celebrate and even participate in the Medieval Days in Maynooth castle – this chance was given by Dúchas Heritage Services as a part of the Heritage Week programme.

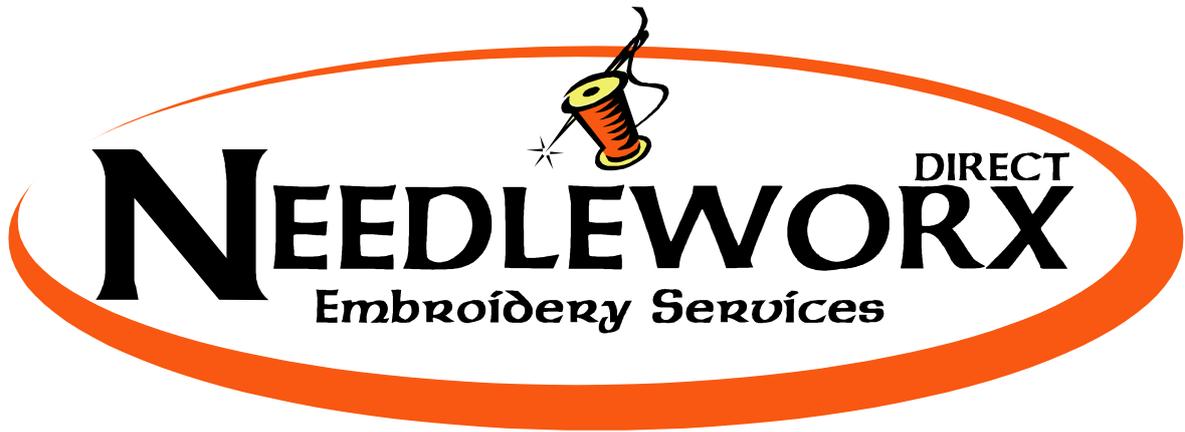
For the whole week the castle was welcoming its guests offering the guided tours and the end of the week became the true celebration of the medieval ages – these were days of fun and entertainment for the whole family.



The first day featured guided tours to the castle, face painting and bouncing castles. Truly amazing was the puppet show where Punch entertained kids as it was doing it many centuries ago – kids were laughing at its frolics and felt free to reply to his questions.

The second day was crowning up the whole week with a whole string of features: music, dancing, drama, archery, pottery exhibition – everybody was welcome to join in the fun and take a part in competitions. The week was a success and the castle was alive again – after the ages of desolation its walls and vaults are receiving its guests and are willing to tell its mighty story...

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# Features

## **Heritage Week in Maynooth Castle Seachtain Oidhreachta - Caisleán Maigh Nuad Contd...**

It's a great pleasure for us to congratulate the winners of the Silken Thomas Colouring Competition, which was conducted by Maynooth Newsletter and Maynooth Heritage Centre. The five lucky ones who get the Heritage Card are: Mark Donellan – Kilcloon School (5th year), Patrick Murray – St. Mary's BNS (3rd year) classes, Lauren Hastings – St. Andrew's Lucan (1st), Sarah Howard – Scoil San Carlo, Confey (1st year) classes, Ellen Fagan – St. Mary's Convent, Naas (3rd).

Other events within the Heritage Week Programme in our county included the walk through St. Particks College conducted by the members of Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum and a series of public lectures "Aspects of Castletown" at the Castletown House in Celbridge.

We would like to mention the help of Elaine and Ronan from Dúchas (Maynooth) for the help in collecting the

material for the article and thank them as well as many other members of the Heritage Service nationwide who help to promote and maintain cultural legacy of Ireland.

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*Clare Barry, Karen Lynch, Emma Bradley, Amanda Wallace, Liam Brosnan & Terence Fitzgerald*



*Meaghan Hegarty, Claire Noone, Terence Fitzgerald, Emma Collins & Steven Gaynor*

**Maynooth Community Council  
would like to congratulate all  
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**Well Done!**

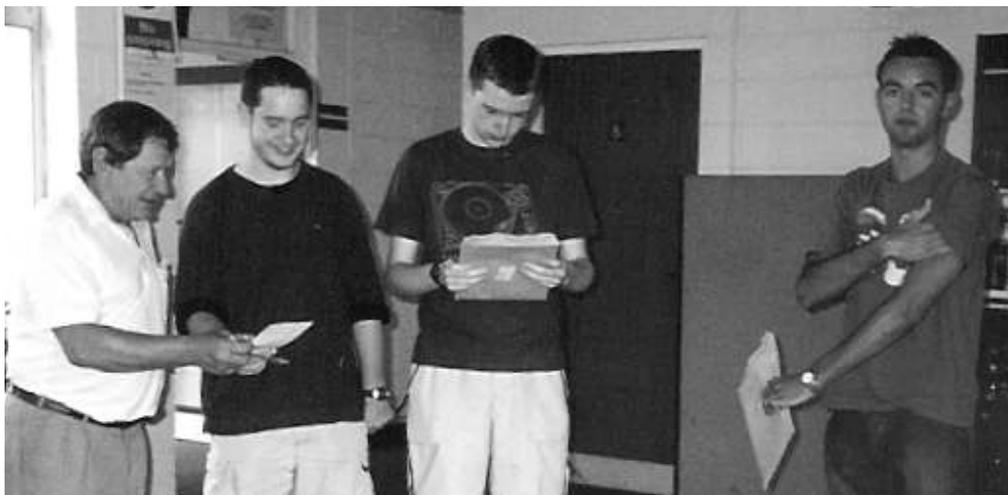


*Aileen Dunne & Mikaela Mahon*

# Leaving Certificate Exam Results



*A Group photograph of the excited Leaving Certificate Students*



*Mr Griffin, Wayne Feeney, Simon Garat &*



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# Features

## County Kildare Footballers and The Sam Maguire Cup

### Who was Sam Maguire

He was born in Clonakilty, Co. Cork and spent most of his adult life in London where he entered the Civil Service. He gave life-long service to the G.A.A. as a player and official. Peadar Kearney (author of 'The Soldiers Song') who knew Sam Maguire well said:

"To praise him to those who knew him would be quite unnecessary, and those who did not know him must abide by those who did".

The cup to commemorate this great player was presented to the Central Council by his friends and associates. The 'Sam Maguire' was first presented to the All-Ireland football winners in 1928 and the first holders were Kildare.

### How Kildare got to their best all Ireland Final.

Cavan	2 - 5	
Sligo	0 - 4	August 26 1928
Kildare	3 - 7	
Cork	0 - 2	September 2 1928
Kildare	2 - 6	
Cavan	2 - 5	September 30 1928

That was 75 years ago last week.

### The Artane Boys Band

"The biggest little band in the world", was founded in 1872 and gave its first public performance two years later. On the 14th June 1886 the band gave its first G.A.A. performance and since then has become loved all over Ireland and beyond.

Before the school closed down in 1969 the band kept going by recruiting boys from other schools in Dublin. In February that year fire destroyed the band instruments, uniforms and music and immediately subscriptions began to pour in from all over the world to ensure that the band would not go out of existence.

The band now performs regularly at events throughout Ireland but has performed outside of Ireland on many occasions beginning with the London Exhibition in 1884. They were prevented from going to Lourdes in 1914 by order from Dublin Castle, but the band's reputation was mainly achieved through its appearance on major G.A.A. match days, particularly the All-Ireland Semi-Finals and Final. One of the abiding memories of spectators at these games is of the Artane Boys Band parading the teams round the ground in their distinctive blue and scarlet uniforms to be greeted by the enthusiastic, colourful and partisan response of supporters.

### Will they lead the Lily Whites around Croke Park before the end of this Century?

## Citizens Information Service Maynooth/Comhairle Disability Information Awareness Week

An impressive 168 page Booklet "Entitlements for people with Disabilities" published by the Government Agency, Comhairle was launched from the North Kildare area in a presentation made by Mary McVeigh in the St John of God, Kildare Services centre, St Raphael's School Celbridge.

The conference, held on September 12th heard Further presentations by Nuala O'Reilly and Breda Gormly outlining the benefits of the Oasis project (which includes an Internet service to the disable) and the role of the Citizens Information Service in providing free, confidential and impartial information on all aspects of entitlement and services.



## Maynooth NUI Language Centre

Enrolment takes place on Wednesday the 8th and Thursday the 9th of October from 7-8.30 pm in Room T8 of the Arts Building. Courses are offered at various levels in Irish, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, English as a Foreign language and Arabic. The courses will start in October. Further information is available by telephone (01) 7083737 or by email at [Language.Centre@may.ie](mailto:Language.Centre@may.ie).

### Chernoble Table Quiz

A Table Quiz was held in Maynooth GAA on Friday 19th September in aid of the Children of Chernobyl. A total of €767.64 was raised on the night which we hope will help out with the children. We would like to thank all our friends who attended. gave is spot prizes and helped out on the night without their support it could not have been such a success.

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# Heritage Day at the Maynooth Castle

What would the Butlers of Kilkenny Castle and the Fitzgeralds of Maynooth Castle think of 14 September 2003? Some hundreds of years ago both families could not have dreamed the changes that would take place - Kilkenny winning both the Senior and the Minor All Ireland hurling titles.

The people of Maynooth gathered in glorious sunshine in the fortress and the grounds of Maynooth Castle.

For Kilkenny and Maynooth they were great days!

The photographs in this issue can only tell part of the story - Irish dancers, music singers, drama group, budding artists - there is so much outstanding talent in the town. Playing Boules on the green, archery, woodturning - the beautiful bowls - just as Silken Thomas and his uncles did five hundred years ago.

The Irish Countrywomen's Association showed the best of Irish craft - glass etching, lumra rugs, special occasion cards by Mary O'Gorman, oatcakes by Jo O'Connell - a full scale Craft Day can be the only outcome of their preservation of our traditional crafts - tapestry, embroidery, appliqué - the accomplishments of the ladies of Maynooth for centuries.

The banquets in the Castle were recalled as people viewed the photograph of the catering by the women of Maynooth, as told in the book *By the Harbour in Maynooth* - the story of life in Maynooth 1953-2003, now available at Byrnes Bookshop or through any member of the ICA.

Parents were delighted that there was so much to do, their families were entertained, as one mother said 'I didn't have to put my hand in my pocket once!'

The Castle is well worth a visit.



*Conor Murphy and Dara Boyle*



*Kathleen O'Reilly, Lorraine and Shane Noonan*



*Thomas Sinnott at Archery*

# Heritage Day at the Maynooth Castle



*Josephine Clarke, Anne McGarry & Ellie Leavy*



*Carol Murray, Derry Bradley & Ara Bradley*



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*Paul and Catherine Gardiner,  
Annette Glen & Michelle O'Dea*



*Mary MacNamara & Joe O'Connell*

# Clubs, Organisations & Societies

## Tidy Towns Competition 2003 Adjudication Report for Maynooth

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	39
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	21	22
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	22
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>Total Mark</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>206</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your very detailed submission that included an update of your long term plan, maps and details of the Groups activities and achievements during the past year. This is an excellent presentation.

The Tidy Towns Group has been extremely active and has cooperated successfully with other community bodies and the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

Maynooth is an 18th century estate village laid out on a closed axis format, with Carton Gates at one end and Maynooth Castle at the other. This axial format and the recently renovated square still forms the main morphological structure of the town. The streetscape is extremely attractive with a range of 18th and 19th century houses and buildings. In addition to the main axis, the town has a splendid body of architecture from the medieval, Victorian and Modern periods. The university, in particular, makes a major contribution to the build environment of the town.

### Landscaping:

Landscaping plays a major part in the form and success of Maynooth. The trees lining the Main Street and the array of baskets, flower presentation and street furniture is outstanding. In addition, the landscape management elsewhere around the town is very impressive, particularly work around Carton and the Pound Park.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As previously pointed out the town, the canal, and the surrounding landscape contain an extensive body of flora and fauna. The groups work in encouraging and extending the wildlife areas is praiseworthy.

### Litter Control:

Litter management remains one of the major difficulties in Maynooth. Heavy litter was noted in the Main Street, but to a considerable litter around the Harbour, particularly broken glass. This is such a shame.

### Tidiness:

The approach roads to the town, the town centre and the residential areas all offer a neat and tidy appearance. The new street signs are very successful. The work on the secondary streets will be most successful when completed.

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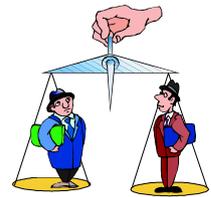
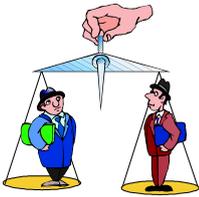
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## Maynooth Tidy Towns Contd...

### Residential Areas:

There are a number of housing estates around the town. These are generally well presented and cared for. These all display grassed open spaces and excellent landscape features. The winners of the housing estates competitions are to be congratulated.

### Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main approach roads to the town are very attractive and inviting. These have well maintained stone walling, trimmed verges, colourful planting, and good signs - as well as a range of new and mature trees. The concentrated work of the Group on this aspect has certainly produced excellent results.

### General Impression:

Maynooth is intrinsically a very attractive town, very well maintained and presented. Great credit is due to the Tidy Towns Committee and the community for attaining this high standard.

## Results Achieved

Category	Maximum Mark	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Overall Development Approach</b>	50	30	31	31	35	37	37	39	41
<b>The Built Environment</b>	40	22	22	24	30	31	31	31	31
<b>Landscaping</b>	40	20	20	20	21	21	22	24	26
<b>Wildlife &amp; Natural Amenities</b>	30	20	21	21	21	21	21	22	23
<b>Litter control</b>	40	15	15	16	17	18	24	22	21
<b>Tidiness</b>	20	8	8	8	8	9	14	14	15
<b>Residential Areas</b>	30	22	23	23	23	24	24	25	25
<b>Roads, Streets and Back Areas</b>	40	18	18	17	17	16	21	22	24
<b>General Impression</b>	10	4	4	4	6	6	6	7	8
<b>Total Mark</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>214</b>

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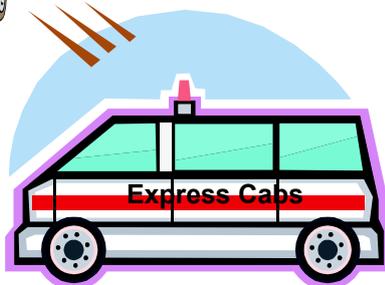


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## Now, a more active partner

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Prior to the coming of H.P.I Cameroon and Bóthar, Florence Ndichia considered herself a less active partner in her marriage and was totally dependant on her husband for support. But since she received her gift of a dairy cow from Bóthar, her status in the home has suddenly changed, as she now happily contributes financially towards its upkeep. While others argued that zero grazed dairy cattle farming along with caring for her family would entail a lot of work that they felt she could not cope with, Florence, 47, mother of seven thought otherwise. For, she knew and clearly understood where she was coming from, and intended to head. Having led a life of near complete dependence on her husband; with no means of livelihood Florence wanted things to change. After receiving training from Heifer Project Internationsl, Cameroon and developing enough pasture and building her Zero grazing unit, Florence and six other members of her dairy cattle farming froup were in 1997 each given a living gift of a dairy heifer.

Six years on, Ndichia Florence has no cause to regret:

"I can't regret having gone into dairy cattle farming because my cow has never failed me. It has always calved at the time I expected. Mine is the only cow in the group that has so far calved five times". Florence has so far sold two bulls and has already passed on the gift of the first female offspring born to her heifer to a neighbouring struggling family.

"The coming of the cow," admits Florence, "has now made me financially independent of my husband. I no longer have to depend completely on him for every little thing I need in the home.

Today, the Ndichias jointly sponsor four of their children in secondary and high school, while earnings from Florence's milk sales have enabled her to save regularly and buy a handcart for transporting forage from the farm to the stable. On the whole, the coming of the Bóthar cow has significantly improved the family's standards of living and the regular application of manure from the animals on farms has considerably upped crop yields.

Florence's resolve to get into dairy cows farming and succeed, has today economically empowered her, to the level of an 'more active financial partner' in her marriage.

For further information about Bóthars projects please contact Allison at Bóthar Old Clare Street, Limerick or call 061-414142 or email [alli@bothar.ie](mailto:alli@bothar.ie)



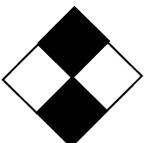
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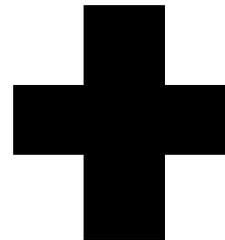
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# Clubs, Organisations & Societies

## MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Welcome back to all our members old and new. Hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Our 1st term is well underway at this stage. If you wish to pay for this term it can be made payable to any committee member on bus duty.

If you wish to become a member you can contact Patricia on 6286865 or Mary on 6244256. We do have vacancies for advanced summers at the moment. We also have photographs of medal winners in our recent gala in this issue.

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2 ice block sticks for arms

Old light globe for head

Wool for hair

Paint

Black crepe paper

Straw for broom

Paper fasteners

Light cardboard

Wrap a double thickness of black crepe paper round cone to form dress allowing 1" longer at top to form a turn down collar. Before turning collar down wrap around top with rubber band.

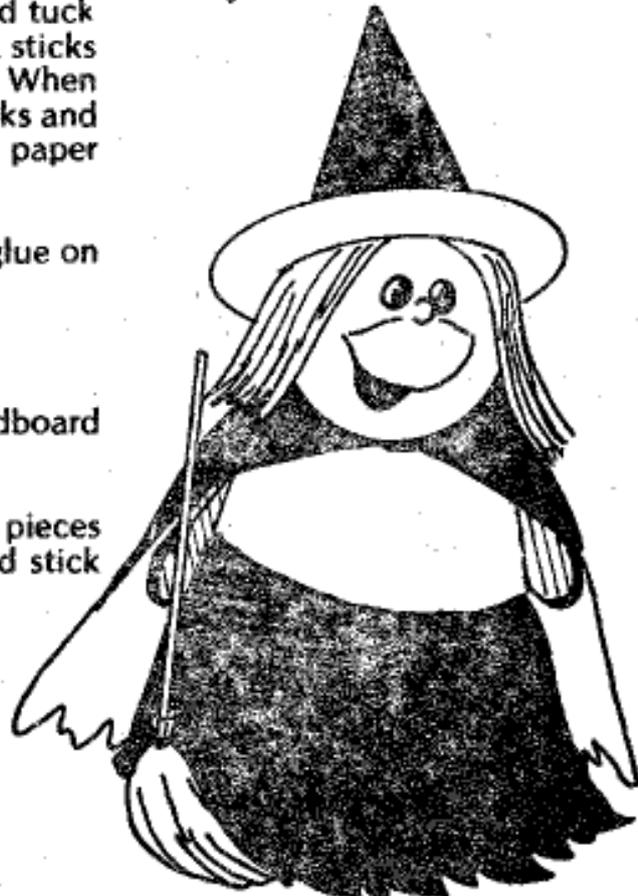
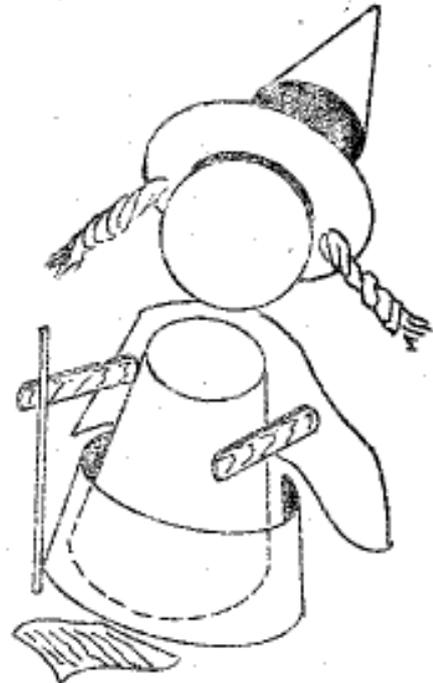
Make a cape from black crepe and tuck under rubber band. Paint ice block sticks black and paint on hands at ends. When dry, drill holes at other ends of sticks and attach to body with brass paper fasteners.

Paint face on old light globe and glue on stranded wool for hair.

Insert head in top of cone.

Make pointed hat from light cardboard and place in position.

Build a witch's broom from small pieces of straw bound to a suitable sized stick and glue to one hand.



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# Clubs, Organisations & Societies

## Know Your Rights Disability Information

### Question

I have recently been offered a job by a local employer. However, I am a wheelchair user and the employer's premises will need some adaptation. Is there a grant I could get to help towards the cost of the work involved?

### Answer

Yes there is. You may be eligible for the FAS Workplace/Equipment Adaptation Grant (WEAG).

This scheme is intended for people with disabilities who are offered employment, or are in employment, and require a more accessible workplace or adapted equipment in order to do their job. Under the WEAG scheme either you or your employer may be able to get a grant from FAS towards the cost of adapting the premises or equipment. Examples of such adaptation are:

- Minor building modifications such as ramps or modified toilets.
- Alarm systems with flashing lights
- Voice synthesisers for computers or amplifiers or telephones.

The grant is also available to upgrade an adaptation that had been funded previously under the scheme.

The employment must be in the private sector and a self-employed person may also be eligible. The maximum grant available is €6,348.70.

To apply for the grant either you or your employer should contact your local FAS office for an application form. Having identified the adaptation or equipment need, you should submit your application, justifying your requirements, along with quotations to FAS for approval. Generally, three quotations are required and the quotations should show the VAT component separately.

### Question

I have an elderly aunt who lives alone. Am I entitled to any tax relief if I employ a carer?

### Answer

You may be entitled to claim a tax allowance if you employ a carer to care for a family member who is totally incapacitated throughout the tax year. You will not be eligible for the tax relief if the carer is employed as a housekeeper only.

The Tax Allowance for Employing a Carer is claimed at your highest rate of tax (i.e. 42% or 20%). The amount of the relief is the cost of employing the carer less any amount recovered from a Health Board, etc. Where two or more persons employ the carer the

allowance may be shared between them. For the tax year 2003, the maximum amount that can be claimed is €30,000.

The carer may be employed on an individual basis or through an agency. While the family member must be incapacitated throughout the year the carer need not be employed for the full 12 months. Any member of the wider family who engages the carer may claim the tax allowance against their own income. The wider family includes a blood relative, a relative by marriage or a legal guardian.

To claim the allowance you should complete Form HK1. If you are a PAYE taxpayer, your Certificate of Tax Credits will be increased to include the relief due. If you pay tax under self-assessment, the Form HK1 should be attached to the tax return and relief will be given in your Notice of Assessment.

As it is necessary for you to employ a person to qualify for the allowance you will have to register as an employer, and deduct PAYE/PRSI. In certain circumstances, where the carer is provided by an agency and the agency pays the carer directly, the agency will normally be responsible for deducting PAYE and PRSI. You will still be eligible for the allowance and should submit your claim and Form HK1 as usual.

### Question

My child who is aged 3 has a disability. As the parent of a child with a disability what social welfare payments might I be entitled to?

### Answer

The social welfare payments for which you may be eligible will depend on a number of factors including the severity of your child's disability and your own circumstances. However, you may be entitled to one or more of the following.

**Domiciliary Care Allowance** is a means tested monthly allowance (€188.90 maximum) paid by the Health Board to the carer of a child with a severe disability who lives at home. It is paid up to the age of 16. Only the child's means are taken into account for the means test. A reduced payment may be available for those normally resident in special schools, etc. and who go home at weekends or holidays.

**Carer's Allowance** is a weekly means tested allowance paid by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to a carer aged 18 or over who is providing full-time care and attention to someone who requires such full-time care and will continue to require it for at least 12 months. If the person being cared for is under 16 years of age the Health Board must be paying a full-rate Domiciliary Care Allowance in respect of him/her. **Contd...**

# Clubs, Organisations & Societies

## Know Your Rights Contd....

**Carer's Benefit** is a PRSI based payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for people who leave employment (of 17 hours per week minimum) temporarily to look after someone in need of full time care and attention. Certain contribution conditions must be met and the benefit will be paid for up to 15 months. The carer may also qualify for Carer's Leave from work.

An annual Respite Care Grant of €735 (€1,470 if caring for two or more) is paid in June each year to carers in receipt of a Carer's Allowance/Benefit and to carers of children for whom Domiciliary Care Allowance is being paid.

If you are in receipt of Carer's Allowance you are eligible for a Free Travel pass. You may also be eligible for benefits under the Household Benefits Package such as Electricity/Gas Allowance, Free Television Licence and Telephone Allowance.

### Question

I recently applied for a job but I feel I was not treated fairly at the interview due to my disability. What can I do if I feel I have been discriminated against?

### Answer

You may be able to make a complaint under anti-discrimination legislation.

The Employment Equality Act, 1998 prohibits direct and indirect discrimination in relation to employment on nine grounds, one of which is disability. The Act covers employees in both the public and private sectors including people employed through employment and training. It outlaws discrimination in all areas relevant to employment such as discrimination by employers, in collective agreements, in advertising, by employment agencies and in vocational training.

If you wish to make a complaint you must first raise the complaint with the employer or organisation that discriminated against you. If you are not happy with the reply you receive contact the:

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The Authority can advise you on your general position under the legislation and may initially try to reach an agreement between you and the employer or organisation. It may also decide to represent you in pursuing your complaint.

## Maynooth Golf Society

Seamus Moore memorial cup outing to Athlone Golf Club

1st Overall	Barry Desmond	(12)	35pts
2nd	Fintan Gannon	(14)	33pts
3rd	Gerry Kelly	(18)	32pts
4th	Terry Moore	(10)	31pts
5th	Gerry McTernan	(11)	30pts (B.9)
6th	Don O'Sullivan	(7)	30pts
7th	Kevin Loftus	(22)	29pts

Front Nine	Norman Kavanagh	16pts
Back Nine	John Tiernan	17pts
Two Club	Barry Desmond	
	Gerry Kelly	

Nearest the Pin: Gerry Kelly

Next outing, weekend away to Birr on Friday 19th September.



**Our Copy Date for the  
next issue is  
Monday 13th October**



# Clubs, Organisations & Societies

## Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

A.G.M. of the club will be held on Tuesday 21st October in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. We look forward to a large attendance and new people willing to put their names forward to go on our committee for 2004. Guest speaker for the evening will be, May O'Connor. Her topic is "The History and Delights of Pot Pourri and Crafts". This should be of interest to members and non-members who will be very welcome to come along on the 21st the evening will conclude with tea and birthday cake.

Advance notice for diary "Christmas Gala Demonstration" on November 25th in Glenroyal Hotel. This year we will welcome the wonderful Galway man 'Richard Haslam' for the gala. So, excellent night for Christmas ideas for homes and gift ideas.

Moira Baxter PRO

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## Maynooth Royal Canal Amenity Group

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For further information/discussion, phone the organisers: Maynooth Royal Canal Amenity Group at 01 6290980

**Don't leave it to late.**

## Maynooth Ladies Football Club

Maynooth Newsletter would like to wish Antoinette Mooney, Simone Gilabert and Rachel Watson all the best in the Kildare Women's Gaelic Football Finals in Croke Park on Sunday 5th October.

They are members of Maynooth Ladies Football Club and are part of the team chosen to play in Croke Park.

## All the Best in Croke Park!



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# Gardening Tips

## Seed Saving

As a general rule, in normal times, the saving of one's own seed is not to be recommended. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule even when seed can be easily obtained, but at the present time it is much more important to save certain seeds as we are warned of supplies being short and, of course, seed is much more costly. (But it should be borne in mind that the outlay represents a very good investment in relation to the value of the produce obtained).

Because the seed is usually more expensive, people are being tempted to save seed from F1 hybrid varieties of flowers and vegetables. This is not wise. The resultant plants are unlikely to be true to type, due to cross-pollination. It is this problem of cross-pollination that makes the saving of many other seeds not worthwhile. This applies particularly to the brassica (cabbage) family.

Seeds can be usefully saved from vegetables such as beans, peas, onions, leeks, ridge cucumbers, marrows, lettuces and tomatoes. Good specimens should always be chosen and allowed to ripen naturally as far as possible.

Where you need to separate seeds from chaff, etc., place it in a bowl of water. The good seed will sink to the bottom and the rest can be discarded. Dry the seed thoroughly before storing. Press each one with the thumb nail. The skin should dent but not crack.

Seed heads such as those of onions and leeks should be cut with about a foot of stem and the head placed in a paper bag, tied round the stem, and kept so that the seed falls into the bag as it dries and is not lost.

For tomatoes, choose good specimens fully ripe. Cut in half and squeeze pulp and seeds into a bowl. Leave for a couple of days and then wash the pulp off the seeds. Put through a sieve, so as to separate seeds from pulp, and then spread seeds out to dry. When they are thoroughly dry keep in a paper bag. The sooner they are sown the better really although tomato seed retains its vitality for a long time, several years, in fact, although I would not recommend relying on old seed.

## Storing Tubers

The price of tubers and corms of such worth-while flowers as dahlias, gladioli and begonias being what it is today it is very important to take special care to store them successfully through the winter so that we do not have to buy fresh ones next year.

Dahlias can be safely left in the ground until the early frosts have blackened the foliage. At this stage the tubers will not have been harmed.

Lift the plants carefully, inserting the fork well away

from the plant so that you don't spear any of the tubers. Cut the foliage down to about 6 inch of soil. Clean the soil off the tubers and place them upside-down on the greenhouse staging. Leave them for a week or two for the tubers to dry and the stalks to drain. They should then be stored in boxes, right way up, and covered with fine, dry soil or sand, leaving the tops of the stems exposed.

Gladioli should be similarly lifted (when the foliage has turned brown) with care, tied in bundles and hung up in a dry shed. Leave them there for about a month to let the foliage wither. This is then removed, together with all loose skin, etc., on the corms. These can then be placed in paper bags and stored in a dry, frost free place. They do not need warmth.

Special care is necessary when lifting Begonias to avoid the main stems breaking off the corms. The stems are very brittle and usually rather top heavy. The corms benefit if the foliage remains attached until it has dried off. For this reason the complete plants should be carefully placed in boxes until the foliage has withered. This is then removed and the corms cleaned. Place the corms in boxes of leaf-mould or dry sand, growth side upwards. Scoop out a slight hollow for each corm and leave the top surface uncovered. Store in a cool (45 to 50 F°) place that is not too dry as they need a little moisture to prevent them shrivelling.

On the other hand, they must not be sufficiently wet that they rot. To safeguard against this, sprinkle some powdered charcoal over the top to absorb surplus moisture if your store tends to be damp during the winter.

**Spring Flower:** When planting crocus, grape hyacinths, scillas and the like out in the garden, keep a few back for potting for an early indoor display.

**Lift Gladioli:** Loosen the ground with a fork and then lift gladioli. Cut off the stem just above the corm and ensure that they are dry before placing in store.

**Cut-back Chrysanthus:** As outdoor chrysanthemums finish flowering, cut them back and then lift the stools and store them in shallow boxes of compost kept in a frame.

**Protect Alpines:** As the likelihood of cool, humid conditions increases, alpine plants with hairy or downy foliage will benefit from protection. This is normally achieved by covering with a sheet of glass or plastic supported on wire legs.

**Early Peas:** If you have the space and the time, why not try an early sowing of peas for an early crop next year? Take out a broad drill (15cm 96in) deep, rake in a little bonemeal and broadcast round-seeded varieties such as Feltham First.

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## Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

### **Cllr. McGINLEY WELCOMES APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT AT KAVANAGHS MILL SITE**

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanala of August 1<sup>st</sup>, to grant planning permission for the redevelopment of the former Kavanagh's Mill site in Maynooth.

The development now approved incorporates the following elements:

- Convenience Food Store
- Department Store
- 22 Retail Units
- Office Space – 10 units
- 190 Apartments in 9 Blocks
- 2 Restaurants and a Public House
- Leisure Centre
- Crèche

In welcoming the grant of permission Cllr. Mc Ginley stated that it would regenerate the former Mill site which had been an eyesore in the Town Centre for many years and which had been derelict since the closure of Kavanagh's Mills in 1998. Concerns had been expressed in the Community in relation to the impact this development would have in terms of Maynooth Castle, St. Mary's Church and St. Patricks College but amendments were made to three of the proposed apartment blocks which will reduce the impact the development will have on these historical landmarks. The development will also provide a landscaped linear park along the Lyreen River which will provide a pleasant walking area for the Public.

In addition to the rejuvenation of this area physically there will be a considerable jobs boost to Maynooth with up to 400 jobs during construction and up to 300 jobs in the different components of the project.

Whilst no specific sum is mentioned in An Bord Pleanala's conditions in relation to contributions towards the Maynooth Town Improvement Scheme it is anticipated that just under 300,000 EURO will be made available towards the scheme from this development.

In conclusion Cllr. Mc Ginley stated that he was pleased that this area of Maynooth would at last be developed into a place the people of Maynooth could be proud of.

### **Cllr. John McGinley Welcomes Kildare County Council's Decision to Refuse Planning Permission for 238 dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth.**

Cllr. John McGinley has welcomed the decision of Kildare County Council to refuse Planning Permission to Sherwood Homes Ltd. for 238 dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth. The proposed site is directly behind Castledawson and Parsons Hall housing estates. The Council gave 4 reasons for their rejection:

- Premature pending the adoption of an Action Area Plan
- Poor standard of design
- Premature pending the completion of Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road
- The water supply in the area is inadequate.

Commenting on the reasons for the refusal, Cllr. McGinley expressed his amazement that the Council had made no mention of the fact that the Maynooth Development Plan specifically prohibits the granting of Planning Permission at this location until flood relief works are carried out on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen rivers. Zoning Objective C (3.2.5) of the Maynooth Development Plan states:

*"No permission will be granted on lands so zoned (i.e. the subject site) within the catchment area of the Meadowbrook River until adequate flood relief measures are carried out in accordance with policy stated in Par. 2.4.3."*

It is Cllr. McGinley's view that this should have been the Number 1 reason for refusal and he is disappointed and very surprised at its omission by the Council.

Cllr. McGinley welcomes and agrees fully with the Council's 4 reasons for refusal as any further development here would be premature pending the completion of the road realignment works, Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road. Also, the proposed density at 13 units to the acre is more than double the density of existing housing estates in the area and there is absolutely no reason or logic for the

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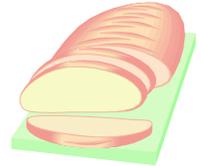
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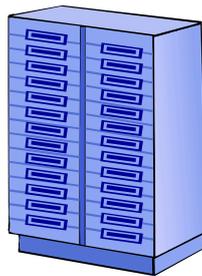
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provision of 3 storey structures in this residential area.

## **Cllr. McGinley Objects to 4 Storey Apartment Blocks at Mill Street**

Cllr. McGinley, along with his colleagues Cllr. Colm Purcell and Deputy Emmet Stagg, has objected to the proposal to build four 4 storey blocks of apartments at Mill Street, on Kennedy's former lands opposite Pound Park. One of the blocks will face on to Mill Street and the remaining three will be directly opposite Pound Park. It is Cllr. McGinley's view that this is an entirely unsuitable location for buildings of such height. Also the density proposed is in conflict with the Maynooth Development Plan and the proposed design is not innovative or well thought out. Cllr. McGinley welcomes the intention to demolish the existing unsightly industrial warehouse/workshop and would support a more suitable proposal in keeping with building heights in the area.

Cllr. McGinley welcomes An Bord Pleanála's decision to Refuse 18 Apartments east of Parklands Grove. Cllr. McGinley has welcomed An Bord Pleanála's decision to refuse Planning Permission for 18 apartments on the site to the east of Parklands Grove. Their reasons for refusal were, overdevelopment of the site, out of character with adjacent houses and it would seriously injure the amenities of adjoining residents.

## **Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road Decision before the end of September**

The Leixlip Area Committee was advised at its meeting on 5 September that a recommendation on the awarding of the contract for Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road had been given to the County Manager and that a decision was expected within two weeks. The cost of Bond Bridge is €6m and the Meadowbrook Link Road **will cost €1.6m.**

## **North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex Location to be decided in Early October**

The Leixlip Area Committee was advised at its September Meeting that a report outlining the reasons behind the site selection for the swimming pool complex will be presented at the meeting on 3 October. The site will be in either of three locations i.e. lands adjoining Carton Avenue, Leixlip Amenities or opposite the Salesians School in Celbridge. Cllr. McGinley stressed that funding for the project should be through Development Levies for social infrastructure on all new buildings. Interestingly the Draft Action Plan for the lands at Carton Avenue supports such an approach.

## **Draft Action Area Plan for Lands at Carton**

The Leixlip Area Committee were presented with a Draft Action Area Plan for the Lands at Carton Avenue a special meeting on 29 August. The document is not being made public yet as it is still a discussion draft and in Cllr. McGinley's view it will have to be amended significantly before going on public display. The

intention is to have it approved for public display at the Area Meeting on 3 October.

## **Bus Bays at the Girl's School**

At the Area Meeting on 5 September Cllr. McGinley demanded to know why the bus bays were not in place at the Girls School before the beginning of the school year as was promised. The bays are costing an astonishing €83,500 and 50% funding has been given by the Dublin Transportation Office. The engineer concerned advised Cllr. McGinley that he would investigate the reasons for the delay.

## **Extending Box Junction on Straffan Road at Greenfield Shopping Centre Agreed**

As a result of Cllr John McGinley's motion the box junction on the Straffan Road at Greenfield Shopping Centre will be lengthened in order to facilitate more cars.

## **Skateboard Park**

At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 5 September Councilors were given a report on the experience to date with the skateboard park in Waterford. As this is the only such facility operated by a local authority in the country it is being judged as the model for others. It was therefore very disappointing that the report was so negative.

The running costs are very high at €64,000 for wages and €25,000 for insurance per year. Worse still is the reported low usage from a high of 70 per day initially to 20 per day now. If such statistics are factual it certainly would not encourage any other local authorities to get involved.

Cllr. John McGinley expressed his disappointment as he had already got approval at a previous meeting for the Council to construct and operate a skateboard facility at the public park at Carton Avenue. He asked the officials to investigate further why there is such a low usage of the Waterford Park and why it is costing so much to run. In addition Cllr. McGinley is getting an independent report on its operation.

## **Geraldine Hall**

Following representations from Cllr. McGinley Kildare County Council has agreed to secure the Geraldine Hall from further trespass. He has also asked that development contributions be levied under the Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area to enable this protected building to be renovated so that it can be used by Maynooth Community Council, as anchor tenants, in partnership with the Maynooth Drama Group and the Maynooth Arts Group.

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# Features

## **Murder of the Month – young woman murdered in her bed**

Greer Laurance, a 20-year-old student, had been going out with 24-year-old Daniel Edmunds for nine months but it was not going well. She wanted him to accept that the romance was over but he was not happy with this. She met him in December 1999 after he had been released from prison where he had served a three-month sentence for stealing and behaving in a threatening manner. He fell head over heels in love with Greer, the stunningly beautiful daughter of the millionaire Laurance and his wife. Her father was a pop music, property and computing businessman who had played backing guitarist with the Rolling Stones, the Kinks and Paul Simon. They lived in a mansion at Edgerton on the outskirts of Huddersfield. Her mother had never approved of her relationship with Edmunds and she was delighted when she told her that it was over.

In September 2000 Greer told Edmunds that she did not want to see him anymore but he continued to telephone her constantly and eventually she agreed to meet him in a pub on October 10<sup>th</sup> but the meeting did not last long. Just like other encounters between them it turned to violence very quickly. He left after one drink threatening that he would leave her alone but that she would not be alone for long.

On other similar occasions Daniel Edmunds had threatened her and he had become obsessed with the idea of murdering her. He told friends that if he could not have her as a girlfriend that no one else would either. He also believed that since he was receiving psychiatric care that he would only get a 10-year sentence if he killed her.

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the police came knocking at the door of the Edgerton mansion at 7 a.m. Greer's father answered the door where he was told that they had received a phone call from Edmunds saying that he had killed his former girlfriend. Her father found this hard to believe and said that his daughter was upstairs asleep. They climbed the stairs to the second-storey attic bedroom where he expected to find his daughter safe and sound. But the police information was correct. Greer lay strangled wearing only a blood-stained T-shirt. Her parents and sister were shattered that she could have been murdered while they slept.

Edmunds had taken a taxi to her home at 2 a.m. and he told the taxi-driver that he intended to kill his girlfriend. The scaffolding outside the house helped him gain access to her bedroom. There he raped and strangled her. Afterwards he took her car, drove to his mother's house, slashed his wrists and then phoned the police to confess.

The case came to court in May 2001 where it was stated that Edmunds had not even taken a weapon with him, he strangled her with his bare hands. His defence said that he was suffering from a depressive reaction and an abnormality of the mind after the break up of their relationship and that the murder was not premeditated or cold-blooded. He pleaded guilty and the judge said that he would take this into consideration. He was sentenced to life imprisonment but with a recommended minimum number of years before he would come before the parole board.

The police said that this was every parent's nightmare. They believed that she was safe in bed but the security of their home had been violated. Her father was so traumatised by the events of that night that he could not appear in court and he returned to the United States. Despite counselling, he still could not cope with the murder.

Greer had thought that she could deal with the problem of Edmunds herself despite the advice of friends who had told her to go to the police. She paid the price with her life.

Her family described her as loving a cigarette, a drink and a laugh and they intend to establish a foundation in her memory to help young people with their problems. They leave a cigarette at her grave and they hope to buy the church near the grave and turn this into the advice centre.

The belief that mental illness, or the claim of mental illness, will mitigate the sentence imposed is used quite often by convicted murderers. It failed for Edmunds but others were more successful. A further case of jealousy fuelling a murder is that of April Dell'Olio who began going out with her boyfriend when she was only 12 years old. They were both attending New Berlin Central School in New York. David Eccleston was 15 when they were going steady but he had no intention of staying with his young admirer. He broke it off with April and on October 20<sup>th</sup> 1992 she stabbed him 22 times.

In her defence, the attorney said that she was suffering from attention deficit disorder and had a mental age of 8 at the time of the murder although she was getting very high grades at school at the time. A psychiatrist said that she suffered from a temporary psychosis and was out of touch with reality when she stabbed David. The jury believed them and April walked free from the courtroom with the proviso that she attend counselling.

A much earlier case ended slightly differently. In 1953 a 17-year-old Margaret Chase broke off her relationship with her boyfriend William Moore who was an aircraftman with the RAF. He was not

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## Features

### **Murder of the Month – young woman murdered in her bed Contd...**

prepared to accept this and like Edmunds he decided that he would not allow her to go out with anyone else. He stabbed her to death as she walked home from church. Again a consultant psychiatrist said that he was suffering from temporary insanity when he committed the murder, despite the fact that he ran to her parent's house immediately afterwards to confess his crime. The prosecutor asked if this meant that all jealous people were paranoid. This is a question that the parents of both Margaret and David must have pondered.

William Moore was found guilty of murder by the jury but they recommended mercy. He was sentenced to death but this was commuted to life imprisonment just three days before his planned execution. He was released after serving 7 and a half years.  
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# Features

## Poets, druids and early Irish poetry (Continued from last month)

Last month we saw the involvement of Cormac Mac Airt in judgement-giving. Another example occurs in the saga *Cath Maige Tuired* (Battle of Moytura) and this also demonstrates the differences between the justified satire by the Tuatha De Danann poet Cairpre and the unjustified satire by the satirist Cridenbél. In this tale the Tuatha Dé Danann are ruled by the Fomorian king Bres who proves to be an unjust sovereign. In the first incident, Cridenbél satirizes the Dagda with the intention of illegally stealing his food. The text says:

'Now the Dagda was unhappy at the work, and in the house he used to meet the idle blind man named Cridenbél, whose mouth grew out of his chest. Cridenbél considered his own meal small and the Dagda's large, so he said:

'Dagda, for the sake of your honour let the three best bits of your serving be given to me!'

The Dagda used to give them to him every night. But the satirist's bits were large: each bit was the size of a good pig. Furthermore those three bits were a third of the Dagda's serving. The Dagda's appearance was the worse for that'.

The Dagda is known for his great girth and he is rapidly losing weight and status. Finally, he seeks the advice of his son, In Mac Óc (The young man), also known as Óengus. The advice not only puts an end to the threat of satire but also demonstrates the negative judgement of the king Bres.

'Put', he said, 'these three gold coins into the three bits for Cridenbél in the evening. Then these will be the best on your dish, and the gold will stick in his belly so that he will die of it; and Bres's judgement afterwards will not be right. Men will say to the king – the Dagda has killed Cridenbél with a deadly herb which he gave him - . Then the king will order you to be killed, and you will say to him, what you say, king of the warriors of the Féni, is not a prince's truth. For he kept importuning me since I began my work, saying to me, 'give me the three best bits of your serving, Dagda. My housekeeping is bad tonight'. Indeed I would have died from that, had not the three gold coins which I found today helped me. I put them into my serving. Then I gave it to Cridenbél, because the gold was the best thing that was before me. So the gold is now in Cridenbél, and he died of it.'

'It is clear,' said the king. 'Let the satirist's stomach be cut out to see whether the gold will be found in it. If it is not found, you will die. If it found, however, you will live'.

Then they cut out the satirist's stomach to find the three gold coins in his belly, and the Dagda was saved'.

In contrast, in the same text, we see the encounter of Bres and Cairpre File, the principal poet of the Tuatha Dé Danann and the rightful satire made upon Bres.

'On one occasion the poet came to the house of Bres seeking hospitality (that is, Cairpre son of Étain, the poet of the Tuatha Dé). He entered a narrow, black, dark little house; and there was neither fire nor furniture nor bedding in it. Three small cakes were brought to him on a little dish – and they were dry. The next day he arose and he was not thankful. As he went across the yard he said:

'Without food quickly on a dish,  
Without cow's milk on which a calf grows,  
Without a man's habitation after darkness remains,  
Without paying a company of storytellers – let that be Bres's condition.'

'Bres's prosperity no longer exists', he said and that was true. There was only blight on him from that hour; and that is the first satire that was made in Ireland'.

The crime of unjustified satire does not stop at death – full honour-price must be paid to the family when a deceased person is satirized. Unjustified satire usually means payment of honour-price. But sometimes a public retraction was necessary. *Gúbretha Caratniad* (The false judgements of Caratnia) says that the honour of a king may be restored if the satire is cancelled by the publication of a praise poem. Legitimate satire is important to the early Irish justice system because it is one of the pressures that can be used against people of high rank to obey the law. Often the satire is directed against the head of the offender's kin rather than against the offender himself. It is illegal to ignore satire; according to Heptads 13 and 14 if a king or lord 'tolerates satire' he loses his honour-price. If the satire is unjustified he must extract compensation from the satirist for the insult to his honour. If it is justified satire then he pays whatever *éaic* (fine) that he owes or gives a *gell dia inchaib* (a pledge to save his honour). The pledge shows that he is prepared to pay his debts or go to court and settle.

Illegal satirists are called *cáinte* or *rindile* and they are frequently condemned by the authors of law-texts or sagas. He can lose his status by unjust satire according to the law-texts, one text says that an injured *cáinte* is only entitled to the same care as a *bóaire* (ordinary freeman): 'because it is more proper in the sight of God to repudiate [him] than to protect [him]'.

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# Features

## Poets, druids and early Irish poetry (Continued from last month) Contd...

Heptad 22 says 'the *rindile* who does not concede right or justice to a person' is grouped with other irresponsible people like the man expelled by his kin, the alien or the loose woman.

The law is even more severe on the female satirist. She is called *birach briathar* ('one who is sharp with words') by one law-text and classed along with the female werewolf and the vagrant woman. They cannot be brought away on sick maintenance because 'no one dares to assume responsibility for a crime of their audacity'. It is understood that they would cause trouble in the house if they were nursed. The woman who satirizes all around her (*ben rindas cach recht*) loses her honour-price according to Heptad 15.

The church had a special dislike for the satirist. In *Fís Adomnáin* (The vision of Adomnán) it is said that the satirist will spend eternity up to his waist in the black mires of Hell with such other sinners as sorceresses, brigands, preachers of heresy and others. *Tecosca Cormaic* §27 (The teachings of Cormac) says that the *cáinte* is the epitome of shamelessness. But like the druid, the satirist had enough influence to find partial recognition in some law texts where he is included with the *fili*, druid, cleric, doctor, harpist etc.

(Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin)

## Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

### Draft Development Plan for Carton Avenue

The MCCP is delighted with the positive views taken in the draft Action Area Plan for Carton Avenue. The inclusion of the site for the Community Centre and related amenity facilities is a great and welcome move towards bringing these much needed facilities to fruition. We are delighted that this Action Area Plan gives recognition to the lack of such facilities and that there is a positive support by Kildare County Council for the work of MCCP. Having the site for a Community Centre identified as it is in this document will we believe give impetus to our work and focus the minds of all parties towards a successful conclusion.

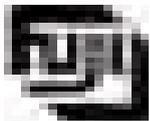
While we acknowledge that this document is at draft stage, we hope that a final document can be signed off very soon so we can proceed to the next stage of bringing the Community Centre to the people of Maynooth.

**Tony Bean**

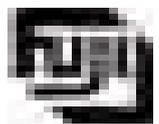
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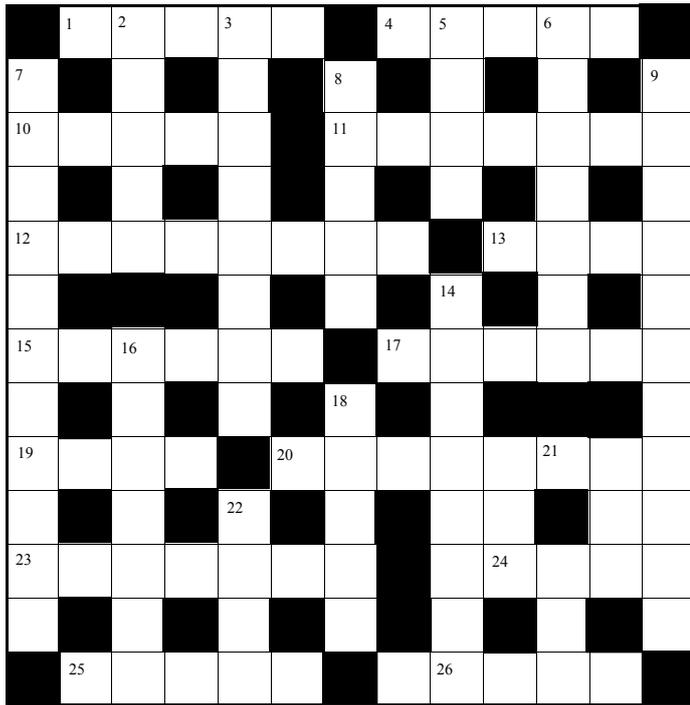
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4. Angry (5)
10. Final Greet letter (5)
11. Freight carrier (7)
12. Travel document (8)
13. Steffi—. tennis player (4)
15. Seat of power (6)
17. Henry Miller novel— of Capricorn (6)
19. Roman robe (4)
20. Japanese suicide pilot (8)
23. Florida resort (7)
24. Submarine-detecting device (5)
25. Liberated (5)
26. Nationality of Richard Burton (5)

### Down:

2. Apparel (5)
3. Greedy (8)
5. Crushing defeat (4)
6. Jockeys footrest (7)
7. Contest (11)
8. Portion (5)
9. Skill (11)
14. Water (8)
16. Usual (7)
18. Man-made silk (5)
21. South American mountains (5)
22. Betting stake (4)

### CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 16

**Across:** 1. Gamble; 7. Shoulder; 8. Bonnet; 9. Amen; 10. East; 12. Pest; 14. Torn; 16. Entry. 18. Orate; 21. Oats. 24. Envy; 26. Rind; 27. Stir; 28. Allure; 29. Talisman; 30. Darded.

**Down:** 1. Goblet; 2. Manger; 3. Estate; 4. Modest; 5. Adore; 6. Greet; 11. Annoy; 12. Pylon; 13. Spot; 15. Open; 17. Nut; 19. Autumn; 20. Errand; 22. Adjust; 23 Shrewd; 24. Empty; 25. Vault.

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*The Girls at Training*

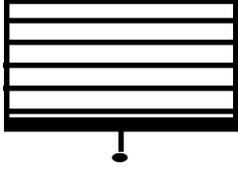
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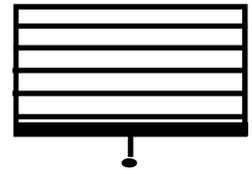
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## Engagement Dinner for 6

### Melon, Prawn, Ham Medley

3 Small Melons such as honeydew/olyen  
6oz of fresh prawns  
8oz of ham, diced crumbed ham is the best  
4-6 tbsps of dry white wine  
4 tsp of lemon juice  
½ tsp of Worcester sauce  
½ level tsp of paprika pepper  
Salt

Cut melon flesh into balls or cubes. Mix all ingredients together reserving a few prawns for decoration, turn filling into melon shells, with remaining prawn and chill before serving.

### Duck with Apricot Ginger

2 4lb ducks  
½ level tsp of salt  
½ level tsp of ground ginger  
8 tbsps of clear honey  
4 tbsps of apricot juice from can  
1lb/12oz can apricot halves  
3-4 pieces of stem ginger sliced  
2 tbsps of red currant jelly

Prick duck breasts with a fork. Rub salt and ground ginger into the skin, put ducks on a wire rack and put into a roasting tin. Cook for 15 minutes in a moderate oven (gas mark 4 350°C - 180°C) heat together, honey apricot juice and pour over ducks. Cook ducks allowing 20 minutes per lb, basting frequently 15 minutes before end of cooking time, put the apricot halves filled with red currant jelly and continue to cook.

### Lemon Soufflé

3 large eggs  
8oz caster sugar  
2½ lemons  
½ pint of double cream  
½oz gelatine  
4 tbsps water  
2oz nibbed almonds

Tie a double band of greaseproof paper around a 6 inch soufflé dish so that it stands 2-3 inches above the top of the dish. Separate egg whites and yolks, whisk yolks, sugar, grated lemon, rind in a basin over hot water, when thick add lemon juice. Remove from heat and whisk until cold. Half whip the cream and fold into the cream. Dissolve gelatine in water over a gentle heat. Stir into mixture. Whisk egg whites until stiff and fold into mixture, pour into prepared case, allow to set for about 30-40 minutes. When firm remove paper carefully and press nuts around the side gently and serve.

### Shopping List

3 Melons of your choice  
1 bay of prawns  
Small packet of ham  
2 4lb ducks  
1 jar of honey  
1 bottle of dry white wine  
1 jar of paprika  
1 tin of apricot halves  
Pack of stem ginger  
1 jar of redcurrant jelly  
1 jar of ground ginger  
1 pint of double cream  
1 packet of gelatine  
1 bay of nibbed almonds  
1 carton of eggs  
3 lemons

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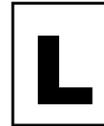


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